

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B**  
**GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS**



**ANC3B Public Meeting Minutes**  
**July 14, 2016**

Chairman Blumenthal called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Commissioners Mladinov (3B01) and Young (3B04) were also present, which constituted a quorum. (Three of the five members make a quorum.) Commissioners Lane (3B03) and Turmail (3B05) were absent for work travel.

Chairman Blumenthal noted that an update on the Universal Paid Leave Act should be added to the “Updates” segment of the proposed agenda. She made a motion to approve the agenda with that addition, the motion was seconded, and the agenda was approved unanimously, 3-0.

**Police Report**

No representatives of the police department were in at the meeting so the monthly Police Report was deferred.

**Grant Request from Iona Senior Services**

Diane Greenspun of Iona Senior Services presented Iona’s request for a grant of \$1,392 from ANC3B to support what she referred to as “transportation scholarships” to seniors participating in Iona’s award-winning adult day care program who would not otherwise be able to have effective options for getting to and from the center safely, comfortably, and on time. The individuals in the adult day care program often face profound challenges including cognitive loss, memory loss, and other mental and physical issues. The grant will allow three individuals with particular challenges to get to and from the adult day care center, through the use of an Iona van driven by an Iona staff person. The grant request was calculated as the full costs of the driver’s time and the fuel required to operate the fan for these purposes for 60 days, which is the maximum time allowed for the expenditure of ANC grant funds. These were not anticipated expenses and therefore were not included in Iona’s FY2016 budget.

Iona’s Executive Director, Sally White, who was attending to meeting to participate in a panel discussion, explained that Iona is raising funds to continue the transportation services after the requested short-term grant would expire and the organization anticipates that in the new fiscal year, it will be possible to pay for the special transportation services as part of the budget. Several people attending the meeting talked about their own positive experiences with the adult day care services provided by Iona that had been vital to them and their families, and recommended that the ANC support the grant. Chairman Blumenthal made a motion to approve the grant to Iona as requested. The motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve.

### **Grant Request from MPD Second District Citizen Advisory Council**

Philip Thomas, Secretary for the Second District Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) presented a request for a grant of \$750 to support the CAC'S program to recognize extraordinary service by MPD officers working in ANC3B and surrounding areas. The officers are honored at the annual banquet for the Second District and the community, which this year will be held on September 28 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Friendship Heights. The CAC also asks other ANCs to join in funding the awards, and businesses and individuals also support the banquet. Mr. Thomas took additional questions and comments from the Commission and other participants on the benefits of the program for the community awareness of the police work and relations between the MPD and residents. Chairman Blumenthal made a motion to approve the grant to the CAC as requested. The motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve.

### **Panel Discussion on Senior Needs and Senior Services in Ward 3**

Commissioner Mladinov introduced the panel of speakers on current and future needs of seniors in Ward 3 and ANC3B in particular, the range of services available, and gaps or opportunities for the future. The panel members included Mark Bjorge, Community Liaison from the DC Office on Aging (DCOA); Sally White, Executive Director of Iona Senior Services, which is contracted by the city to provide free case management services to residents in Ward 3, lunch and fitness program at St. Alban's Church, other food and nutritional support, an adult day program at its center in Tenleytown, private counseling, classes and support groups, and other assistance to caregivers; Deborah Royster, Executive Director of Seabury Resources for Aging, which operates the city's senior transportation services, provides the city's Age in Place programs for Wards 4, 5 and 6, and also operates the Friendship Terrace senior apartments, Springvale Terrace in Silver Spring, and 3 group homes on the campus of DC Services; and Patricia Clark, President of the Glover Park Village which provides volunteer services to residents in Glover Park who are "aging in place" in their homes or apartments.

Mr. Bjorge explained that DCOA serves people over 60 years old and individuals over 18 who have disabilities, as well as their caregivers, from their total budget of \$42 million in FY2016, which is primarily used for grants to organizations that offer the services. He noted that Ward 3 has the highest percentage of seniors in the city, followed closely by Ward 4. All four panel members said their organizations work together to provide the best possible set of services. The panel discussed a wide range of needs for aging residents and those with disabilities, and identified priority services including case management, food and nutrition, social connection and support, and transportation. They also talked about gaps in existing programs and services.

Ms. Royster reported that the city's budget for DCOA has been cut by \$700,000 for the coming FY2017, including a cut for transportation "Connector" services provided by Seabury for seniors around the city from \$6.1 million to \$5.5 million. The city is hoping providers could access Medicaid funds to make up some of the deficit for those residents who are eligible, but Ms. Royster said that is not easy. Ms. White noted the budget cuts are forcing Iona to cut one social worker so fewer Ward 3 residents will be able to get free case management over the year, which is the most essential service for many seniors. She expressed concern that older adults are not getting the attention they need.

