

Meeting Summary for Woodridge Civic Association - 2024, 2025 meeting

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President Montague (Jeremiah, as Host)

Quick recap

The Woodridge Civic Association held its first meeting of the year to discuss local updates and community initiatives. Lieutenant Devlin provided an MPD police update, mentioning recent crime incidents and the appointment of Jeffrey Carroll as the interim police chief. Melissa Littlepage from the Councilmember's office shared updates on local projects, including the protection of DC golf courses from federal interference and the introduction of new street designations. Rodney Foxworth presented on the Ward 5 Economic Development Reimagined Committee's efforts to secure grant funding for community projects related to the Providence Hospital redevelopment. The conversation ended with discussions on the Langdon Rec Center modernization plans and the establishment of a new park (Philip Reed), with attendees encouraged to participate in upcoming community events and initiatives.

Next steps

- [Lt. Devlin: Check into the reported home break-in at 20th and Evarts \(or Evans\) and Queen's Chapel and report findings.](#)
- [Mr. Battle: Provide a written financial report for the association, to be distributed about a week before the next meeting.](#)
- [Jeremiah: Send Mr. Battle \(and others as appropriate\) an email about the silent auction fundraising proposal for February once more details are available.](#)
- [Jeremiah: Circulate more details about the proposed firehouse site on 22nd Street for the association as information becomes available.](#)
- [Woodridge Civic Association members: Review and provide feedback on the proposed ANC5C resolution regarding Langdon Rec Center, either to Commissioner Kapoor, Jeremiah, or the Civic Association.](#)
- [Commissioner Francis: Include Jeremiah \(and others as appropriate\) on future email communications regarding the Langdon Rec Center resolution and related updates.](#)
- [Rodney Foxworth/Ward 5 Economic Development Reimagined Committee: Offer two workshops \(one virtual, one in-person\) for organizations interested in submitting funding requests related to the Providence Hospital redevelopment, with a deadline for funding requests set for February 10th.](#)

- [Mr. Battle \(with assistance from Ms. Brown, Ms. Odunsi, and others\): Form an ad hoc or standing committee to brainstorm and coordinate on potential grants and outreach activities for the association, including participation in the upcoming workshops.](#)
- [Melissa Littlepage: Follow up with the constituent services team and report back on any information regarding the status or threats to the Emancipation statue in Lincoln Park, after receiving the referenced Washington Post article from dr.dianekern@yahoo.com.](#)
- [Woodridge Civic Association members: Attend the January 15th ANC5C meeting to provide feedback on the Langdon Park Community Center resolution and other community issues.](#)
- [Jeremiah: Post information about the Public Humanities Community Voices Roundtable event on the association's website.](#)

Summary

Woodridge Civic Association First Meeting

The Woodridge Civic Association held its first meeting of the year, with Lieutenant Devlin MPD, in attendance. During the meeting set up prior to commencing there were some minor technical difficulties regarding screen sharing and audio setup, which were eventually resolved. The meeting called to order, 6:35pm where the agenda was briefly discussed, noting some minor modifications. The group waited for Yolanda to join, but she was not present. The meeting then proceeded with the main agenda items, though specific details were not provided in the transcript. (The updated agenda was distributed at the meeting in print).

Community Crime and Safety Update

Jeremiah (as host) discussed recent crime incidents with Lieutenant Devlin, including a shooting and thefts in the area. They addressed concerns about home break-ins and tool thefts at a school construction site (Burroughs ES). Lieutenant Devlin provided updates on arrests made for breaking into a school on New Year's Eve. Jeremiah mentioned an upcoming community meeting about the Burroughs Redevelopment. The discussion concluded with Jeremiah thanking Lieutenant Devlin for his time and mentioning he would be visiting the area soon.

Chuck Brown Memorial Fund Discussion

Jeremiah discussed the confusion over the use of funds DPR from the Langdon Rec Center Redevelopment. He noted that DPR staff at the public meeting offered that some funds were used for the Chuck Brown Memorial project. They questioned the source of the discrepancy but asserted that it was part of the missing \$2 million from the budgeted \$31.7 million amount. He mentioned that the DC Federation of Civic Associations' dues are due, \$45, along with a proposal for conducting a silent auction fundraiser in February. He announced that he was elected 1st Vice President of the DC Federation of Civic Associations in December. The association will provide a written financial report a week before the next public meeting. The councilmember's office was asked to provide updated information to the assembled. An updated map of ceremonial and official designations by the Councilmember, which was not available during the meeting.

Ward 5 Council Updates

Melissa Littlepage, Communications Director for Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker, provided updates on recent and upcoming initiatives. She announced a new email and constituent services platform being launched later this month to reach more residents. The council is pushing back against federal interference with DC golf courses, which have halted rehabilitation projects.

Upcoming symbolic street designations in Ward 5 will be discussed at a hearing on January 13th, including honoring Joseph Bowser, Ralph J. Bunch, and Union Wesley AME Zion Church. The council has also passed legislation to honor Alfred Dudley Sr. and Philip Reed, with ceremonies planned for spring.

Holiday greenery removal and free composting programs were also mentioned.

Ward 5 Economic Development Coalition

Rodney Foxworth, a community leader from Le Mans-Riggs, presented on behalf of the Ward 5 Economic Development Reimagine Committee, outlining their efforts to secure community benefits from the upcoming Providence Hospital redevelopment project. The committee, composed of Ward 5 small business owners, aims to negotiate funding for local programs and services through the developers, EYA and Menkiti Group. Foxworth invited the Woodridge Civic Association to join their coalition and submit requests for funding, emphasizing their history of successful community benefit negotiations. The [Providence Hospital] project, expected to be a multi-billion-dollar development, will include residential units, retail spaces, and potential internship opportunities for Ward 5 residents.

South Dakota Avenue and Development Updates

Jeremiah (Rodney Foxworth speaking] confirmed that there are no plans for bike lanes on South Dakota Avenue after providing research-based evidence that the road diet proposal was not supported by crash data. He also discussed the timeline for the Providence Hospital development, noting that a planned unit development application (PUD) is expected in the first quarter of 2026.

Jeremiah informed the group about DGS considering acquiring the Firehouse site on 22nd Street for a new house. He mentioned receiving a notice from Commissioner Kapur, showing they, ANC received a notice from DGS, December 30, 2025.

In addition, he expressed concerns about the ANC5C resolution regarding the Langdon Rec Center, emphasizing the need for a new building that meets community needs.

Langdon Recreation Center Development Updates

The meeting focused on the Langdon Recreation Center development, where Jeremiah clarified that the current plans include both exterior modernization and building expansion, though DPR's presentation leaned more towards landscaping improvements. Commissioner Francis (5C02) requested to be added to the email distribution list for future communications about the project.

The group discussed a January 15th (ANC) meeting that will address the resolution regarding Langdon Park Community Center and the re-evaluation of ATE cameras in DC.

Additionally, Jeremiah announced that a new park (Philip Reed Memorial Park) has been officially added to the city's inventory. Mr. Foxworth added that Redevelopment Committee, mentioned earlier, will host two funding workshops by February 10th for organizations to submit requests for funding related to the Zoning Commission.

Pre-Meeting Summary for Woodridge Civic Association - 2024, 2025 meeting

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Jeremiah discussed the lack of assigned personnel for a task, noting that while no one was officially assigned, reports would still be provided.

Next steps

Next steps were not generated due to insufficient transcript.

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Task Assignment and Reporting Status