



Meeting Summary for Woodridge Civic Association - 2024, 2025 meeting

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Quick recap

Jeremiah Montague, Jr, President, Presiding,

The Woodridge Civic Association held its monthly meeting at the Woodridge Library on April 7th to discuss various community issues and updates. The meeting covered several key topics including the association's treasury report, fundraising efforts for a silent auction planned for September, and concerns about e-bike regulations. Members discussed the Taylor Street protected bike lane project and expressed opposition to proposed changes, leading to a discussion about proper public input procedures and concerns about ANC-5C's handling of community issues. The group also addressed ongoing traffic safety concerns around Langdon School and the need for proper notice and public input on infrastructure changes. Additionally, the meeting covered potential community benefit agreements related to the Providence Campus redevelopment, including proposals for an after-school food pantry, bridge beautification, and historic markers throughout the neighborhood in a CBA proposal submittal.

Next steps

- John Hampton: Create and bring a mock-up of a potential neighborhood house number sign (using the skyline symbol from the association's banner) to the meeting next month.
- Jeremiah: Draft and circulate a resolution regarding the Langdon School/Evart Street NOI issue for review and comment by association members within the next couple of days.
- Jeremiah: Post the approved e-bike regulation resolution to the association's website and send to DC City Council, DDOT, and the Mayor within the next couple of days.
- Jeremiah: Update the association's website with information about the DC 2050 comprehensive plan and future land use map changes and notify members.

- All interested members: Submit public comments on the Taylor Street Protected Bikeway project via the provided website link before the April 30th deadline.
- Dallas Thompson (for WMATA): Share diagram of new bus garage intersection at the May 21st community meeting.
- Jeremiah: Publish the list of submitted CBA projects (e.g., after-school food pantry, bridge beautification, community signs) to the association's website to prevent others from claiming them.
- Jeremiah: Work on resolving the legal/memorandum of maintenance issue for WCA community signs and follow up with DDOT as needed.
- All interested members: Attend the rec center modernization meeting (April 8, 6–7:30pm) and the Earth Day program (April 18) for updates and participation.
- Jeremiah: Put more information about the comprehensive plan and future land use map on the website and make members aware.
- Jeremiah: Investigate whether NOIs (notices of intent) for Queens Chapel Road and related projects followed proper procedure and report findings.
- Jeremiah: Publish details about upcoming events (e.g., adult theater presentation, rec center modernization, Earth Day) on the association's website.
- All Members: Consider submitting ads for the DC Federation of Civic Associations Annual meeting brochure (each association requested to get two ads).
- Jeremiah: Ensure recording of the meeting is posted to the website by end of the week (or sooner if possible).

Summary

Pre-Meeting: Virtual Presentation Setup Discussion

The meeting appears to be a Hybrid-virtual setup discussion where Jeremiah was preparing for a presentation. He discussed technical setup issues including screen sharing and audio controls for PowerPoint. The conversation touched on scheduling conflicts with the library space and moving meetings to Thursday the 21st. Jeremiah also mentioned downloading meeting videos and noted that Miss Brown would not be attending. The meeting included introductions of several participants including Kris Haynes, Carlos Davis, Lisa, and Nevelyn Jones, though the main discussion focused on technical preparations rather than substantive agenda items.

Woodridge Civic Association Monthly Meeting

The Woodridge Civic Association held their monthly meeting at the Woodridge Library in meeting room B on the second floor. Jeremiah welcomed attendees and noted that the council member's office would not be present but could be contacted if needed. The meeting recording would be uploaded to the website within 2 hours of completion. The first item of business was a treasury report presented by Leroy Battle, who reported that cash levels remained relatively stable with no significant changes.

Treasurer Report and Fundraising Plans

Jeremiah presented the treasurer's report showing minimal activity with only \$3 in service charges and a total balance of \$1,865.17 across two accounts. The group approved the treasurer's report without discussion.

Regarding fundraising, Mr. Battle discussed plans for a silent auction event scheduled for September, with three potential venues under consideration including the Kellogg Center and a location at Starter Baptist. John Hampton volunteered to create a mock-up of a neighborhood sign design (for residences) featuring the organization's skyline symbol in yellow with black or blue background, which he plans to present at the next meeting.

Community Updates and Event Planning

Jeremiah provided updates on venue discussions with Ms. Page at the Kellogg Center for a September event, including room options, catering details, and Wi-Fi availability. He also announced the DC Federation of Civic Associations' upcoming June picnic at River Terrace and solicitation of ads for their October annual meeting.

Dallas Thompson represented the Transit Authority, updating on the bus garage redevelopment project, including demolition progress, upcoming community meetings, and

addressing resident concerns about construction vehicle access and intersection changes. The next community meeting was scheduled for May 21st at 6pm at the Woodridge Library.

Taylor Street Bikeway Project Updates

Jeremiah reported on a well-attended open house regarding the Taylor Street Protected Bikeway project, expressing disappointment that DDOT presented an unchanged proposal despite community concerns about parking removal and transportation impacts. He emphasized the importance of submitting public comments (for the record) by April 30th to strengthen the community's position against the project.

Nick DelleDonne from DC Safe Streets Coalition presented a proposal to regulate e-bikes through registration, tags, insurance requirements, and helmet mandates, noting recent incidents involving e-bikes and seeking support for their legislative initiative.

E-bike Regulation and Traffic Changes

The meeting focused on two main topics: e-bike regulation and traffic changes around Langdon School. The Woodridge Civic Association voted to support a resolution endorsing proposed e-bike legislation from the Safe Bike Coalition, which includes requirements for registration, tags, insurance, licensing, education, and protective gear.

Regarding the Langdon School traffic changes, the association discussed concerns about a proposed permanent one-way traffic pattern on Evarts Street that would use bike lanes and parking spaces. The community's additional input led to a delay in implementation, and DDOT plans to conduct additional traffic studies before making a final decision.

ANC-5C Decision-Making and Projects

The meeting focused on concerns about ANC-5C's decision-making process and potential legal implications. Jeremiah and others discussed issues with how certain street changes and projects were approved, emphasizing the importance of proper public record-keeping and community input.

The group also reviewed three community benefit agreement proposals for the Providence Campus redevelopment, including an after-school food pantry, Queen's Chapel Street Bridge beautification, and Woodridge community signs improvements.

Additionally, the meeting covered upcoming events including an upcoming DPR modernization meeting at the rec center and an Earth Day program at the library, with concerns raised about the comprehensive plan's impact on low-density development in the neighborhood.