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

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### Quick recap

The Woodridge Civic Association meeting focused on updates and discussions regarding community issues, snow removal efforts, and upcoming events. Jeremiah led the meeting, addressing technical difficulties at the start and introducing co-host John Hampton. Updates on snow removal and trash collection were provided by Melissa Littlepage, who emphasized ongoing efforts by the city and Councilmember Parker's office to address concerns. The group discussed the potential acquisition of a property for a new fire station, with Jeremiah noting the need for further community input. Dr. Diane Kern presented the Black Voter Guide initiative, highlighting its purpose and encouraging community participation. The meeting also covered updates on e-bike regulations, homeless outreach programs, and various community announcements, including scholarship opportunities and upcoming events. Participants raised concerns about e-bike safety and the need for improved public transportation options. The conversation ended with Jeremiah promising to update the website with relevant information and links for future reference.

### Next steps

- [Jeremiah: Update the Woodridge Civic Association website with new committee information, links to meetings \(including the Ward 5 DPR meeting\), scholarship information, and other relevant updates by tomorrow morning.](#)
- [Jeremiah: Drop off Black Voter Guide flyers at the library after running an errand tomorrow morning.](#)
- [Leroy \(and fundraising committee\): Hold a pre-meeting to organize before inviting Ms. Claiborne for a silent auction planning meeting, likely within 2-3 weeks.](#)
- [Leroy \(and fundraising committee\): Invite Ms. Claiborne to a future meeting to discuss silent auction logistics and venue options, targeting late spring for the event.](#)
- [All interested members: Indicate in the chat or via email if they wish to join the fundraising committee for the silent auction.](#)

- [Melissa: Circle back with her team to provide a report to John Hampton on the effectiveness of the city's homeless outreach program, especially during recent cold weather, and share details from relevant agencies.](#)
- [Carlos: Reach out to Melissa Littlepage tomorrow with details about constituent concerns regarding businesses blocking alleys, to seek assistance in resolving the issue.](#)
- [Jeremiah: Post a link to the WMATA/Metro budget survey on the Woodridge Civic Association website.](#)
- [All interested members: Send project ideas for Ward 5 economic development funding to WoodridgeCivicasociation@gmail.com for compilation and submission.](#)
- [Jeremiah: Ensure the recording and summary of this meeting are posted to the website by Friday \(or earlier if possible\).](#)
- [Melissa: Drop all relevant links \(newsletters, meeting registrations, contact info\) in the chat and ensure they are accessible to attendees.](#)
- [All interested residents: Register for the Ward 5 DPR capital projects update meeting using the link Jeremiah will post.](#)
- [Sandra \(or any interested resident\): Contact ANC 5C commissioners via 5C@anc.dc.gov to request a status update on the proposed fire station at 22nd and Franklin.](#)
- [Nicholas: Post the link to the e-bike regulation petition in the chat for others to access.](#)
- [Jeremiah: Add a pointer/link to the e-bike regulation petition on the Woodridge Civic Association website.](#)

## **Summary**

### **Resolving Technical Meeting Challenges (Pre-Meeting call to order)**

Jeremiah and Lisa (Browne) experienced technical difficulties with audio and video prior to the start of the meeting. They attempted to resolve it by adjusting settings and permissions. A new microphone was added to the host computer. Jeremiah tried to make John a co-host to facilitate better communication but encountered some issues with the sharing feature. The problem was resolved with reassignment of Co-Host assignment.

Despite the challenges, they managed to resolve the audio issues and continue the meeting.

### **Woodridge Civic Association Financial Update**

Jeremiah opened the Woodridge Civic Association meeting, acknowledging the passing of community pillar Pierpont Mobley. He sends condolences to the family. Jeremiah continued discussing the recent snow and ice conditions, mentioning good neighbor clean-ups and councilmember Parkers team assistance. Leroy presented the Treasurer's report, noting a combined balance of \$1,837.30, held in two checking accounts, and encouraging members to pay their dues. There were no objections raised. Report accepted.

The conversation ended with Jeremiah mentioning that he would provide a contact name for snow removal concerns (DPW) and reminding attendees to contact Councilmember Parker's office through Ms. Littlepage if they need assistance.

### **Woodridge Civic Fundraising Plans**

The meeting focused on fundraising initiatives for the Woodridge Civic Association. Leroy reported on a recent committee meeting where they discussed potential fundraising activities, including putting up banners and organizing a silent auction. The committee plans to meet again in 2-3 weeks to further develop these ideas. Lisa explained what a silent auction entails, and several members expressed interest in donating items or helping with the event. The association's website (QR Code) and PO box were mentioned as ways to pay dues, and Jeremiah encouraged attendees to email the association for further assistance if needed.

### **Black Voter Guide 2026 Election**

The meeting discussed the upcoming 2026 election and the nonpartisan Black Voter Guide for D.C., presented by Dr. Diane Kern. The guide aims to address issues affecting Black residents by surveying the community and distributing questionnaires to candidates running for major offices. Participants were encouraged to complete the survey to inform candidates'

responses and receive a copy of the guide before the primary election on June 16th. The guide will be published 3-4 weeks before Election Day, providing voters with information to make informed decisions and holding elected officials accountable.

### **Black Voter Guide Survey Distribution**

The meeting focused on the distribution and completion of a survey related to a Black Voter Guide, which is a non-partisan initiative aimed at addressing concerns in Black communities. Dr. Kern, a co-founder of Being Well While Black, provided background on the organization and its evolution from addressing grief and loss during the pandemic to focusing on electoral issues following the racial reckoning after George Floyd's murder. She explained that the guide aims to inform voters and that partnerships with organizations like the Million Man Vote will enhance its reach. Participants were encouraged to reach out for more information, and Dr. Kern shared her contact details for further communication.

### **Ward 5 Council Updates**

Melissa (Littlepage) provided updates from Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker's office, including information on snow removal efforts, trash collection schedules, and upcoming community meetings. She mentioned that the city had made progress in snow removal and trash collection, with DPW working to get back on track.

Melissa also discussed upcoming events, such as an RFK redevelopment community meeting and a Ward 5 Budget Forum. Jeremiah inquired about DPR oversight hearings and raised concerns about DDOT's e-bike incentive program, which Melissa addressed. (Shawn) Taylor asked about the status of the constituent service coordinator for ANC 5C, and Melissa confirmed that Jerome Brackens Jr. was no longer with the office. Ms. Adrianna Lovelace will be assisting until the replacement is in place (alovelace@dccouncil.gov)

### **ANC 5C(Council Coverage) Staffing and Transportation Updates**

Melissa confirmed that Andreana Lovelace is currently covering ANC 5C after Jerome's departure in November. The office is interviewing candidates for a third constituent services role.

(Shawn) Taylor raised concerns about DDOT's focus on reducing car travel, which Melissa acknowledged. while continually emphasizing the need for multimodal transportation options.

Jeremiah announced upcoming events including a DPR Ward 5 meeting (2/5), DC HealthLink open enrollment deadline (2/4), and a National Association of Minority Contractors Expo (2/23). The conversation ended with updates on (DPW) trash pickup, DGS fire station

proposals (22<sup>nd</sup> Street NE), and a reminder about submitting written testimony for WMATA's upcoming budget hearing.