

Transcript of ANC 3B Meeting of June 8, 2023

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Approval of Agenda [0:00]

Lane: Gupi's coming in now.

Blumenthal: Okay, good evening, everyone. We are beginning the June 8th meeting of ANC 3B. We would appreciate it if you would all keep your microphones on mute while you are-- Unless it is your turn to talk. When it's time for people to talk, you can raise your hand and you'll

be recognized, and then you can unmute your mic. You don't necessarily need to have your video on if you don't want to. You can still see us, we just can't see you. And with that said, I will move for an approval of the agenda. Second by Melissa. All in favor? Okay, approved 6-0. The agenda is approved and Lieutenant Johnson is here, Melissa, is that true?

Lane: Yes he's here.

Police Report [1:08]

Blumenthal: Okay, so we'll have our police report from Lieutenant Johnson now. Good evening, Lieutenant Johnson, hope you are well.

Johnson: Good evening, I hope you're well also. Am I off mute? Can you hear me?

Blumenthal: Yes, we can hear you.

Johnson: Oh, great. All right, hey, I'm Lieutenant Johnson. I'll give you the monthly ANC 3B police report. I'm gonna compare this month's stats with the same time last year, monthly stats. Last year we had 11 reported crimes. This year we have 19 reported crimes. We had one theft from auto last year at the same time this month. This month we have nine for this period. So the theft from autos went up from one to nine, so an increase of eight. Thefts went down. There were eight this time last year. This month there are nine, so they went up. And motor vehicle thefts, we have one theft of a motor vehicle, and that has stayed the same, so it's one to one. So that's 19 total crimes. This isn't all crimes, like simple assaults. We cover-- We've got homicides, burglaries. We have none of those. No robberies, no serious assaults, super dangerous weapons. No arsons, no sex abuse. So the crimes we're reporting this model are just going to be theft from autos, nine. Thefts, nine. One stolen auto. Any questions about the crime report this month?

Blumenthal: So that doesn't include the recent rash of license plate thefts?

Johnson: Those are theft from autos, yes.

Blumenthal: Oh, those are theft from autos.

Johnson: Yes, the theft from autos. Yeah. And we had like I believe four.

Blumenthal: Four?

Johnson: Yeah, where the front plates were stolen. It's not both, it's just like the front plate.

Blumenthal: And when they steal catalytic converters, that's also theft from auto?

Johnson: Yes, ma'am, that's also theft from autos. I didn't see any of those. We did have one airbag that was stolen from 2322 40th Place, where the airbag--

Blumenthal: There was a catalytic converter just the other day from 37th Street.

Johnson: Then that might not have made my report.

Blumenthal: Yeah, it was in June so probably not.

Johnson: Okay. All righty.

Blumenthal: Anybody, do any of the commissioners have questions for Lieutenant Johnson?

Lane: Kevin Carroll.

Blumenthal: Go ahead, Kevin.

Carroll: I wanted to ask about the broken car windows along Tunlaw. There were several last month. We actually discussed it briefly in our meeting last month. And if there was any particular-- If you got reports on those, and if there was any particular action by the department to try and prevent or, you know, reduce the number of those?

Johnson: Tunlaw, yeah, Tunlaw Road is one of the ones we have theft from autos from, and we always try to increase our patrols in that area. But we also rely on, you know, if anyone sees something, please call the police. Because when they see us, of course, the people will duck, hide when we run around with our lights on. So they're kind of hard to catch. But yeah, we did increase the patrols on Tunlaw, Fulton Place, 37th. Those are high theft from auto areas back there. I don't see-- I don't see too many-- That's a damaged property report, and those don't make my crime report, damage of property. I don't have that one to report on.

Carroll: They seem to go in waves. They show up, they do a run through the neighborhood, they go away for a while, and then they come back. You know, there'll be another wave where there'll be a bunch of cars that are broken into. I don't know how, you know, I'm not smart enough to know how to prevent that, but it is something that I know a lot of people in my building have come and approached me about with their concerns.

Johnson: With crime, any kind of crime-- Someone else had something to say about that? I'm sorry, I interrupted somebody, I believe.

Lavezzo: I was just saying, my building as well. I'm on Tunlaw and my SMD runs along Tunlaw,

and there were a few nights where there were multiple cars each night that had windows smashed. I don't know if those resulted in thefts, or if it was just simple vandalism. But, you know, walking up and down Tunlaw it was obvious. And there's still broken glass up and down the curb on the north side of Tunlaw from this. I haven't seen any cars broken into in a week or so, though.

