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## Approval of Agenda [0:00]

**Lane:** Yes, I know.

**Blumenthal:** Okay.

**Lane:** Where is admit everyone, admit all? Okay, here we go. Captain Darren Haskis is here. He might be instead of Lieutenant Johnson.

**Carroll:** Okay. Okay. Hello, everybody. My name is Kevin Carroll. I am the Vice Chair for ANC 3B, and I'd like to call the meeting to order at 7:02. And note that we have a quorum of commissioners with five commissioners present currently. And we will start with the approval of the agenda. And the first thing I want to do is defer to Melissa, who has an addition.

**Lane:** I have an addition to the agenda for under new business. I would like to discuss a resolution regarding additional analysis for DDOT about four speed humps that they intend to put in the 4000 block of Davis Place. So that's a motion to add that to the agenda.

**Blumenthal:** Kevin, you need to announce who's here and that you've got a quorum.

**Carroll:** I announced that we had a quorum. I didn't announce who's here. We have Commissioner Lane, Commissioner Carroll -- that's myself -- Commissioner Lavezzo, and Commissioner Blumenthal, and Commissioner Howie.

**Howie:** I'm here.

**Carroll:** Yeah, I see you. I see something, anyway.

**Lane:** It's going to be one of those meetings.

**Carroll:** So we have five commissioners out of our usual six, so plenty of commissioners for a quorum. So we will-- Melissa has made a motion. Do I have a second?

**Lavezzo:** Second.

**Carroll:** Second from Kevin Lavezzo. All Commissioners in favor of amending the agenda, please notify by raising a hand, either virtually or in front of the camera. You can use--

**Howie:** I agree.

**Blumenthal:** Yeah, I agree, too.

**Howie:** Howie agrees, as does Blumenthal.

**Carroll:** Okay

**Lane:** Now you just have to pass the agenda.

**Carroll:** Okay, so now I'll entertain a motion to pass the agenda.

**Lane:** Second.

**Carroll:** Okay. All those in favor?

**Blumenthal:** Blumenthal agrees.

**Howie:** Howie agrees.

**Carroll:** Let the record show that five to zero. Okay, I'm having a little trouble with my split screen here, so it takes a second for me to flip back and forth.

## **Police Report [3:22]**

**Carroll:** So the first item on our agenda this evening is the police report. I believe we have a representative of the police department here.

**Lane:** We have Captain Darren Haskis.

**Carroll:** Could you-- Oh, there you are.

**Haskis:** Hi, I'm Captain Darren Haskis with the Second District. I'm your captain to include Glover Park and ANC 3B here. So I have the police report whenever you all are ready.

**Carroll:** Please proceed.

**Haskis:** Okay, thank you, Commissioner Carroll. So in the past 30 days in the Glover Park ANC 3B area, we had 17 total reported crimes, including two of them, well, one of them being a robbery, one felony. The others being three theft from autos, ten thefts not related to autos, and two motor vehicle thefts. As compared to the same 30-day period last year, we are one more crime overall than this last 30-day period last year in terms of reported crimes. One robbery this 30-day period, no robberies this 30-day period last year. Quite a bit down on-- No burglaries this year, one last year. Three theft from autos this 30-day period this year, 11 last year. But as a flip, thefts other than from autos, ten this year, four last year. And two motor vehicle thefts this year, none last year in the same 30-day period. The single robbery was of the Glover Market. It was on Thanksgiving day, it was in the afternoon. Somebody, the suspect, went in there pretending to be a customer, and then demanded money from the clerk who proceeded to give the suspect the money. We only have-- We don't have very good video on it, so it's still being investigated. That was the robbery that occurred in the last 30 days. Year to date, we are up on robberies. Six this year, as opposed to two last year. But we're down on burglaries. Two this year as opposed

to seven at this point last year. And theft from autos are very comparable. The same number, actually. Comparable motor vehicle thefts, but up on non-auto related thefts. And about even for assaults with dangerous weapon. So that's where we're looking right now. We try, we're trying to increase the patrols there on Wisconsin Avenue into this holiday period. We're worried about a possible uptick in robberies. The robberies have trended recently to be very random, vehicle based. And a good percent, probably a third of the recent ones have been high-end jackets, so those of you who like very stylish outerwear, just use some extra caution. Any questions? That's about my rundown of the crime report for the past 30 days, year to date.