Mr. Bjorge opened the question of how to handle seniors' needs in Ward 3 most effectively and efficiently for the future. He said that in FY2016, at Councilmember Mary Cheh's request, the DC Council had directed \$100,000 (of an initial request of \$150,000) for a study of the needs and options for a Senior Wellness Center in Ward 3, which is one of two wards that do not have a city-owned and operated senior wellness center. In the end, he said the city used the funds for a District-wide

assessment of seniors' health needs, which is not yet completed. He added that land for a senior center in Ward 2 or Ward 3 would be hard to find. Ms. White agreed that the costs of property in Ward 3 are very high so building a new center for senior services might not be very feasible, but another model could be for senior activities to use a network of facilities, churches, schools, and community centers, including designated space in the Chevy Chase Community Center when it is renovated. ANC3/4G has adopted a resolution on a Senior Wellness Center for Ward 3 and a representative has asked to make a presentation at ANC3B's September meeting.

### **Updates**

Chairman Blumenthal presented three updates:

Universal Paid Leave Act (UPLA): The Commission had discussed the proposed UPLA at the June meeting and anticipated taking up a resolution at the July meeting; however, the DC Council decided to table the bill to review some provisions as well as the potential costs. Therefore, the Commission agreed to table consideration of the legislation until the Council develops a new draft.

Details on Settlement Agreement with Rite Aid regarding the sale of alcohol: Chairman Blumenthal noted that ANC3B had reached a settlement agreement with RiteAid related to its request for a Class A license to sell beer, wine and distilled spirits at the new store at 2255 Wisconsin Avenue NW. The Commission voted to accept the settlement agreement at ANC3B's public meeting on June 16, 2016, and the agreement was signed by the Chairman and by RiteAid at that meeting. The settlement agreement went to the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board, which approved the agreement except for two provisions:

a - the provision prescribing the size and other characteristics of the outdoor sign at the Rite Aid showing that alcoholic beverages would be sold on the premises. The ABC Board determined that the characteristics of an exterior sign are under the jurisdiction of the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).

b – the provision prohibiting sales of single bottles of beer unless it is craft beer. The ABC Board said that there would be no way to establish a distinction between craft beer and other beers. Consequently, Rite Aid and ANC3B have reached a side agreement that stipulates to those two provisions on the size of the sign and the treatment of craft beer, which now exists alongside, but separate from, the settlement agreement attached to the liquor license.

Pepco rate increase request: Commissioner Mladinov reported that Pepco had applied to the DC Public Service Commission for an \$85.47 million rate increase, a 23.7% hike from current electric distribution rates. She noted that the DC Office of People's Council (OPC) would be examining the proposed increase, questioning whether the higher rates would be necessary "to keep the lights on" and would not be covering costs "associated with Exelon's lengthy journey to merge with Pepco." At the same time, OPC announced it had established a Merger Compliance Team to monitor the commitments Pepco and Exelon had made as part of getting approval from the PSC to consolidate, and by mid-August OPC would be determining whether to lodge a formal legal appeal of the PSC's approval decision.

### **Open Forum**

Sheila Meehan asked when the Capital Bikeshare bikes were going to be moved back to their usual site next to the Stoddert baseball field, instead of in the parking lane on the south side of Calvert Street just east of 39<sup>th</sup> Street. At the end of June, the paved bikeshare pad was replaced with a new permeable surface at both Stoddert and Guy Mason Recreation Center. The bike rack had been moved onto the new pad at Guy Mason but not at Stoddert. No one at the meeting knew when that would be done.

**Administrative Business**

Chairman Blumenthal presented the minutes of the June meeting and moved to approve them. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes as drafted.

Commissioner Young, ANC3B Treasurer, presented the Monthly Financial Report for June:

**ANC3B June 2016 Financial Report****Checking Account**

**Opening Balance: \$14,383.66**

**Outgoing:** Check # 1257 for \$325.00 payable to Iona Senior Services for a grant to map Ward 3 food sources for those in need.

**Closing Balance: \$14,058.66**

Chairman Blumenthal made a motion to adopt the financial report, the motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve.

Commissioner Young also presented the ANC's Third Quarter Financial Report for FY2016 (quarter ending June 30, 2016). There were no questions. Chairman Blumenthal made a motion to adopt the financial report, the motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve.

Chairman Blumenthal announced that the next ANC3B meeting would be on Thursday, September 8.

Chairman Blumenthal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.