Johnson: Yeah, Tulaw is one of the streets that's infamous for car break-ins. All times of the day, especially those plumbing trucks. They hit those. A lot of times they don't report the thefts, and that kind of hurts us. So I would just encourage people to make reports when these things happen so we can document them and add patrols to the area. But Tunlaw, lots of cars park on that road, so it's definitely one of our high-priority streets.

Blumenthal: Any other commissioners? Ben?

Bergmann: Yeah, I guess I have a question, just a practical question about cameras on the street. I know that there's a city program to reimburse homeowners for maintaining video cameras, but obviously on Tunlaw we have a lot of those multi-family buildings and the Russian Embassy. I would assume that those buildings all have cameras like pointed at the street, or is that, are there gaps there that the buildings--

Johnson: Most of those cameras belong to the Russian Embassy, I think like the black cameras. And they don't really share information with us, as far as I'm--

Bergmann: Well, I know those-- Yeah, those cameras, yeah, and I would imagine they don't share that with you. But I'm talking about the apartment buildings. Do they have--

Johnson: But anyone can get a camera, and share a came, we do-

Bergmann: How is that issued for our building, if we didn't have cameras? Oh, sorry.

Blumenthal: Okay, so Lieutenant Johnson, you seem to have frozen. Can you talk still, even if your picture's frozen? No. All right, we may have lost Lieutenant Johnson. In case he's coming back, is there anybody in the audience, any participant who has a question for him? And if so, raise your hand and we'll try and get him back. Nobody, Melissa?

Lane: No, I don't see any. He just left. He might be back.

Blumenthal: Okay, well, I think we were finished then at that point. So we'll just move on and see what happens.

Old Business [8:02]

Deadline for commenting on bus proposals [8:02]

Blumenthal: We're going to old business. And I want to note for everybody, on the issue of the bus proposals, which we are concerned about as a neighborhood because the changes affect us, thanks to some lobbying on the the part of Councilmember Frumin, WMATA was willing to extend the deadline for commenting on the bus proposals from June 5th to June 18th. So there's at least another week and a couple days for people to comment. All the information about how to comment and what to comment about can be found at the ANC's website, anc3b.org. And I just urge you to get your comments in so that we can hopefully change the plans of WMATA and the D2, and limit the scope of the N buses, and put only one bus up and down Wisconsin Avenue, although on a much faster schedule. Are there any questions about the bus issue before I move on?

Lane: Aileen has one.

Blumenthal: Hey, Aileen, speak.

Nowlan: Hi, yeah. I'm just wondering if they provided any more methods to comment. I know people have been asking for like a phone number and an email.

Blumenthal: Yeah, we only suggest now that maybe you send your comments through Councilmember Frumin's office. They've been collecting them, and that would-- Is Elias here? Is there somebody from Councilmember Frumin's office on the call?

Lane: I don't see him.

Blumenthal: Okay. We will-- Somebody will put up in the chat room an email address and phone number for Councilmember Frumin. If one of the commissioners could do that I'd appreciate that, right now, and then you can take that down and use that.

Lane: And do you have a question?

Blumenthal: Nobody? Okay, can I move on? Melissa, there's no other questions?

Lane: Yeah, go ahead.

New Business [10:35]

Resolution regarding emergency rule-making for cannabis regulation [10:35]

