

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



**ANC3B Minutes**  
**March 16, 2016 Public Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Jackie Blumenthal (3B02). Commissioners Ann Mladinov (3B01), Mary Young (3B04) and Brian Turmail (3B05) were also present, which constituted a quorum. (Three members make a quorum.) As of March 1, ANC3B03 is vacant, with the resignation of Commissioner Abigail Zenner.

Chairman Blumenthal presented the proposed agenda. She moved to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 4-0 to adopt the agenda as proposed.

**Police Report**

The crime report for the previous 30 days was presented by Lt. Ben Firehock, Evening Shift Supervisor for PSA 204 (from the National Zoo on the northeast to Whitehaven Parkway on the southwest). Violent crimes were at the same level as a year ago, at 1 (a robbery reported last year and a sex abuse case this year, though the U.S. Attorney declined to prosecute so the charge is listed as “unfounded”). Burglaries were down in PSA 204 from 6 last year to 2 this year (neither in ANC3B). Other property crimes in the area went up significantly, including 11 thefts from autos v. 5 last year, 3 stolen autos v. 1 last year, and 32 other thefts v. 19 last year, for a total of 49 property crimes v. 32 last year. Of the thefts this year, all 3 of the stolen autos, 2 of the thefts from autos, and 7 of the other thefts were in ANC3B.

A resident asked about the Marine who was found in a parking lot behind the shops on the west side of Wisconsin Avenue and died of his injuries. Lt. Firehock did not have any information. Commissioner Turmail had spoken to Cmdr. Gresham of the MPD Second District who reported that after investigation, the death was recorded as an accident, not homicide. Lt. Firehock said he would look into the case and report back. He also recommended that if people want to track crime reports, they can use the website [www.crimemap.dc.gov](http://www.crimemap.dc.gov)

**Resolution Regarding Proposed Budget Cuts to Fillmore Arts Program**

Commissioner Turmail presented a resolution opposing the proposed cuts to the DCPS budget for school year 2016-17 covering the arts program at Fillmore Arts Center, which serves 5 elementary schools including Stoddert. School district officials were calling for the individual schools to do arts education in their own buildings or take the costs for Fillmore out of other parts of their budgets. Stoddert has no extra space to handle arts classes and could not offer the range of theatre, dance, music, and visual arts programs that Fillmore provides. The resolution called on DCPS to restore the funding for the Fillmore Arts Center programs through the school year 2016-17. Commissioner Turmail moved to approve the resolution, the motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 4-0 to adopt the resolution.

### **Resolution Regarding Proposed Legislation on Transitional Homeless Shelters for Families**

Chairman Blumenthal noted the Glover Park-Cathedral Heights community's long history of supporting people who are homeless, including at St. Luke's Shelter on Calvert Street, and underlined that the resolution recognized the importance of closing the city's emergency shelter for families at the former DC General Hospital and helping people move into permanent housing. However, because of the many questions and concerns residents had raised about the mayor's proposal for a new emergency shelter for families at 2619-2623 Wisconsin Avenue, and the process for selecting the sites and developing the program plans, the Commission had drafted a resolution advising the DC Council to: a) make a number of adjustments in the proposal to address those concerns the proposal and b) not adopt emergency legislation to let the mayor's plan go forward as introduced. Chairman Blumenthal read the resolution out loud in its entirety and then asked for questions and comments. Jay Melder, chief of staff to Laura Zeilinger, Director of the DC Department of Human Services, was also at the meeting to describe the Homeward DC program for addressing homelessness and to answer questions.

Several residents commented that the language of the proposed resolution did not have a strong sense of welcoming homeless families and offering them assistance and support. They suggested that before adopting a resolution, the Commission should look at the language and see if there was a way to incorporate more of that welcoming wording. Chairman Blumenthal asked for a short recess for the Commission to deliberate on the options, and by common consent the Commissioners agreed to recess briefly. The Commissioners returned to public discussion, and Chairman Blumenthal noted that they had decided to proceed with a vote on the resolution as presented. Chairman Blumenthal moved to approve, the motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 4-0 to adopt the resolution, and agreed Chairman Blumenthal and Vice-Chairman Turmail would represent the Commission in testimony before the DC Council the following day, March 17. The Commission thanked Jay Melder for participating, and the meeting applauded him for all the information and consideration he offered to the community.

### **Letter Relating to Pepco-Exelon Request to PSC**

Commissioner Mladinov presented a proposed letter for all the Commissioner to sign advising the DC Public Service Commission to reject Pepco and Exelon's March 7 request to the PSC to consider additional possible modifications to the October 2015 settlement agreement and give Exelon a fourth chance to find a way to get approval for acquiring Pepco. Chairman Blumenthal moved to approve the letter, the motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 4-0 to sign and send the letter to the PSC.

### **Open Forum**

The Mayor's Ward 3 Community Liaison Mike Matthews reported on the mayor's February 9 walk-through of the Glover Park commercial area in February with leaders from DDOT, DPW, Parks and Recreation. On the walk, the mayor's team noted abandoned tree boxes, general neglect of the sidewalk area outside businesses, some maintenance issues at Guy Mason Recreation Center, potholes near Wisconsin and W Street, and the unauthorized use of sidewalks and curb space around the CVS for unloading and stacking boxes and pallets. Before the Mayor completed the walk, some work was already underway to correct the problems. Mike Matthews said the city has decided to bring the "Alleypalooza" program to Glover Park, putting an alley along the commercial strip on the list for repaving in the spring. He recommended calling 311 to report other pothole or paving issues.

Commissioner Turmail announced several events including the MPD Second District Citizens Advisory Council meeting on March 23 that would cover avoiding car thefts that make use of electronic devices, dealing with belligerent homeless individuals in the community, and human trafficking.

There were no other comments.

**Administrative Matters**

Chairman Blumenthal presented the minutes of the ANC's February meeting and moved to approve them. The motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

Treasurer Mary Young presented the February Financial Report.

**ANC3B February 2016 Financial Report  
(Approved at March 2016 Meeting)**

**Checking Account**

**Opening Balance:     \$8,926.67**

**Closing Balance:     \$8,926.67**

There were no expenditures or deposits during the month, but Commissioner Young said the City Auditor had notified her that the Commission's First Quarter ANC Allotment of \$2,930.71 would be arriving soon.

Chairman Blumenthal moved to accept the February Financial Report, the motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the report as presented.

Chairman Blumenthal announced the next meeting of ANC3B would be Thursday, April 14, at 7 pm.

Chairman Blumenthal moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.