**Carroll:** So let's start with questions from the commissioners. Any questions from the commissioners, please raise your hand or speak up.

**Lavezzo:** I have one question for you, Captain. There was a stabbing on a Metro Bus outside of the Safeway on Wisconsin. And last month they had not yet apprehended that individual. I was curious if you had an update on if that crime has had any forward movement?

**Haskis:** That is a good question. Let me try to look up in the report here. I don't have the latest on it. But you're Commissioner Kevin Lavezzo? I will email you an update on it when I talk to the detectives, because it's not pulling up right now.

**Lavezzo:** Fantastic.

**Haskis:** From my understanding, it is still open, but I don't want to say that definitively. I will email you.

**Lavezzo:** Perfect, I appreciate it.

**Haskis:** Thank you for the question.

**Carroll:** Any questions from the community? Melissa is going to be looking for you to raise your hand in your Zoom application.

**Lane:** I don't see any.

**Carroll:** Okay. With that then, Captain, unless you really want to stick around and talk to us about real estate and school issues, you're welcome to go.

**Haskis:** Unfortunately, real estate's not my forte. But I will drop my email in the chat if anybody has any questions otherwise. Please feel free on that. Let's see, oh, there it is, the chat.

**Carroll:** Thank you very much, Captain

**Haskis:** Thank you for having me. You all have a happy holiday.

**Carroll:** And to you and yours.

**Haskis:** Thank you.

## **Old Business [9:44]**

### **3300 Whitehaven Development [9:44]**

**Carroll:** Okay, next on our agenda is old business. And the first item on old business is the 3300 Whitehaven development. It was tabled last month to look into support for Stoddert School, and whether Stoddert School was the impacted school for the district. And there is the Grosvenor Group has been planning the renovation on the edge of Dumbarton Park across from the Glover House for a couple of years. Working with the British International School and Dumbarton Oaks Conservancy, it has presented, they presented to us last month. In summary, the project will convert an unused office building into 230-plus apartments, which will include some low and moderate income apartments. The project will be technically in Ward 2, but it abuts ANC 3B in the middle of Whitehaven Street. So the group has asked us for our support. So there has been a resolution drafted, and first let's go--

**Howie:** Commissioner Carroll? Can I just interrupt? The apartment building actually will be in Ward 3. The British International School is in Ward 2, so the apartment building is actually in our single member district, or our like ANC boundaries.

**Carroll:** Okay. I was just, I was reading the information that I was sent, so I apologize for my mistake. Let's go ahead and have a representative, I think Eddie Mansius -- is that how you say your name, Eddie -- would like to-- If you want to give a quick summary? I think we went over a lot of material last time. We'll have an opportunity for commissioners to ask you questions, but maybe a two-minute summary, and we can go from there.

**Mansius:** Absolutely. Good evening, Commissioners. Appreciate the time. Good to see you all again. As was stated, we were here last month talking through an update on our project and where we are with the public entitlements. And we have at this point received support from ANC 2E, so are now requesting this ANC, ANC 3B's support as well. Since last time, the main update of course is Commissioner Howie, and Commissioner Blumenthal and I have discussed an additional contribution to Stoddert Elementary's PTO as an augmentation to what was proposed last time as the public benefits package. So big thank you to Commissioner Howie and Commissioner Blumenthal for all the hard work coordinating that, and helping make the package even stronger. So what that addition is, is an additional \$55,000 to Stoddert Elementary's PTO, and that is going to be going a long way to support their activities in terms of

the arts and, you know, other technology supplements. So that is what has changed, and what is being added. But of course, I'm up to answer any other questions that you all may have.

**Carroll:** Okay, hang on one second, I-- There we go. So I think at this time what we ask for is comments from commissioners on what's been presented so far. Do any of the commissioners want to make a comment, either for or against the proposed resolution of support?

