

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



Resolution Regarding the Need for a West-of-Rock Creek Park Men's Emergency Hypothermia Shelter This Winter

Whereas, the St. Luke's Mission Center (3655 Calvert Street NW) has decided not to serve as the emergency hypothermia center for homeless men in Ward 3 during District of Columbia-designated hypothermia alerts this winter;

Whereas, the District of Columbia Department of Human Services has not identified an alternative emergency hypothermia shelter west of Rock Creek Park for this winter but instead plans to use the Columbia Heights Recreation Center (1480 Girard Street NW);

Whereas, the homeless population that makes use of homeless services west of Rock Creek Park is significant;

Whereas, making it necessary for homeless men to travel across Rock Creek Park to a hypothermia shelter could actively discourage many of our most vulnerable residents from taking advantage of the city's network of hypothermia shelters this winter because of the logistical challenges involved;

Whereas, asking homeless men to travel far away from their local networks and community support systems will further discourage them from seeking warm shelter during designated hypothermia emergencies;

Whereas, there is no shortage of city-owned and operated spaces west of Rock Creek Park that could be used as temporary men's hypothermia emergency facilities this winter;

Whereas, there are also faith-based institutions and/or not-for-profit organizations that might be willing to host a men's hypothermia emergency center west of Rock Creek Park this winter;

Whereas, this Commission is willing to work with city officials to help identify a facility that could serve as an emergency hypothermia shelter this winter in the area west of Rock Creek Park;

Therefore, be it RESOLVED that ANC3B strenuously urges the District of Columbia government, including the Department of Human Services, to identify and operate an emergency men's hypothermia shelter in a location west of Rock Creek Park during the winter of 2015-16 that is available during all designated hypothermia emergencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman or the Commissioner of ANC3B-05 or their designees are authorized to represent the Commission on this matter.

This Resolution was APPROVED by a vote of 5/0 at a duly noticed public meeting of ANC3B on Thursday, November 12, 2015, at which a quorum was present. (A quorum is 3 of the 5 members.)



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