



June 14 2021 Meeting Highlights

Decisions Taken

ECA members voted to approve the following:

- Allocation of up to \$2,500 of ECA funds to cover Eckington Day costs (some of which may be recouped from donations, fees for exhibitors).
- [ECA Comments re: DDOT's 65% plan for Dave Thomas Circle](#)
- [Joint Eckington and Bloomingdale Civic Association letter](#) regarding study of North Capitol Street.

What You Can Do To Help

- Eckington Day: Saturday October 2, 2021 at Tanner Park
 - Save the date!
 - Tell your neighbors!
 - Interested in helping with planning or on the day of the event? Be in touch at eckingtoncivic@gmail.com.
- Eckington's nonprofit community bike shop, Gearin'Up, is looking for a new home. We are trying to assist. [Please consider donating to help them with their move.](#)

ECA Updates

- The Mayor's budget includes \$1 million for a study of North Capitol Street, including the feasibility of the deckover and other options for improving the corridor from Michigan Ave. to Mass Ave.
- With your help, [we succeeded in restoring one of two amendments](#) to the comprehensive plan
- In 2020, [we requested funds](#) to improve Harry Thomas Recreation Center. In this year's proposed budget, Mayor Bowser allocated \$19 million in DC's [Capital Improvements Plan](#) in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 to modernize the facility.
- This year, with the help of several partners, including Langley Elementary PTO, Eckington Parks, Ward 5 for All, and ANC 5E, we [advocated for funds](#) for a DC public library to serve Eckington, Edgewood, and Stronghold. In this year's proposed budget, Mayor Bowser allocated \$24 million for a neighborhood library to serve our communities (again, the money is allocated in FYs 2024-25).
- The budget also contains significant investments in violence interruption programs, the [subject of a letter the ECA transmitted this Spring to Mayor Bowser](#). It is not yet clear where the city will choose to expand violence interruption programs.
- We are planning to move ECA officer elections to November, a month in which our meetings have typically had higher attendance than December. We'll use the last meeting of the year in December for a look back at the year's achievements, set some goals for 2022, and have a party.
- We anticipate returning to in-person meetings in September (but will hope to have a virtual participation option).

Updates from the offices of elected representatives and community members

- [Nokomis Hunter](#), Ward 5 Liaison, [Mayor Bowser's Office of Community Relations & Services](#), shared the following updates

- There will be a walk-in vaccination clinic this coming Saturday @ Luke C. Moore High School @ 1001 Monroe St NE (Use gymnasium entrance at Lawrence Street.) (9a-1p)
- The [Building Blocks Program](#) will provide “mini grants” of \$5,000 who are promoting residential safety and \$50,000 to organizations creating innovative programs to combat gun violence. See the link for more details and deadlines.
- Other members of the community
 - Eckington Parks & Arts referenced several upcoming events (noted below). A recording of EP&A’s May 25 meeting featuring City Wildlife is available at <https://eckingtonparks.com/events>.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Saturday, June 19: [community cleanup with Eckington Parks & Arts](#)
- Thursday, June 24: Third Eckington Day Planning Meeting
- Saturday, June 26: Story Thyme in Tanner Park hosted by Eckington Parks & Arts. [Sign up here](#).
- Saturday, June 26, 10:00 – 12:00: DCPL Book Bike in Tanner Park with EP&A (no sign-up required)
- Monday, July 12: Next ECA Meeting
- The ECA will not be meeting in August
- Monday, Nov. 8: ECA meeting including ECA officer elections for 2022
- Monday, Dec. 13: End-of-year celebration

About the Eckington Civic Association

The Eckington Civic Association meets the first Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted). You do not need to be a member to attend. If you are interested in becoming a member of the association, which allows you to vote at meetings and serve on committees, please register [HERE](#). Membership is free for residents (your participation is your most valuable contribution!), but we welcome donations [HERE](#).

Website: <https://eckingtoncivicassociation.com>

Twitter: [@EckingtonCivic](#)

Email: eckingtoncivic@gmail.com

Join the Eckington Google Group [HERE](#).

You can also follow us on NextDoor!

2021 ECA Officers

Conor Shaw, President

Dana Samuels, Daniel Agold, & Taylor Kennedy, Vice Presidents

Neil Shah, Treasurer

Ben Colbert, Communications Director

Other contact information

DC 311 (this is where you should file city service requests, like rodent abatement, tree planting, etc.)

Contact: File a request for city services at <https://311.dc.gov/citizen/home>, on their smartphone app (search DC 311) or on twitter [@311DCgov](#).

If you are having an issue with city services, please begin by filing a service request to see if it resolves your issue. If contacting 311 does not or cannot resolve your issue, please consult the list below to contact the appropriate office.

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (contact your ANC commissioners about zoning, permitting, and related matters)

Contacts: Denise Wright, ANC 5E03 (East Eckington) Commissioner: 5E03@anc.dc.gov or 202-262-7717;
Sylvia Pinkney ANC 5E04 (West Eckington) Commissioner: 5E04@anc.dc.gov or (202) 269-4180

Eckington's ANC commissioners should be your first point of contact for zoning, permitting, and other ANC matters. The ECA endeavors to coordinate with our ANC officials on other matters when possible. ANC 5E typically meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Friendship-Armstrong Public Charter School, 1400 1st Street NW, Washington, DC. More information here: <https://anc5edc.blogspot.com/>.

The Mayor's Office of Community Relations & Services (Mayor Bowser's constituent services office)

Contact: Nokomis Hunter Ward 5 Liaison, MOCRS: Nokomis.Hunter@dc.gov or (202) 251-5049. .

MOCRS serves as the Mayor's primary constituent services organization by responding to constituent requests, complaints, and questions. If you are experiencing issues with a city agency, MOCRS may be able to help resolve the matter.

Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie (your Ward CM)

Contacts: Silas Grant, Constituent Analyst: shgrant@dccouncil.us or (202) 727-8274; Kelley Cislo, Constituent Services Director: kcislo@dccouncil.us or (202) 724-8172

Council Member McDuffie's office should be your primary point of contact regarding legislative matters, and his office can also be a resource to navigate issues with city agencies. Council Member McDuffie represents Ward 5, which includes Eckington. Keep in mind that you also have 5 other representatives on the DC Council who hold at-large seats and also may be able to assist you. They are currently: Chairman Phil Mendelson; Anita Bonds; Christina Henderson; Elissa Silverman; and Robert White, Jr.

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) 5th District

Contacts: Call 911 for any emergencies. Otherwise, contact William Fitzgerald, 5th District Commander: william.fitzgerald@dc.gov or (202) 698-0150 for inquiries about our local police district. You can also contact Frances Penn, who is the Chair of the 5th District Citizens' Advisory Council: chair@the5dcac.org

[Murder Free DC](#) Violence Interruptors in Eckington/Truxton Circle

Contact: Sean Magruder at seanmagruder@murderfreedc.org or +1 (619) 956-6065

District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

Contact: Kelly Jeong-Olson, DDOT Ward 5 liaison: Kelly.Jeong-Olson1@dc.gov