**Lavezzo:** Yeah, Kevin. I'd only like to say that we do have a housing crisis in the city, and we also have a glut of unused office buildings that are sitting empty, and it's important that we have more housing everywhere. Not only to stabilize housing prices, but also to give people who need a place to live a place to live. So I'm a fan of converting disused space to usable space wherever possible. And that's all I've got to say.

**Carroll:** Any other comments from the commissioners? We've been joined by Commissioner Bergmann, by the way. Hello, Ben. I'll just briefly say that I'm uncomfortable with the so-called public benefits package, and the way that it's arranged. It doesn't seem right to me, and I've expressed that concern last week, or last month, rather. And so I will be voting against it. But I think we have most of our commissioners are in favor of it. Any further comments from the commissioners?

**Howie:** I will say that every child that lives in this apartment building will be going to Stoddert, and I appreciate the commitment from the development group to help offset that overcrowding situation with a financial donation to Stoddert to help offset that increase in our overcrowding.

**Carroll:** Any additional comments? Okay, I suspect that we have some members of the community that would like to comment. If you would like to comment, please raise your hand in the Zoom function, under reactions. And Melissa will alert me as to who's--

**Lane:** First hand is Penny Williams.

**Williams:** Thank you very much. Really appreciate the opportunity to join your meeting today, and to just give some remarks I think on behalf of some of the parents at the British School. As you've noted, we heard rather late about this development of 3300 Whitehaven, so I apologize that we weren't at your last meeting to be able to really engage in the discussion there. Fully understanding the housing crisis and that the children of the new residents of the converted housing will be going to Stoddert, of course as you know the ground on which the construction will be done is shared also by the British International School. Just wanted to raise perhaps three concerns, if I may. The first one is regarding the safety plan. I wanted to hear reassurances about the safety during construction. We haven't had great experience during the construction of the current gym in terms of the debris and machinery. But also afterwards. Whitehaven is a very small road. It's already pretty crammed with traffic, and it's going to be a lot worse with the addition of 250-odd apartments. My other concern about the safety after the development is that the playground will be overlooked, I think, on three sides by apartments.

And I'm concerned about people being able to open the windows, potentially things coming out of the windows, right over the playground. So I wanted to know what mitigation measures are put in place there. The second concern is about the availability of outside space during construction. I understood, and would appreciate clarification on this, is that the playground area would actually be a staging area, staging for construction. So I wonder if that is what's planned. And then afterwards, whether we actually end up with a smaller outside space for the children to play. And I think that's something that I certainly hold very dear, and hope that the outside space is not further reduced for the British School. The final comment perhaps on my side, if I may, is just an appeal to Mr. Mansius. I understand that you have been working with the leadership of the school. Unfortunately, that information hasn't cascaded to the parents, so appreciate that you are available to the parents. We'd ask if we could be involved, more than just available to you, but actually have a small group of people who can work with you very closely to make sure that the measures in the safety plan are monitored, are reviewed periodically, and perhaps to sort of bring us in more directly. Because through the school leadership hasn't worked so far. Thank you very much.

**Carroll:** Thank you, Ms. Williams. Mr. Mansius, do you want to reply, briefly?

**Mansius:** Absolutely. I'll keep it brief. And thank you, Ms. Williams, for attending tonight and engaging with us. The British International School is of course a very valuable tenant to us. They have been a great partner thus far. And we're completely aligned on making sure that what is coming in this next phase is a big benefit to all parties involved. So we absolutely do want to continue working with you and the other parents to ensure that the children are being kept safe, and that construction activities, or any disruption is mitigated, so that your children's learning can continue unaffected. But at the end of the day, of course, deliver something that hopefully everyone in the school community is very excited about. Just as we were able to deliver this new 16,000 foot gymnasium for the students, bringing that facility on site, we will also be bringing 5,000 square feet of new instruction space for the school on the ground floor of the building, as well as a playground that is actually slightly larger than the existing playground that exists today. That is something that we definitely hear you loud and clear on. That, you know, the play area is very important for the students. So with that, we are also going to be reconfiguring the turning circle to try and minimize some of the queuing that you're perhaps describing on Whitehaven. As you know, I'm sure as a parent, that turning circle is quite close to the street now. It will be farther into the site and allow for hopefully a smoother pickup and drop off. And lastly, I'll just say that by doing that we will also be providing a landscape pocket park for outdoor classes and, you know, other use by the community and the school, of course, as part of what's being delivered. So I hear you loud and clear on that front. I do, of course, want to make myself available to you all. Throughout the process I have, as you noted, been talking with a lot of the school leadership and the administration. And we are planning for a meeting with the parents, with folks like yourself, who want to know more about the community, or about the new community, and about construction timing, and logistics, and safety protocols, and all of that. Which, of course, they as your administration have been very good about talking to us about and developing. But to the extent that the parents don't know about that, we're of course happy

