



Sept. 13, 2021 Meeting Highlights

Decisions Taken

ECA members voted as follows

- **YES** to submit the [ECA letter](#) re: DDOT proposed speed limit changes to New York Avenue. The letter:
 - Supports reducing limit to 25 mph between 4th Street NW & Florida Avenue NE
 - Requests extension to 25 mph zone between Florida Ave & 4th Street NE
 - Requests that DDOT enhance enforcement, including by repositioning existing camera
- **NO** – the ECA will not object to the ABRA license for a convenience store that will sell wine and beer at 1633 North Capitol.

How You Can Help

- Volunteer to help make Eckington Day (October 2, Tanner Park) a success! Volunteers will help with set up, assorted organizational or logistical troubleshooting, or tear down after the event. Please indicate your availability here: <https://forms.gle/ozkDK3sjDzHnxu2D6>
- Tell your neighbors about Eckington Day! Latest schedule available on the ECA website: <https://eckingtoncivicassociation.com/eckington-day/>.
- [Buy a T-Shirt to support our efforts!](#)
- Consider running for ECA office, or considering another way to contribute regularly to the ECA. Elections will be in November, and the different officer roles are described here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ikHdB6nILVaMnr0B1909EFZGJcJ0cRWV5FZ3oowwi0U/edit?usp=sharing>. Let us know if you're considering running!

ECA Updates

- Short updates:
 - North Capitol Street
 - [ECA is hosting a forum re: two visions for the future of North Capitol Street](#) on Sept. 15
 - DDOT will be studying the corridor from Mass. to Michigan. The project team is hoping to put out an RFP for the study sometime this fall in the hopes of launching it sometime in 2022. There will be opportunities for public engagement, which we will share.
 - ECA will continue virtual meetings due to current COVID case rates & protocols
 - ECA elections for 2022 are taking place on November 8, 2021. Please take a look at our [call for candidates](#) and contact us at eckingtoncivic@gmail.com if you are interested in running for elected office.
 - According to the [Hill Rag](#), permanent supportive housing is being offered to residents of L & M street encampments in NoMa; those encampments will be removed and the underpasses cleared from September 20, 2021 forward.
 - CM McDuffie is creating Ward 5 Industrial Land Task Force; Eckington to be represented, and we will share more information as it becomes available.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Sept. 8-18: [DC Walls international mural festival](#) along Metropolitan Branch Trail & Tanner Park
- Wednesday, Sept. 15: [ECA Forum on the future of North Capitol Street](#) ([Zoom link here](#))
- Saturday, Sept. 18: [community cleanup with Eckington Parks & Arts](#)
- September 25: Story Thyme in Tanner Park w/ Eckington Parks & Arts
- Saturday, October 2: Eckington Day
- Saturday, October 2: [community cleanup with Eckington Parks & Arts](#)
- Monday, October 11: Next ECA Meeting
- Monday, Nov. 8: ECA meeting & [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