Blumenthal: Okay, we're taking up new business. The only new business we have is that the newly named Alcoholic, Beverage, and Cannabis Administration, now known as ABCA instead of ABRA, has published new rulemaking for the regulation of cannabis business, regulation and licensing of cannabis businesses. This is a fleshing out of the legislation that was passed in 2022, or amended, passed earlier and amended in 2022, by the DC Council. And this is how ABCA will govern the whole process of regulating cannabis businesses in the District of Columbia. And we've reviewed those rules, and have a resolution to vote on tonight regarding the issue of second-hand smoke, which we don't believe is effectively dealt with in these new rules. None of the issues of the licensing of marijuana or the structure of the businesses are within our purview to comment on tonight. We can only comment on the rules that ABCA has come up with for managing their role in the licensing and regulation of the businesses. For the most part, those rules are based on the same rules that they use for managing alcohol licenses and businesses that serve alcohol. The rules are pretty well known by everybody. They do work well with communities now that we're used to them. For the most part, this commission believes that the use of the alcoholic beverage framework for the cannabis businesses will work and will give communities a chance to comment when new businesses come into their areas, or if they have problems with businesses in their areas. The only concerns we have is the law allows cannabis retailers to apply for a special license called a safe use facility license, where they can have a place within their building where people can use marijuana together. And there are rules about that, and there are rules about where those places can be located and can't be located, and how communities can respond to them and protest them if they don't want them in their communities. But the other part about it is that they are also allowed to apply for what is called a summer garden endorsement, which is to allow the safe use of cannabis products outside. And we are concerned about that part because of the second hand smoke can go anywhere. And depending on where these places are located, people could be poorly affected, so that's one of the areas we're commenting on. The other comment we're making is about the requirement that if people at work or at home are complaining about a licensed cannabis business, smoke or odor or any kind of byproducts from it seeping into their homes or their workplaces they're only allowed to complain if the odor and smell and bother of it can be detected with their doors and windows closed. And we don't feel that people should be forced to guard against someone else's marijuana smoke, so we've made an issue out of that. And those are the two points that we're making in our resolution, that these laws should be used as a way, these new rules should be used as a way to deal with this issue of second-hand smoke in a better way than they cover already. So with that introduction, if any other commissioners would like to speak on this issue, please say so and do so. Nobody else wants to talk? Okay, any questions from the participants on this? Raise your hand and Melissa will recognize you. Okay, in that case do we have a

motion to approve?

Carroll: So moved.

Blumenthal: All right, Commissioner Carroll moved it. Commissioner Lavezzo seconded. All in favor?

Commissioners: Aye. And the motion carries six to zero.

Lavezzo: And the full text will be posted on our website, right, if you want to read it. And my commendation to Commissioner, Chairperson Blumenthal, for her great authorship of that.

Blumenthal: Yeah, that was really a bear.

Updates [16:10]

Bike lanes and associated infrastructure [16:10]

Blumenthal: Okay, we're moving on to updates now. Bike lanes and associated infrastructure. Maybe, Kevin Lavezzo, you want to talk a bit about the pedestrian refuges and all that stuff, and explain to people what they are, and why they're there.

Lavezzo: Yes, so the pedestrian refuges that were put in at Tunlaw and Davis, and New Mexico and I can't remember the cross street right now, were traffic-calming measures. And the bike lane will not be on that side, on the narrow side of the road. It will be on the south and west side of New Mexico and Tunlaw. So, that is designed to give pedestrians a safe place to cross the street. They have a hardened barrier there. I have heard from constituents that they're a little confused about the placement and how they're going to work, but it'll make more sense once the rest of the infrastructure is in, and once folks get used to seeing them there and driving around those. I think part of the difficulty is the cones and the construction signs. You know, they're jumping out at people and they're like, "Oh, whoa, what's going on?" It'll make more sense once everything is in. DDOT has been installing curb cuts, and specifically at the sloping at 39th, they've been working on that. The pedestrian refuge that was taken out at Davis Place I believe today was re-poured. That appears to have been torn out initially because the alignment was incorrect. They put it in, then realized it was headed straight towards a utility pole, which isn't super great for people crossing the roadway, so they've moved that. Other than that, the plan as far as I understand it is to pave New Mexico. It's not really in our ANC, it's across the street from Ben's SMD, but one of the bus refuges has been temporarily removed so they can pave New Mexico. And I think that's all the updates I have. I spoke to Mike Goodno with DDOT recently with a few questions for a building on Tunlaw, and he said they don't have a hard

timeline as of yet for when the project will begin. They're still doing signal design for a few intersections on New Mexico and they are incorporating some feedback from the ANCs and the community members into the last NOI. So once those are done they will start moving forward on construction, and Mr. Goodno said he would give us as much notice as possible so we can let people along Tunlaw and New Mexico know when parking was going to be affected by the construction. That's all I have.

Blumenthal: Thank you, Kevin. That was really good.

Lavezzo: You're welcome.

Blumenthal: Are there any questions from commissioners? Any questions from people, residents, participants? Okay, thank you. Commissioner Howie. I'm trying to call you all commissioners for the transcript because it looks better. Do you have anything on the Stoddert School expansion or boundary issues?

Stoddert school expansion and boundary issues [19:13]

Howie: Nothing on the boundaries, but the council, or Councilmember or I guess Chairperson Mendelson put in the 6.2 million into the draft budget and it passed all three votes, so it has officially-- We got 6.2 million dollars more.

Blumenthal: That's really great. And just say quickly what that makes it possible to do.

