

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



**ANC3B Public Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 11, 2019**

Chairman Brian Turmail (3B05) opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Other Commissioners in attendance were Ann Mladinov (3B01), Melissa Allen (3B03), and Mary Young (3B04), which constituted a quorum. (Three of the five Commissioners make a quorum.) Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal was out of town and not able to attend.

Commissioner Blumenthal made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded, and the Commissioners voted 4-0 to adopt the agenda as presented.

**Police Report**

Lt. Ralph Neal of MPD Second District gave a brief report on crime in the area in the previous 30 days. The statistics from June 12-July 11 showed a total of 8 crimes in ANC3B, including one violent crime, as assault with a deadly weapon (gun) in the 2200 block of Wisconsin Avenue on Wednesday, July 3. There were also 7 property crimes during that time (2 thefts from automobiles and 5 other thefts). Lt. Neal commented that many of the thefts in the larger area in the area he serves have occurred at CVS stores, which he believes may be related to the CVS area management decision about how and where to provide security..

Chairman Turmail asked about a 13-year old resident who was hit by a vehicle and taken to the hospital, where MPD appeared with a ticket. He asked for follow-up on MPD policy in cases involving children under 18. Commissioner Young asked about the repeated reports of indecent exposure by an individual in the area, who has gone to jail but seems to keep coming back. Lt. Neal recommended working with the homeless coordinator and Department of Behavioral Health, and also said MPD could issue a “stay away” order to bar the individual from coming into the area.

**Resolution to Support Stipulated License for Laliguras restaurant at 2334 Wisconsin Avenue**

Indian/Nepalese restaurant Laliguras is planning to open in Glover Park as early as September and is likely to want to apply for a license to sell alcoholic beverages at that location, which in Commissioner Blumenthal’s Single Member District. Because there is no ANC3B public meeting in August, Commissioner Blumenthal had drafted a resolution supporting a “stipulated license” for Laliguras which means that when the restaurant applies to the Alcoholic Beverage Control board for a license, the restaurant will not have to wait the full 45-day placarding period to begin serving alcoholic beverages. Chairman Turmail presented a resolution to support the stipulated license and made a motion to vote on the resolution. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve.

**Presentation and vote on application #20009 for variance to add deck at 2103 Huidekoper Place NW**

Mark McCrone presented his proposal to add a roof deck behind his house at 2103 Huidekoper, which is the subject of an application to the Bureau of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). He noted that most other nearby properties already have similar decks, and he presented letters expressing support from the closest property

owners. Chairman Turmail made a motion to vote on the application. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to support the application.

### **Presentation of grant request from Glover Park-Burleith Farmers' Market**

Community Foodworks' David Lange, new manager of the farmers' market held on Saturdays in the Hardy Middle School parking lot, presented an application for a grant of \$2,459.25 to purchase two new canopy tents, 10 folding chairs, flyers, signage, stickers, and reusable tote bags to be used by the market. Mr. Lange thanked the ANC for making the grant to the farmers' market two years ago which paid for three canopy tents which have been very useful, and the new tents are needed to accommodate the expanding activities at the market, including the Community Table. Chairman Turmail proposed a motion to vote on the grant. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the grant.

### **Letter supporting application to the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities for outdoor art project**

Janel Leppin, a local weaver, spoke about an art project she would like to submit for a Public Art Building Communities grant from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. She is a textile artist and the project she is proposing would be a piece made of bright-colored fabric and recycled plastic that she would install in the Glover Park commercial area, to be in place for 3 to 5 years. She showed a drawing of a proposed design, which she would like to place on the wide gray wall above the Surfside roof deck, visible from the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Calvert Street. She said she has not yet talked with the owner of the building, but was attempting to make that contact and also has alternative locations in mind if that site is not feasible. She asked the Commission for a letter of support for her application. Chairman Turmail asked if there would be any review of the design at the Commission on the Arts and Humanities. Several residents also requested that Ms. Leppin bring a detailed design to the community for review and comment before the project design is finalized or put into place. Chairman Turmail made a motion to vote on supporting Ms. Leppin's submission of a grant application with those two conditions: review of the proposed design at the Commission on Arts and Humanities and a presentation of the detailed proposal to the community with opportunities for public review and comments before the proposed art work can be installed.. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the letter as proposed.

That discussion led to several questions from residents about the process for properties to get approval for public art or advertising, and specifically whether the new Trader Joe's went through any review or permitting process before painting the colorful designs on the north exterior wall of the new store, facing Observatory Condominiums on Wisconsin Avenue. The Mayor's Ward 3 Liaison Rich Harrington said he would look into what agencies or policies are in place in that kind of case.