to address that in a meeting forum. So more to come on that in the new year. And we're fully committed to not just one meeting to talk that through with you, but of course periodic and constant communication to make sure that everybody wins at the end of the day. So thank you for coming and engaging with us.

**Williams:** Thank you very much.

**Carroll:** Thank you, Mr. Mansius. We have two presences of Maria's iPhone. I don't know if they're the same Maria, or probably not the same iPhone, but if they are both the same people, we may get some feedback issues. So I want to tell you to make sure you have one of them on mute, and the sound from one off. And with that, I will call on Maria's iPhone. And please identify yourself, and where your address is. Thank you.

**Jose:** Hi, good evening. My name is Maria Jose. And I don't know how many Marias are online, but I only have one iPhone. Yeah, thank you for having us tonight. I think Ms. Williams has expressed our concerns very clearly. And we look forward to working with Mr. Mansius, and getting sent clear information on what is going to happen with the development of the area around the British School. That's all.

**Carroll:** As it turns out, you were not the Maria's iPhone who had their hand up, so I will turn now to that Maria and ask her to share what she has on her mind, please, briefly. Thank you. You'll need to unmute yourself.

**Maria:** Hello. So basically I'm also a Glover Park resident. Actually, one building away from this proposed development in The Observatory building of Georgetown. So basically we recently had the Glover House built in this area right next door to us with the Trader Joe's. And now there's this other building being built and sharing, you know, the Whitehaven Street with us, which is obviously going to increase traffic quite a bit. But my main concerns are as a parent whose children attend the British School. And as I think-- I know you've gotten a number of emails from many of us recently. And this was all recent because, were it not for ANC meetings we would still be unaware of this impending construction. I think there are a number of parents at our school who are still unaware of it. And we've already experienced issues during gym development with health issues, problems for our kids. And essentially it feels to us like ensuring the safety of our kids has been left up to school staff from our school, who have no experience with construction, no experience with what kind of safety protocols should be in place. And it's not a good situation for our students, essentially. And I feel like there really needs to be some more concrete oversight from someone who is experienced with construction, and with what kind of things should be in place, such as dust mitigation measures, which were not in place during gym construction. And of course the issue with the playground, I'd like to know what the current square footage of the playground is versus what it will be.

**Carroll:** Absolutely. Before we go back to Mr. Mansius, I just want to know if there are any other comments from the floor on this. I guess, I think it would be easiest just to sort of compile all the



concerns and then have you answer once rather than--

**Lane:** Ashley Mercer has one question. She asks if the playground will be shared with the apartment building.

**Carroll:** Okay

**Lane:** That's the only one I see.

**Carroll:** Any other comments from the community?

**Lane:** They've been expressed by the community, by those who have spoken.

**Carroll:** Okay. With that, Mr. Mansius, do you want to respond?

**Mansius:** Absolutely. So in terms of the playground, currently the playground is approximately 18,500 square feet. The new playground will be approximately 18,600 feet, so a little bit larger. So that is the size of the playground. In terms of sharing with the apartment building, it is not to be shared with the apartment building. It is within a secure fence line that is only accessible by the British School, so that is not open to anybody else except for students and faculty of the British School. In terms of health and safety, you know, I absolutely appreciate the concerns raised. And we, as I said, are fully committed to meeting with parents, and the administration and faculty at the school to talk through the health and safety measures that will be put in place for the multi-family building construction. That is something that we are of course very focused on. As I said, the school and Grosvenor have a really great, long-standing partnership and relationship. And we value them as a tenant. And anyone who's involved with the school, we of course want to make sure is supported and feels like they are giving their kids a safe and exemplary education. So, hear you loud and clear. I'm working with the school administration to set up that meeting to walk through dust mitigation plan, construction logistics, construction hours, noise protocol, making sure that the most noisy or potentially disruptive activities are done during school breaks and holidays and off hours to get ahead of a lot of the things that might be disruptive to the students. So we are fully committed to working with everyone and making sure that that is going to be addressed