Howie: That allows us to put the cafeteria on the west side of the building and keep the additional classroom instructional rooms on the east side of the building. So there'll be two new buildings going up. We have a SIT meeting this Tuesday, but it's really just to like recap what our new budget is, and they're gonna have to put out a new RFP to get the West Side surveyed. Have the DC Forestry come out to make sure there's no heritage trees in those woods. But that's kind of where we're at right now.

Blumenthal: Okay, any questions from the commissioners? Any questions from participants? Okay, we are now, unless there are any other updates that I don't know about from anyone-- Okay.

Speaker: Jackie, I have a--

Lavezzo: Someone named iPhone has a hand up.

Speaker: I have a question for Gupi. Where are the two buildings gonna go, the two new buildings gonna go?

Howie: So the east side building will go currently where the Pre-K playground is. And the amphitheater that they built, it'll kind of go right there. And the west side building would go kind of like where the parking lot is, parallel to the parking lot, on top of the graded part, and a little bit onto the playground.

Speaker: Thank you.

Blumenthal: Any other questions for Commissioner Howie?

Open Forum [21:18]

Blumenthal: Okay, we're moving now to open forum. This is where subjects that have not yet been discussed can be raised or brought up by members of the audience. Does anybody have an issue, a question? Are there any of our MOCRS or--

Lane: Matthew Barclay is here from MOCRS. iPhone still has her hand up. I don't know if she has another question.

Blumenthal: Let's check on iPhone before we do.

Wilson: Okay, so my hand is up, and I had an issue regarding the next meeting. And I understand that there will be discussion and presentation about the proposal for two special exceptions for 2236 40th Street. And I have, I'm one of the property owners from next door to that, and we have been trying to reach Gupi about our reaction to that particular project. Would like to have Gupi reach out to Dana Bender and myself, I'm Susan Wilson, so that we can present our opposition to that particular project at that meeting. I don't know whether that meeting there will be a presentation by the developer or by the legal counsel that he's provided. I would like to know about that, about how that meeting will be set up, and what we can do to voice our opinion and our reaction to his plans.

Howie: I'll speak. Sorry, first of all, my name is pronounced Gupi, but it's okay. I did get the email when Jackie replied to you, so I'm sorry for my delay. I didn't add anything because I thought Jackie kind of hit all the points. But I will email you specifically and set up a time that we can like meet at your site so we can just like talk face to face to hear what your concerns are.

Wilson: Okay, that would be great. I mean, we're particularly interested in having the ANC support our position on the project.

Howie: I think generally we tend to, as long as the adjacent neighbors are for something or

against something, we tend to go with what the adjacent neighbors say. But I will send you my cell phone number, and you can text me about a time it would be good to meet up.

Wilson: Okay, and I'm sorry about mispronouncing your first name.

Howie: That's okay. Lots of therapy, I've gotten over it.

Blumenthal: And I do it all the time, so.

Lane: David White has a question.

Blumenthal: Okay.

White: Hi, I live at 3901 Cathedral, and of course I know I'm not in your ANC anymore, but I'm a neighbor. So along Cathedral, between 3901 and 4201, there were, but no more, signs in the middle of the street. And you've heard this before, I know, but they're all gone now. These signs that say, "Watch out for pedestrians. Be careful. Be careful." Well, they've all fallen down or gotten whisked away in the spring showers, I don't know. But they're all gone and I just wanted to let you know I do have-- Ann Mladinov is my new person, I'm sorry, ANC commissioner, and she's hot on the trail of DDOT to try to get them replaced. But I don't know if, you know-- I thought, well, I'll just tell you guys too because it does affect quite a few people.

Blumenthal: Well, first of all you'll be well taken care of by Commissioner Mladinov. And secondly, Kevin Carroll, did you want to say something? No?

Carroll: I think Ben wants to say something.

Blumenthal: Okay, but I just want to say that, yes, we can also put in the request for those signs to be replaced. Commissioner Bergmann?

Bergmann: Yeah, no, I just, I live on 4201 Cathedral so I know where you're talking about. And they do come out and replace them every now and again. The key is you can actually just, you know, I'll do it, but you can just send an alert to 3-1-1 via Twitter or email, and just with a picture usually is ideal for them. Because if you don't include the picture they may not know where to go, and they'll come out and replace it. The bigger problem though is that the street is too narrow for those signs there, and the trucks and buses knock it down. And I don't know what the solution is to that. But they'll come back and they'll put them back up if you send the 3-1-1 request, but it'll take a little time.

White: Okay, thank you. I did put in that request and then nothing really seems to have happened, so that's why I contacted Commissioner Mladinov. Thank you.