### **Presentation on free mediation services available from Community Mediation DC**

Chairman Turmail introduced Lauren Javins, a local resident who serves as one of the volunteers providing free mediation through the non-profit organization Community Mediation DC. The organization recently began offering services in the District, providing a neutral forum for people to come together to talk about differences and try to come up with a resolution for an acute crisis or a chronic problem. The mediation is voluntary and non-judgmental, and the mediators do not provide advice on the answer to disputes, but just make sure everyone is listened to. Each session generally lasts 2 hours, and mediation can go on as long as needed. Examples of situations where mediators can be provided include disputes between individuals or groups, such as parties to a divorce or within a family or with landlords or businesses, as well as community groups. She circulated brochures and suggested that residents be in touch if they are interested in more information or mediation.

### **Letter to DC Council re proposed On-Site Services Bill (B23-0180)**

Commissioner Mladinov presented a proposed letter to submit to the Council about the On-Site Services Bill, which would require a landlord to provide office space and social workers to help residents in any apartment building with at least 20 units where at least 30 percent of the units are leased to residents receiving housing assistance. The first hearing on the bill was held on Thursday, July 11 (the morning of the ANC3B July meeting) and the Council requested written comments by July 25. Commissioners Young and Mladinov both participated. In the hearings, and they reported that witnesses generally supported the goals of the bill but virtually all opposed it over the specific details, including the scope, criteria for participating, projected costs, overlap with existing programs, and potential infringement on privacy and other rights of individuals who receive housing assistance. Some witnesses were also concerned that the bill could provide disincentive for landlords to rent units to voucher recipients. The proposed letter opposed the legislation as written, and recommended that if the city wants to try on-site services to help low-income residents, it should begin with a pilot project in selected apartment developments to assess how the program works. Turmail made a motion to vote on the proposed letter. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the letter.

#### **Letter urging Zoning Commission hearing on changing Voluntary Design Review process**

Commissioner Mladinov presented a letter urging the DC Zoning Commission to hold an additional hearing on a proposed text amendment to change the Voluntary Design Review process. The amendment would allow developers to use the Voluntary Design Review process to apply for increased density in a project, rather than only to apply for approval of special design features, as the process was created to cover. The concept had come up in connection with the Valor Corporation's proposed redevelopment of the former Super Fresh site in Spring Valley, and as a result the Zoning Commission was considering making the change after the public comment period closed on August 5, without providing details on how or where it would apply or assessing its potential effects. She reported that very few ANCs had submitted evidence when the proposal came up in the spring and the ANCs need additional information to develop a position on the change. Chairman Turmail asked if it would affect development in ANC3B, and Commissioner Mladinov reported that the answer was not clear because not enough information is available to determine that, which did not seem like the best way to adopt regulations that could affect people and communities across the city. Commissioner Turmail made a motion to vote on the letter. The motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve sending the letter.

#### **Updates and Information**

Commissioner Mladinov reported that DDOT was holding a third and final community workshop on Tuesday, August 27, at Horace Mann School, to present the next draft recommendations as part of DDOT's Livability Study in the Rock Creek Far West area.

Commissioner Mladinov mentioned that at the ANC3B September meeting, Pepco and the Office of People's Council would be invited to discuss Pepco's application to the District Public Service Commission (PSC) for a proposed multi-year rate increase and related changes to the PSC's approach to reviewing and approving utility rates.

#### **Open Forum**

Rich Harrington from Mayor Muriel Bowser's Office of Community Relations announced three events: DC Vote Young Professional's Happy Hour at Red Bear Brewing Company on Thursday, July 18, as part of the statehood initiative; DC Statehood hearing on July 24; and the Mayor's second annual Maternal and Infant Health Summit on Tuesday, September 10.

#### **Administrative Matters**

Commissioner Mladinov presented the minutes of the Commission's May meeting. Chairman Turmail made a motion to take a vote on the minutes. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the June minutes as presented.

Treasurer Mary Young presented the monthly financial report for June:

**June 2019 Financial Report**

**OPENING BALANCE:   \$10, 150.23**

**Income:           \$ 0.00**

**Total Income:   \$ 0.00**

**Outgoing:       \$ 2,500.00. heck #1306 Grant to Glover Park Alliance**

**Total Outgoing: \$ 2,500.00**

**CLOSING BALANCE: \$7,650.23**

Commissioner Turmail made a motion to approve the monthly financial report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the June financial report as presented.

Treasurer Mary Young presented the ANC3B Quarterly Financial Report for the Third Quarter of FY2019. Chairman Turmail made a motion to approve the quarterly report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the Third Quarter Financial Report as presented.

Chairman Turmail announced that the next ANC3B public meeting would be on Thursday, September 12. (The Commission does not hold a public meeting August.).

Chairman Turmail made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 4-0 to approve.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.