**Carroll:** Thank you, Mr. Mansius. Any further comments from the commissioners?

**Bergmann:** Yeah, I have a comment if possible. Hello, everybody. Sorry I was a little late. There was a school play, so I had to join a little bit late. But I guess, I mean just stepping back, I think this is a learning opportunity. I think for the development team that sometimes interfacing with an administration is not necessarily interfacing with the entire group of stakeholders. I think it's a pretty fair assumption on your part. I think it's a pretty disappointing situation that there was a lack of communication from the school to the parents. That's a separate issue, but I think going forward, I would say you guys should make sure that you're engaging with the parents. For the

parents who are here, there are, I will say there are a variety of ways for you to continue to be engaged in the process. Obviously, there's vis a vis the avenues that are discussed today. There is also an opportunity to weigh in at the Zoning Commission if you feel like the conversation doesn't lead to safety mitigation safety plans that you think are sufficient. You certainly I think would be granted party status, parents of the British School, to weigh in on these specific concerns. Although it sounds as if there's interest and willingness to address before that happens. But I just want that to be clear, that this is-- The ANC's role is to weigh the full suite of benefits for the community to judge the impact of the development on the area now and going forward. But there are always opportunities for people to engage at the commission, the Zoning Commission. And that's where some binding requirements can be imposed to the extent they're not agreed to. So I just wanted to put that out there.

**Carroll:** Thank you, Commissioner Bergmann. Any other comments from commissioners? Okay, with that, I will entertain a motion from the floor.

**Lavezzo:** I'll make a motion to accept the resolution

**Howie:** Yeah, I will accept the resolution as well. Commissioner Howie will second Commissioner Lavezzo's report.

**Carroll:** Okay, and now let's have our commissioners vote. Those that are present-- Those in favor, please signify by saying, "aye," or raising your hand virtually or visibly.

**Howie:** Commissioner Howie, aye.

**Bergmann:** Aye.

**Lavezzo:** Aye.

**Lane:** Aye.

**Carroll:** Okay. And I personally am uncomfortable with the public benefits package. I support housing in the area, and will vote nay. So the vote is-- Have we heard from Commissioner Blumenthal? She's on, but I don't think she's--

**Lane:** She is on.

**Carroll:** At any event, it's four to one, so that's where we are--

**Howie:** And the quorum is met.

**Carroll:** Oh, yes.

**Lane:** Yeah, a quorum is four.

**Carroll:** So we're well past the quorum, yes. So the motion passes. Thank you for your time and attention.

**Mansius:** Thank you, Commissioners.

## **New Business [32:26]**

### **DDOT plans to install speed humps on the 4000 block of Davis Place [32:26]**

**Carroll:** The next item on our agenda. Let's see, we have a-- We added new business. Commissioner Lane, do you want to talk about that?

**Lane:** Yes. DDOT has sent us notification that they, after a traffic safety investigation, that they have plans on the 4000 block of Davis Place. They plan on installing three speed humps on that block. That's fine, but I question why it would only be that block, because that block is only about a fourth of the surrounding blocks around Stoddert School. So before they go and do this, I would like them to do a traffic safety investigation of the entire block, which includes the 3900 and 4000 blocks of Davis, 3900 and 4000 blocks of Calvert, and the 2500 block of 39th, and the 2500 block of 41st. That would cover the perimeter of the school. And I think since there are certainly traffic concerns and safety issues about the kids getting to school, I think they need to have a holistic comprehensive plan around the school, rather than just the block that happens to be in back of the school, and probably the least used by students who are walking to the school. The resolution will be posted on our website, but I'll just read the end of it, which says-- It goes through where and why we think this is necessary. And then it's, "Be resolved that ANC 3B requests DDOT to expand their traffic safety investigation to include all blocks around the school. Be it further resolved that plans for installation of speed humps on the 4000 block of Davis Place be delayed until a comprehensive plan for implementing traffic safety measures around the entire perimeter of the school is developed and vetted. And I would ask for a second.