Bergmann: Yeah, they make a round, I think that's how it works. But, yeah, she'll take care of

you.

Lane: Victoria has a question.

Blumenthal: Victoria?

Zuckerman: Oh, boy, don't get me started about those signs. I can't think of a bigger waste of money. In the winter they came, put them up, four signs, up and down the street. Within a week they were gone. We used to place bets on how long it would take. They came right back and put them back up again. They were down. They did this for about six weeks in a row. They always get knocked down. We need something other than those signs on Cathedral Avenue. Our crosswalks are disappearing. The one in front of our building, 4100, is almost gone. We need the sign, which is a joke, the diamond-shaped yellow sign with lights around it that a pedestrian can hit a button and the lights flash. They haven't worked since they installed them. That's ridiculous. Other jurisdictions or areas are able to get at least, at the least, flashing red lights that a pedestrian wants to cross. We somehow don't qualify for that. The only, the reason I signed on to listen to you guys tonight was to hear about the buses, and I'm sorry I missed it. I got it in my head the meeting started at 7:30, so I missed whenever you talked about that. The only upside to reducing bus traffic on our street, which I'm against, is that maybe we could get speed bumps. I know we're not allowed to have speed bumps because of buses. But the cars speed up and down this street. It's shocking. We're just totally flummoxed by the city's inability to solve our problem, and part of the problem is, as our Commissioner Bergmann pointed out, the streets narrow. And they'll now allow parking in another narrow section of the street. We're at 30 at Idaho and Cathedral where a sign was, and it gets knocked down because now parking can be there, and buses have to navigate the parked cars and the sign to stay in their lane. It's just a joke. Don't put up more damn signs, because they don't last. Fix the traffic flow problem on Cathedral is the only answer. That's my rant. You guys haven't heard it in a long time. I haven't been coming to two meetings and doing my rant, but that's the problem. End of rant.

Blumenthal: Well, thank you for explaining about the signs going up and down. It seems like there is a bigger problem and perhaps DDOT will focus on it. Excuse me.

Zuckerman: I will write them, I will. And I'll pass it on to you guys about this issue. And I'd appreciate any help our member district rep, Bergmann, can give us for writing about it. But even the crosswalks are just totally disappearing. I don't know, can't they put grooves in the road? Something so that we can cross safely? It's really shocking.

Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) [31:05]

Lane: Matthew Barclay is here from MOCRS, and he's also going to take on the issue.

Barclay: Yeah, I will. Also on Tuesdays and Fridays, MOCRS go out in the community and look for things like this to submit through 3-1-1. I have submitted this request on Cathedral, but not at your location, farther down past Connecticut Avenue. And then I've also recently just done some off Arizona and some of the other ones. But I'll roll through there on, because I bike, I'll roll through there on Tuesday.

Zuckerman: If you want to stop and talk to me, I'd be happy to meet with you and tell you about our saga.

Barclay: Can you send me an email with your contact info?

Zuckerman: Sure, how do I email you?

Barclay: My email is in the chat. It's at the top of all my announcements that I did.

Zuckerman: Okay.

Barclay: Dropped in there. But, yeah, I can, I'll submit 3-1-1s. I can also probably organize a walk with Christian Pineiro. We did, recently we did some walking on Massachusetts Avenue that led to some new TSI inputs. Do you know about those?

Zuckerman: No.

Blumenthal: Matthew--

Barclay: Okay, traffic safety input. There's ten of them each quarter per ward, and then there's another 108, or another 80 on top of that that get thrown into the algorithm, and then they come back and it gives DDOT an ability to target where things will be needed. So at the minimum there'll be ten projects in the ward. And then if we-- I'll have to look at the little map to see if it's in there already, but if it's not we can create a TSI input.

Zuckerman: Okay.

Blumenthal: Matthew, there have been traffic safety investigations on that street over the last several years, at least three or four of them. DDOT has spent a lot of time there, so there should be an entire file about Cathedral Avenue, because the complaints have lasted forever.

Barclay: Got it. I will follow up on it.

Blumenthal: Do you want to-- Do you have anything else you want to talk about while you're up?

Barclay: My announcements? Yeah, sure. So, it's pride weekend, or Pride Parade weekend.

