



November 8, 2021 Meeting Highlights

Decisions Taken

- ECA members voted
 - YES on [bylaw amendment](#) to change elections to November
 - To elect the following roster of candidates for ECA office in 2022
 - President: Conor Shaw
 - Treasurer: Neil Shah
 - Communications Director: Ben Colbert
 - Vice Presidents (the ECA can have four):
 - Daniel Agold
 - Taylor Kennedy
 - Dana Samuels
 - Brandt Witt
 - YES (with amendments) to send this [ECA letter to Eckington ANC Commissioners and DDOT](#) in support of street safety requests in and near Eckington. There was animated discussion about bullet #1 regarding the possibility of preventing access to Lincoln Rd. from N. Capitol, which has been recommended by past studies; the ECA will revise this point to suggest “reopening consideration of” this possibility. Additionally, the ECA will emphasize that DDOT must actively engage residents to consider the full suite of options to promote safety while also understanding possible concerns and follow-on impacts associated with closures or other measures.

Ways You Can Help

- [Please fill out this survey](#) to help the NoMA BID explore potential options for a farmer’s market at Tanner Park.
- Provide feedback on a [draft letter asking for steps to improve Eckington’s tree canopy](#), including the need for more street tree boxes on neighborhood sidewalks. Eckington Parks and Arts will move this effort forward.
- Provide feedback on [draft bylaw amendment](#) to create “officer emeritus” position (to be voted on at a future meeting – likely January). This position would allow for mentored handover of roles like treasurer and provide a mechanism for officers who are ready to pass the mantle but may have insights of value for incoming officers.

ECA Updates

- COVID vaccines are available for children between 5 and 11. [View DC vaccination sites here](#).
- DC’s Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development [issued an RFP](#) for 2225 5th Street NE and 513 Rhode Island Avenue NE:
 - “Redevelopment of the site must incorporate a new fire station for Engine 12 and may include a mix of uses including retail and housing. Given robust population growth and construction

activity in the area, the site is a prime candidate for mixed use development including commercial and residential uses built in conjunction with the fire station.”

Updates from Elected Representatives and Community Members

- [Silas Grant](#), Constituent Analyst, [Office of Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie](#)
 - The [DC Council approved a bill](#) to fund \$32M across four years for a “baby bonds” trust fund program for children in households making less than 300% of the federal poverty line. The purpose of the bill is to close the racial wealth gap in DC (According to the Urban Institute, White households in DC have a net worth 81 times that of Black households, on average, \$284,000 to \$3,500)¹. These funds can be accessed at the age of 18 to be used for higher education, investments in stocks or to start a business, or purchase of a home.
- [Nokomis Hunter](#), Ward 5 Liaison, [Mayor Bowser’s Office of Community Relations & Services](#)
 - [The city has opened several vaccination sites](#) to support vaccination of children 5 and older. Follow the link to see walk-up sites. Appointments can also be scheduled at the following locations near Eckington:
 - [Children’s National Hospital](#) (111 Michigan Ave NW)
 - [Community of Hope Family Health & Birth Center](#) (801 17th St NE)
 - [CuraCapitol](#) (1140 Varnum St NE, Suite 200)
 - [Mary’s Center](#) – Ft. Totten (100 Gallatin St NE)
 - [Safeway Pharmacy](#) (1601 Maryland Ave NE)
 - [Unity Health Care](#) – Brentwork (1251b Saratoga Ave NE)
 - The City is offering grants to individuals (\$10k), Non-Profits (\$25k) and Small Businesses (\$20k) suffering from pandemic. Criteria and more details appear on the [Industrial Bank DC Grant Initiative website](#).
 - The Mayor has announced DC’s 5th “Home for the Holidays” initiative with the Dept of Human Services. The campaign seeks to support residents experiencing homelessness in a transition to long-term housing during the holiday season. Housing providers interested in partnering can contact DHS at ahomefortheholidays@dc.gov.
 - The Department of Public Works will begin leaf collection through January 22. For more details, see <https://dpw.dc.gov/service/leaf-collection>.
 - Only 1/5 pumpkins grown end up being eaten. They can be turned into compost rather than adding to the waste stream. Drop yours off at participating farmers markets (including Brookland Farmers Market at 716 Monroe St NE) on Saturday or Sunday (Nov 9, 10, 16, 17) between 9a-1p. Pumpkins with paint or makeup cannot be composted.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Wed., Nov. 10 at 7pm: [DC for Democracy Ward 5 Candidate forum](#)
- Saturday, Nov 13: Langley Elementary School Fall Festival (101 T Street NE; 10a - 1p)
- Saturday Nov. 13, 9am - 12 pm - Eckington/Langley Community Food Forest Planting Day (volunteers [please sign up here!](#))
- Monday, Nov. 15 at 1pm: Walk with District Dept. of Energy & Environment at the Eckington Ft. Myers Asphalt Plant (meet at [514 V St NE](#)).
- Monday, Nov. 15 at 7pm: [DDOT final virtual meeting](#) on Dave Thomas Circle design & construction plan (Event Number: 2319 995 6507 | Event Password: November15!)

¹ <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/color-wealth-nations-capital>

- Saturday, Nov 20: [community cleanup with Eckington Parks & Arts](#)
- Monday, Dec. 13: Final ECA meeting, end-of-year celebration
- Monday, Jan. 10: Anticipated first ECA meeting of 2022

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