**Lavezzo:** I'll second.

**Carroll:** Having a motion and second, is there any discussion from members of the commission? Do we have any discussion from members of the community?

**Lane:** I don't see any.

**Carroll:** Okay. Absent that, we can go ahead and vote.

**Howie:** Commissioner Howie votes in the favor.

**Carroll:** I'm sorry, say it again, Commissioner Howie?

**Lane:** She votes yes.

**Howie:** I vote yes.

**Carroll:** Okay, Commissioner Howie votes aye. So, the rest of us. Aye.

**Lane:** Aye.

**Lavezzo:** Aye.

**Bergmann:** Aye for Bergmann.

**Carroll:** The five commissioners present all vote aye, and so the vote, the motion passes five to zero.

**Lane:** Thank you.

## **Updates and Information [35:37]**

### **Leaf Collection [35:37]**

**Carroll:** Okay, so give me a second while I look at the agenda again. Updates and information. We have leaf collection should be proceeding. If you have concerns about that, you can look at the schedule on the website, or you can also have yard waste picked up by scheduling through 311.dc.gov or calling 311.

## **Open Forum [36:10]**

### **Ashlee Mercer, Ward 3 Councilmember Frumin's Office [36:10]**

**Carroll:** And now we are at the portion of our meeting known as the open forum, where residents can bring up concerns. So you may raise your hand either virtually or turn your

camera on and wave at us, and we will call on you. Is there anyone who would like to speak to tonight's ANC meeting?

**Lane:** Ashlee Mercer.

**Carroll:** From Commissioner Frumin's Office.

**Lane:** Councilmember.

**Carroll:** Oh, yeah, sorry. Thank you. Hello, Ashlee.

**Mercer:** Hi, Kevin. How are you guys?

**Lane:** Good.

**Mercer:** Great. Let me just pull up my notes. All right, so happy holidays. Sorry if my bird decides to start singing now. The council is on recess the week of December 25th. We will return to the office on Tuesday, January 1st. Critical information for all ANCs, but particularly 3C, and 3F, 3A, the District of Columbia -- this is for tenants -- the District of Columbia Superior Court recently implemented administrative changes that will ensure landlord-tenant cases involving defendants who post a significant, immediate health or safety danger are heard more quickly. We hear frequently from constituents with residential safety concerns related to the actions of the other tenants who engage in patterns of dangerous behavior. This move to prioritize eviction cases involving danger to health and safety is a significant step in protecting residents and building staff. I do have a link to the full letter to the DC Superior Court that I'll post in the chat. Public safety, Councilmember Frumin believes that the District must pursue a data-driven solution to the crisis that involves both strengthening accountability and prioritizing prevention. He has co-introduced a few bills, Establishment of Reasonable Controls for the Firearm Industry Act. Let's see, Compensation and Development of Extraordinary Trainees Act. Private Security Camera System Incentive Program Small Business Expansion Act. Fraudulent Vehicle Tag Enforcement Act. And the Safe Commercial Quarters Act. Let's see. Other legislation, he just introduced the Universal Out of School Time Amendment Act of 2023 on December 4th. The bill would require the District of Columbia to expand out of school time programs, such as afterschool and summer programming by at least 10% annually toward the goal of universal access by 2035 for every student in a DC Public, Public Charter School. Universal out of school time is an immediate, impactful investment our city must make for our youth. It increases school attendance, it reduces juvenile crime, builds skills. It leads to further higher incomes for participating youth. And I have the press release as well. And any questions about legislation can be directed to Elias Benda. DPW has a new, Unified Communications Center. The UCC staff will be able to ensure all outstanding questions and concerns are addressed, and deploy operation teams in real time to investigate service requests. You can call 202-673-6833, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30. And yard collection is year round. Call 311 to make a request. Free COVID test kits are now available at certain DC libraries. Palisades,

