



February 14, 2022 Virtual Meeting Highlights

Decisions Taken

ECA members voted as follows:

- YES to set aside \$3,000 in ECA funds for 2022 grants to fund projects/programs/services that improve environment/health; promote community engagement; support Eckington youth; or enhance traffic/biking/pedestrian safety.
- YES on a proposed ECA letter to DMPED advocating for:
 - That all of the new housing be affordable (max 50% AMI) and that a significant portion of the units be deeply affordable (30% AMI)
 - That the new housing include a significant number of family sized units
 - That the project include a DCPL branch library to serve Edgewood and Eckington
 - That DMPED consider moving the fire station permanently to another location in the neighborhood so that the Library can occupy the ground floor (which is DCPL's preference for new facilities)
- YES on ECA letter to Mayor Bowser, Councilmember McDuffie, and Councilmember Trayon White requesting that the funding for the Edgewood/Eckington library be moved forward from FY 2024 to FY2023 so that it aligns with this development process.
- YES on a [letter to DDOT](#) re: traffic safety on 2nd, 3rd, T and 4th Streets NE.

How You Can Help

- **Help to share the word about the current ECA grant opportunity for programs, projects, or activities** that will serve Eckington residents by improving environment/health; promoting community engagement; supporting Eckington youth; or enhancing traffic/biking/pedestrian safety. See the [announcement here](#); please note that concepts are due by noon ET on March 14.
- **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.
- **Fill out [Councilmember McDuffie's FY 2023 Budget Survey](#)**. We encourage you to ask the Councilmember to try to move forward Eckington/Edgewood library funding from FY 2024 to FY 2023, to fund a Ward 5 Circulator bus, to fund improvements to trail access along the MBT, and to fund better monitoring of industrial and other air pollution in Eckington, Brentwood, and similarly impacted neighborhoods.

ECA Updates

- Geoffrey Taylor, CCIM, has free COVID test kits for distribution to community members sought input on where distribution might be most effective. ECA members suggested the ECA community room, in addition to local markets and stores. Geoffrey will provide further information in coming weeks.
- The ECA voted to establish a grant process to award up to \$3,000 – in increments of \$200 - \$500, or \$501 - \$1000 – toward projects/programs/services that improve: environment/health; community

engagement; youth; traffic/biking/pedestrian safety. The request for initial concepts is available here; concepts are due March 14, and the ECA will complete evaluation by approximately March 25. Finalists will be invited to share a short presentation with ECA members at the ECA April 14 meeting, at which the Association will vote on grants to be awarded.

- The ECA heard a presentation from EastBanc group outlining its response to the Engine 12 RFP (2225 5th Street NE and 513 Rhode Island Avenue NE). The ECA discussed that while EastBanc had to respond to the criteria in the RFP (which would retain the firehouse), members are supportive of requesting that the firehouse be moved, so that the eventual development could include a DCPL branch library to serve Edgewood and Eckington. The ECA voted to support letters to DMPED, Mayor Bowser, Councilmember McDuffie, and Councilmember Trayon White advocating for these and other points noted above.
- Short updates:
 - [ECA sent a letter to the Ward 5 redistricting committee](#) and testified at its recent meeting on February 8, 2022.
 - ECA budget letter re: environmental issues forthcoming

Other Updates

- The ECA heard an introduction from Christopher Wade, Community Outreach Specialist with the US Attorney's Office for DC, who is temporarily assigned to 5D (Ward 5). This role fosters the relationship between the criminal justice system and local community and can offer various forms of support (e.g., presentations to help people avoid being victims of crime and to support victims through criminal justice processes, presentations on specific issues like ghost guns, information on the status of offenders who have committed crimes in Eckington, etc.) Mr. Wade also actively participates in the Violent Crime Working Group which coordinates with DEA, FBI, Metro Transit, non-profit orgs, behavioral health orgs, and others. Mr. Wade can be reached at christopher.wade2@usdoj.gov or (202) 815-1747 (cell).

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Saturday, Feb. 19: [community cleanup with Eckington Parks & Arts](#)
- Monday, March 14: Next ECA monthly meeting

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!

2022 ECA Officers

Conor Shaw, President

Dana Samuels, Daniel Agold, Taylor Kennedy, and Brandt Witt, 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](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 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