

**2025-12-03 – via Zoom**

## **Summary**

### **Meeting Setup and Election Planning**

*References for Jeremiah are from the Host Machine.*

Jeremiah and Xavier discussed technical issues related to a meeting setup, including screen sharing and audio problems. Jeremiah explained the meeting schedule and mentioned that the council member's office representative would likely be late.

They agreed to start at 6:35 and conduct the association election at 7:00. Jeremiah noted that the room (Meeting Room B) they were using was not ideal, but they would make the best of it. The regular meeting room was unavailable. He also mentioned working on a project with a December 31st deadline and reading historical newspapers for research. The meeting was set to begin soon, with Jeremiah preparing to manage the agenda and address critical issues.

### **Technical Challenges in Police Recruitment**

Jeremiah and Xavier discussed their professional backgrounds, with Xavier sharing his experience working in recruitment (3 years) and community engagement (5 years) for the Metropolitan Police Department. The meeting faced technical difficulties with audio and video issues, which Jeremiah attempted to resolve with the help of others present (Mr. White, DCPL). Despite the technical problems, Jeremiah assured the attendees that the meeting would proceed momentarily once the issues were resolved.

### **5th District Holiday Safety Initiatives**

Sergeant Leake presented a comprehensive overview of the 5th District's community outreach efforts, highlighting plans to combat increased holiday-related crimes in PSA 501, 503, and 505. He discussed initiatives including a burglary prevention plan, community safety classes, and partnerships with businesses and apartment complexes to enhance security. The 5<sup>th</sup> District also collaborated with Israel Baptist Church and Plenty to Eat for Thanksgiving giveaways. They planned to launch a mentorship program at Luke Seymour. Sergeant Leake emphasized the importance of community engagement and requested toy donations for an upcoming drive. He responded to questions about car seat installation services and future outreach events.

### **Trinidad Street Lighting and Elections**

Relating to public safety and MPD, the meeting covered several additional topics. Among these were concerns regarding poorly illuminated areas, like those observed street lighting

issues in Trinidad. In response, Xavier advised submitting a 311 request for dim lights and promised to escalate them, if needed.

Jeremiah, as President, led a discussion on upcoming elections and rules according to by-laws. He mentioned that existing officers were able to be re-nominated, and the position of second vice president will be filled in January 2026. The group also discussed a letter from the DCFCA supporting a council sponsored curfew extension. The subject of the letter was discussed, where Mr. Battle highlighted concerns from personal experience. Further, he expressed the need for additional tools to address the issues of youth being experienced. Jeremiah spoke expressing openness to exploring alternative solutions while noting the complexity of addressing youth activities.

### **Youth Curfews and Community Engagement**

Jeremiah discussed concerns about youth curfews and the unintentional consequences of indirect incarceration resulting from. Ms. Littlepage mentioned Councilmember Parker's support for the council's extending the emergency legislation, noting that there were no youth arrested occurring during the period. Further, he emphasized the need for alternative approaches to youth community engagement.

Additionally, Mr. Montague highlighted important upcoming community meetings about the South Dakota Avenue project, Langdon Park Recreation Center, and dDOT proposed bikeways. Ms. Littlepage expressed frustration of the Councilmembers to get the answers needed from DPR. Further, she mentioned that the councilmember has arranged a meeting with Director Freeman to address the concerns.

Melissa (Littlepage), representing Councilmember Parker, provided updates on the youth curfew legislation and emphasized the importance of community participation in upcoming meetings. Responding to a question from Mr. Hampton, she also mentioned ongoing efforts to address homelessness in Ward 5. Additionally, she provided an emergency number to assist those in need, (202) 399-7093.

The conversation ended with a reminder of the next meeting date in January.