Georgetown, Tenley Friendship Library, Cleveland Park and Chevy Chase. For the Wilson Pool, as of December 1st DGS and DPR confirmed that replacement of HVAC and other repairs are occurring in line with their original projection of a December time frame for replacement part delivery and repair work. They have confirmed their goal is to complete all necessary and anticipated repairs, such that there are no additional maintenance needs once the pool reopens this winter. If you have any concerns about the brightness, dimness or condition of the light on your street, whether it has already been replaced or not please, submit a request to 311 for street light repair. And, of course, if you have any issue or concern, or are having trouble getting a response from the appropriate government agency, please reach out to our office and a member of our constituent services team can assist.

**Carroll:** Thank you, Ms. Mercer.

**Mercer:** Thank you.

**Carroll:** Any other comments from the community?

## **Administrative Matters [41:07]**

**Carroll:** Okay, absent that, I think we can move on to our administrative matters. So first on the agenda is to approve the November minutes. Is there a motion to approve the November minutes?

**Lane:** Motion to approve.

**Lavezzo:** I'll second.

**Carroll:** Kevin had his hand-- All right, so Commissioner Lane, and seconded by Commissioner Lavezzo. Those in favor, please--

**Howie:** Howie agrees. Commissioner Howie says aye. Commissioner Lane says aye. Commissioner Lavezzo says aye. Commissioner Bergmann, do you want to weigh in?

**Bergmann:** Aye.

**Carroll:** Okay, Commissioner Carroll will also be aye, so it's five to zero. Thank you. Next item up is a financial report and quarterly report. And I believe we turn to Commissioner Bergmann for that.

**Bergmann:** Yes. I was absent last month, but we had no developments in terms of our funding.

But our beginning balance for the month of November was \$34,893.59. We concluded the month with \$34,653.78 for a reduction of \$239.81 that were for transcription services. We have I think one check that is pending, but I'll emphasize I guess in this moment for folks who are here, which is mainly the commissioners, that we of course have a tremendous amount of grant funding that we can try to figure out what to do with in the coming year. There are limitations that it has to be within our district, not an inch outside. That was waived during COVID, but I think that that's been repealed, so it has to be within our area, and has to be something that is a benefit for the community. Which, there's a wide definition, but it can't be used for something that just serves one particular building, et cetera. It has to be something that's kind of a public benefit. It doesn't have to be just for established nonprofits. There is precedent for funds for beautification projects, things of that nature in the area. But there would have to be, you know, a group, even if it's informal, that would have to be formed to implement the funds and complete the report. But that's all.

**Carroll:** Thank you, Commissioner Bergmann. Do we need a motion to accept the financial report? Or do we just-- That's that?

**Bergmann:** You just accept it.

**Carroll:** Acceptance is the key to all my problems today.

**Howie:** Commissioner Howie accepts.

**Carroll:** All right, I think we're agreed that it's not necessary. So I don't have anything else on the agenda, ladies and gentlemen. I think we have reached the part where we emphasize the fact that our next meeting is Thursday. Wait, I lost the-- January 11th, 2024. And we will see you all in the new year. So I wish everyone the happiest of holiday seasons. I hope it's--

**Lane:** You need a motion to adjourn.

**Carroll:** We do need a motion to adjourn.

**Howie:** I would like to thank Commissioner Carroll for leading this meeting. Thank you, Commissioner Carroll.

**Carroll:** Thank you, Commissioner Howie. I hope I didn't mangle things too badly in my maiden journey here.

**Howie:** I will make the motion to adjourn.

**Carroll:** Thank you. Seconded by Commissioner Lavezzo. All in favor?

**Lane:** Aye.

**Howie:** Aye.

**Carroll:** We have sufficient votes to close the meeting.

**Bergmann:** Aye.

**Carroll:** All right, thank you all.

**Bergmann:** Thanks, everybody.

**Lane:** Kevin Carroll, can you stay on one second?

**Carroll:** I would be happy to.

**Lavezzo:** Have a good holiday.

**Carroll:** At 7:47 p.m., we adjourn the meeting.

**Lane:** Thanks.