



June 13, 2022

Virtual Meeting Highlights

Decisions Taken

ECA members

- Voted YES to submit a [proposed letter](#) to Councilmember McDuffie, Chair of the D.C. Council Committee on Business and Economic Development, seeking enhanced regulation of Go-Puff and other last-mile delivery services.

How You Can Help

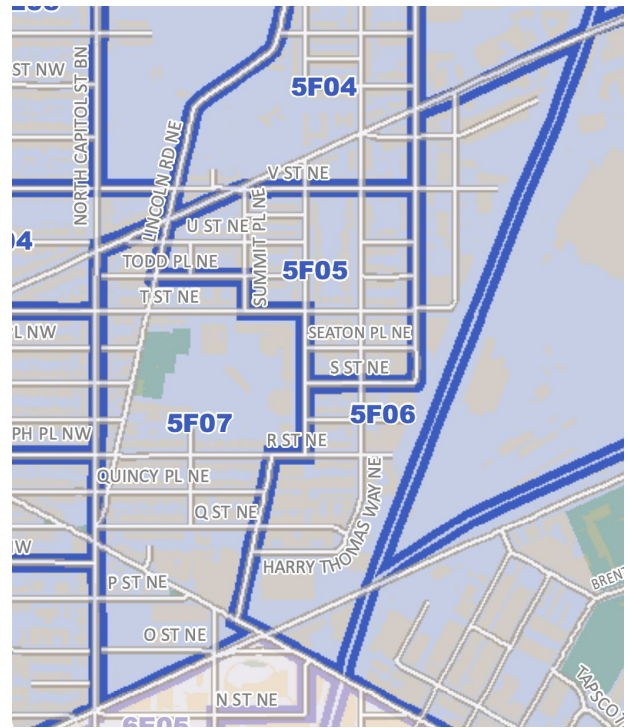
- Eckington Day is returning October 1, 2022
 - Volunteers can sign up for the following activities by contacting Dana Samuels: dana.samuels@gmail.com:
 - Outreach to local businesses/potential sponsors
 - Outreach to local news outlets and others who can spread the word about the event
 - Helping to staff the event for part of the day on October 1.
- DDOT is looking for someone in Ward 5 to join its recreational trails advisory committee. The committee only meets twice a year, but it's a great opportunity to get involved if you use and love DC's trails—including the Met. Branch Trail. **Please [email us](#) if you'd like to learn more about this opportunity!**



ECA Updates

- A second round of ECA grant applications will to be discussed and voted on at our July meeting. We've received 3 requests for funding related to air quality, traffic safety, and improved ecosystems!
- Thanks to help from Shelley Vinyard, a member of CM McDuffie's Ward 5 industrial land task force, the ECA will coordinate with Shizuka (Zukes) Hsieh, Associate Professor of Chemistry Trinity Washington University, to better understand air quality in our community through installation of air quality monitoring equipment at a private residence on 4th Street NE. As we pointed out in a [recent letter](#) to D.C. officials, the city does not monitor ambient air quality in our part of Ward 5 even though that is where the city has chosen to concentrate most of its industrial land.
- Update on ANC Redistricting
 - The boundaries proposed by the Ward 5 task force are final. Councilmember McDuffie did not support a new ANC single member district in northeast Eckington. It has been disappointing not to be able to count on our Ward councilmember's support in confronting sources of pollution in our community—and this push was a part of that fight. Fortunately, Ward 5 will have a fresh start next year—remember to vote in the upcoming democratic primary! (View [the responses to the ECA's candidate questionnaire here!](#))

- Eckington and Edgewood will be part of the new seven-member ANC 5F. Eckington will be represented by four commissioners, one of whom (5F04) will represent residents in Edgewood too. Eckington's new SMD boundaries are pictured on the included map.
- After 4 years serving as ECA President and Treasurer, respectively, Conor and Neil are going to be stepping down from those roles at the end of this year. Taylor will also be stepping down after two years as Vice President. The ECA elections in November are going to be an important opportunity to bring fresh energy to the association. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with [Conor](#) if you're interested in running for office this fall.
- Dana Samuels has been fostering dogs through [Lucky Dog Animal Rescue](#). Folks who might be interested in adopting a dog can reach out to her at dana.samuels@gmail.com.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- First and third Saturday of every month: [community cleanup with Eckington Parks & Arts](#)
- Saturday, June 18: Eckington Parks & Arts: StoryThyme & Book Bike, 10:00 – 10:30 in Tanner Park
- Monday, July 11: Next ECA monthly meeting
- *The ECA will not be meeting in August*
- Saturday, October 1: Eckington Day!

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](#).

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, Senior Adviser: 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 Ralph McLean, Fifth District Commander, ralph.mclean@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: Dalando Baker, DDOT Ward 5 liaison: Dalando.Baker@dc.gov