



Eckington  
Civic Association

# January 10, 2022 Virtual Meeting Highlights

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## Decisions Taken

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ECA members voted as follows:

- YES on previously discussed [draft bylaw amendment](#) to create “officer emeritus” position.
- YES to submit [FY 2023 budget request](#) to advance environmental and equity issues in Eckington & across Ward 5, including: funds for Ward 5 sidewalk and tree box installations, development of a Ward 5 Circulator bus route, installation of continuous air monitoring in Ward 5’s industrial neighborhoods, and more resources for litter collection/removal.
- YES to submit letter to Ward 5 ANC redistricting committee:
  - Advocating for the breakup of ANC 5E, which currently includes Eckington, Bloomingdale, Edgewood, Stronghold and Truxton Circle, has over 25,000 residents, and would be comprised of at least 13 single member districts if its boundaries remained unchanged.
  - Expressing preference for Eckington to be part of a commission composed of approximately 7-8 commissioners, a size which is more amenable to stakeholder engagement.
  - Noting that Eckington now has approximately 7,000 residents according to the recent census and that there will be at least three and a half ANC commissioners representing our neighborhood at the conclusion of redistricting.
  - Advocating that to the extent possible, Eckington’s single member districts anticipate the growth of the neighborhood since the 2020 census (residents of Eckington Yards, Eckington 501, and Rhode Island Avenue development all will not figure into redistricting this cycle)

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## How You Can Help

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- Join a short-term committee to establish and award community grants in 2022. Committee members will meet by phone in late January/early February to scope proposed purpose (tentatively relating to supporting organizations that serve Eckington and activities that promote community building, environmental improvements, safety, and opportunities for youth), criteria for grants, and other details for a request for proposals/evaluation process. We will seek to have candidates for ECA consideration by April. To join the committee, please email Taylor ([taylor.eckingtoncivic@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.eckingtoncivic@gmail.com)).
- Join our [outreach & liaison committee](#) to support ECA outreach within your building/block. This will include helping to get the word out about ECA and important news, as well as flagging hyperlocal concerns and priorities for the ECA.
- Be on the lookout for an email from the ECA – expected in the next two weeks or so – with a request for input on 2022 budget priorities for the city.

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## ECA Updates

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- DC's Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development [extended the deadline for responding to its RFP](#) for 2225 5th Street NE and 513 Rhode Island Avenue NE to February:
  - The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) and the DC Public Library have not had any conversations about this property (or, it seems, about DCPL's need for a library location in Edgewood/Eckington by FY 2024)
  - One thing the ECA will consider is whether to advocate that DMPED reissue its RFP to specifically include a library and/or permanently move the fire station to another location
- DDOT revealed that Florida Avenue and North Capitol Street are part of its [near-term vision for bus priority](#). We anticipate working with them on this in the coming year.

### Updates from the offices of elected representatives and community members — 8:00-8:30 pm

- [Silas Grant](#), Constituent Analyst, [Office of Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie](#)
  - Input from the ECA, Eckington ANCs, and others was appreciated in assisting Councilmember McDuffie in maintaining the current boundaries of Ward 5. The Ward will not lose any constituents or land.
  - The Councilmember will be surveying residents to craft the budget priorities that he then submits to the mayor. Silas will share the survey with the ECA, who will pass it on to members.
  - On Jan 4, the Council clarified that the DMPED is authorized to use its \$40M FY22 budget for COVID relief to small businesses. The Councilmember released a [statement](#) on this milestone.
- [Nokomis Hunter](#), Ward 5 Liaison, [Mayor Bowser's Office of Community Relations & Services](#)
  - Free COVID rapid-tests may be picked up by DC residents at the following sites. Residents must have a DC ID to receive test kits (2 kits per box).
    - Woodridge Library (1801 Hamlin Street NE; 10:00 – 6:00)
    - For residents aged 65+, tests are also available at the Model Cities Senior Wellness Center (1901 Evarts St; MWF 1-3).
  - As of January 6, residents 12-15 who received the Pfizer vaccine are now eligible for a booster shot.
  - Beginning January 15, residents must show proof of vaccination in restaurants, bars, movie theaters, entertainment venues, sports venues, and gyms. Proof of 1 shot is required to be considered vaccinated on January 15, and proof of 2 shots starting February 15. The mandate does not apply to churches, grocery stores, universities, offices, or museums.

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

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- Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7pm: [Quarterly Eckington Parks & Arts Member/Prospective Member meeting](#)
- Saturday, Jan. 22: [community cleanup with Eckington Parks & Arts](#)
- Monday, Feb. 14: Next ECA monthly meeting

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## About the Eckington Civic Association

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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](mailto:eckingtoncivic@gmail.com)

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

You can also follow us on NextDoor!

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## 2022 ECA Officers

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Conor Shaw, President

Dana Samuels, Daniel Agold, Taylor Kennedy, and Brandt Witt, Vice Presidents

Neil Shah, Treasurer

Ben Colbert, Communications Director

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## Other contact information

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**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](https://twitter.com/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](mailto:5E03@anc.dc.gov) or 202-262-7717;

Sylvia Pinkney ANC 5E04 (West Eckington) Commissioner: [5E04@anc.dc.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:shgrant@dccouncil.us) or (202) 727-8274; Kelley Cislo, Constituent Services Director: [kcislo@dccouncil.us](mailto: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) 5<sup>th</sup> District**

Contacts: Call 911 for any emergencies. Otherwise, contact William Fitzgerald, 5th District Commander: [william.fitzgerald@dc.gov](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> District Citizens' Advisory Council: [chair@the5dcac.org](mailto:chair@the5dcac.org)

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

Contact: Sean Magruder at [seanmagruder@murderfreedc.org](mailto: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](mailto:Kelly.Jeong-Olson1@dc.gov)