

Woodridge Civic Association 10/7/2025 Meeting Summary Zoom-AI (Edited)

Quick recap

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The meeting covered a wide range of topics including technical issues, personal reflections, and community updates. Key discussions centered around the Woodridge Civic Association's activities, such as upcoming events, policy initiatives, and historical presentations. The meeting also addressed various community concerns, including infrastructure projects, public safety matters, and the importance of understanding the neighborhood's history and boundaries.

Next steps

- [Jeremiah to complete the Gateway sign replacement project permit process.](#)
- [Jeremiah to follow up with ANC commissioners for a letter of support for the Gateway sign project.](#)
- [Members to pay dues for 2026 via the website QR code.](#)
- [Jeremiah to complete the remaining firepost call box beautification project .](#)
- [Melissa Littlepage to follow up with legislative staff regarding details on the lots included in the WMATA alley closure and share information with Jeremiah.](#)
- [Councilmember Parker to meet with DPR Director Freeman regarding the Langdon Park community center project to clarify plans and funding allocation.](#)
- [Dallas Thompson to share his WMATA email address with Jeremiah once received.](#)
- [Dallas Thompson to attend future meetings to provide updates on the Clayton Bus Garage construction.](#)
- [Jeremiah to upload the neighborhood history presentation to the Woodridge Civic Association website.](#)
- [Leroy to send information about the bulk trash pickup day at Taft Rec Center on October 25th to Jeremiah.](#)
- [Jeremiah to distribute information about the bulk trash pickup day to community members.](#)

Summary

Pre-meeting Technical and Personal Reflections

Page | 2 Jeremiah discussed technical issues with audio and screen sharing, mentioning the need to adjust settings on a laptop [library equipment] to improve sound quality (minimize echoes). He also reflected on personal memories, including a past birthday celebration [John Hampton 10/6] and plans for future events. Additionally, Jeremiah and another participant [Octavia] briefly discussed social media usage and family milestones, such as upcoming birthdays [Sandy W] and anniversaries.

Pre-meeting Technical Issues and Shooting Incident

Jeremiah discussed technical issues with a computer that affected work tasks and meetings, including problems with sending and receiving clickable links [Zoom One-Click]. He mentioned that the individual involved planned to purchase a new computer to resolve these issues. Jeremiah also touched on a shooting incident and its connection to a location on 6th and Rhode Island Avenue NE, though the details were unclear. The conversation [Ms. Browne] included discussions about planting wire [project PLUG] and legal responsibilities, but the specifics were not fully explained.

Meeting Called to Order

Jeremiah, Association President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm commencing with discussing the agenda, invited guests and planned presentations. The meeting proceeded with adjustments to accommodate presenters upon them becoming available.

Woodridge Civic Association Updates

The Woodridge Civic Association meeting covered several key updates and announcements. The Medicare and Medicaid open enrollment periods were discussed, with important timing details shared. The enrollment for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) enrollment was delayed to November 1st, and residents were advised not to apply early. The Community Gateway sign replacement project permitting issue is moving forward, with ANC commissioners considering providing support. Membership dues for 2026 are due [\$10 for Individuals, \$15 for families and others], and the organization is seeking fundraising proposals. Updates were provided on the Burroughs Elementary School Redevelopment, firepost and police call box beautification program, and the status of the Phillip Reed Park Reservation designation [being addressed by Council Chairperson Mendelson]. Mr. Dallas Thompson, the new community liaison for the WMATA Bladensburg Bus Garage construction, introduced himself and shared information about an upcoming virtual community meeting [Oct 21]. Finally, Ms. Melissa Littlepage, Councilmember Zachary

Parker's Communications Director, announced legislation to close a public alley near the bus garage [cul-de-sac], which is expected to benefit the neighborhood and nearby businesses.

Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction Update

Mr. Dallas Thompson discussed the Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction Project, highlighting the upcoming virtual community meeting on October 21st at 6pm. Ms. Littlepage addressed concerns about the Langdon Park community center project, the funding levels [\$31.7M, an concerning expenditure of \$2M at program start, noting that Councilmember Parker has requested a meeting with DPR Director Freeman to clarify the proposed changes. Further, Ms. Littlepage provided an update on the stormwater management initiatives in Greater Woodridge, including the installation of permeable pavement and rainwater gardens at 26th Street NE, and encouraged neighbors to participate in the River Smart programs offered by DOEE.

Ward 5 Updates and Initiatives

Ms. Littlepage provided updates on recent and upcoming events in Ward 5. She thanked everyone for attending Ward 5 Day and highlighted the success of the event, including the presentation by Mr. Montague. She announced the next major event for the Councilmembers office will be a holiday giveaway before Thanksgiving, and a quarterly Public Safety Call is scheduled for October 29th. She also mentioned Councilmember Parker, introduced a 16-bill policy package called the Care for Youth Plan, aimed at improving juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Lastly, Ms. Littlepage mentioned a public roundtable on October 16th to address overcrowding at the Juvenile Detention Center. She agreed to provide more details on the alley closure at the bus garage and its impact on local businesses.

Community History and Land Development

Jeremiah presented a historical overview of the area, discussing the original inhabitants, European settlement and colonization, and the development of the community over time from farms/plantations to subdivisions, and neighborhoods. He highlighted the importance of understanding property boundaries and deeds [as identifying elements] , as well as the impact of slavery and land grants on the area's history, evolution, and development. Jeremiah also touched on the creation of parks and schools, emphasizing the need for accurate knowledge of the community's past, as important history is not taught in schools, leaving residents to misleading assumptions about their communities.

Woodridge Civic History Overview

Jeremiah presented a historical overview of Greater Woodridge, and Woodridge's civic and community associations, explaining their origins and boundaries. He highlighted the importance of understanding the neighborhood's true historical boundaries, which differ from the real estate versions taught in schools and advertised elsewhere. Jeremiah also announced that a book about the neighborhood's history, [The Subdivisions of Avalon Heights, Langdon, Montello, Woodridge and Winthrop Heights, 2015] is now available for free download on the Woodridge Civic website under Community History References tab. in closing remarks, Ms. Turner reminded attendees about an upcoming Mayors office of the Clean City event, Clean City Roll Off, and encouraged community members to explore the website's resources[<https://communityaffairs.dc.gov/publication/clean-city-roll-schedule-2025>To be posted on the Woodridge Civic Association Website .