Please come and walk with the Mayor during the Pride Parade if you'd like to come. It starts at 2:00, and that'll be over by the-- Well, the information's in the chat. It's also code purple today and tomorrow for air quality, so please wear masks. Some guidance is also in the chat as to how to take care of yourself during this heightened smoke situation. Also, there's a survey in the chat, and there is a link to a telephone Town Hall that will be happening for input into the issues that you care about, priorities you care about for Mayor Bowser's next choice of police chief. Things that you think might need to be focused on more or not, or what you want in a police chief. Also, there will be an age friendly DC listening session Monday, June 12th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. I've been tasked to get 12 people in this meeting. I have five confirmed, so I need seven more. It's a two-hour listening session to discuss life before and after COVID, and how the agency can create a better age friendly, aging gracefully in DC, so that would help them gather data and talk about it. So please email me if you would like to know or attend that, and help us out on that one. In the chat there is a statement about the fiscal 2024 budget. This is the 28th consecutive balanced budget and the Mayor has a statement following the council vote on that. I dropped it, I'm not going to read it, it's really long. Summer pool season has started. There's information in the chat about summer pool season. All DPR's 22 outdoor pools are open, and then also the 16 spray parks are open. And that'll be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the pools, and then 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the spray parks. There's also new menstrual health education standards that are going to be announced at DC public and charter schools, and that link, you can learn more about that in the chat. And then there's a downtown action plan, Mayor Bowser just launched her downtown action plan, more info in the chat. But there will be an information session June 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the Conrad Hotel, 950 New York Avenue Northwest, and the Eventbrite link is in the chat. We have a new director of the Department of Energy and Environment, Richard Jackson. We also have a new MOCRS director, Richard Livingston, who is a former Ward 2 MOCR, so that's nice. And then there's one more DPR walking club, which is Saturday, June 10th, in the Marvin Gaye Park. Which, this may get canceled, I think. Stay tuned on that. But I also, I'm going to be doing like a weekly newsletter, excuse me, for everybody, so that in an ANC meeting that's like I gave you one week of announcements, and then there's two other weeks that you're missing. So if you want to have weekly announcements and updates as to things, you can email me and I'll add you to my little group. I'm done, thank you.

Blumenthal: Thank you, Matthew.

Ward 3 Councilmember Matthew Frumin's Office [37:33]

Blumenthal: I see Elias here. Elias Benda, of Councilmember Frumin's office, do you want to, do you have anything to add to our open forum?

Benda: Yeah, thank you so much for having me. Always hard to follow up Matthew, he covered most of the bases. The councilmembers will also be at the Pride Parade this Saturday. We will

be walking with the amazing Brass Band Crush Funk, so we hope to see you there. I know a lot of people have been concerned about the closure of the Wilson Aquatic Center. Councilmember Frumin and myself, and someone from Councilmember Lewis George's office met with the directors of DGS and DPR at the pool last week. It is still closed at the moment. They have successfully ordered the HVAC replacements. The only problem with that is the lead time for them is about five to six months, but they're still pursuing interim measures, and they will also be opening other aquatic facilities like the Hearst pool with extended operating hours shortly. So stay tuned for an announcement on that. I know a lot of people in this neighborhood were very concerned about the Better Bus Network routes that were proposed. We've heard from many of you and really appreciate the feedback you've been giving us. We did send a letter to WMATA asking them to extend the deadline, which they have, to June 18th for public input. So we know it's difficult sometimes to put input onto their website. I'll put the links to make your comments there, but we're soliciting input directly, as well, so I'll link our Communications Director and transportation person, Christian Damiana's email in the chat. And please feel free to send him your comments. There's just a hearing on this today, and I think the councilmember reflected a lot of the concerns that we've heard from 3B and other places in the Ward. That's pretty much it for me. Oh, I will say we successfully secured, alongside with the support of the Stoddert and Glover Park community, as well as the SIT and the LSAT, 6.2 million more dollars for the addition that is planned there to accommodate the enrollment increases. Actually, the current enrollment and projected future enrollment increases by adding two classrooms to the current capital improvement project, as well as making sure we can put the future cafeteria in a location that makes sense to everybody, including the teachers. So I'll stop talking. I'll put my information in the chat. Really appreciate it, and don't hesitate to reach out.

Blumenthal: Elias, isn't the councilmember going to be in our neighborhood on June 21st?

Benda: Oh, thank you for reminding me, Commissioner Blumenthal. Yes, we have our work day in the ward at Point Chaud, I believe, on June 21st, which means our whole staff will be sitting there from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., so if you have concerns like Victoria raised about crosswalks, or anything about schools or bigger policy discussions, please feel free to stop by. And if you're not already, I'll put the link to the sign up for a newsletter in the chat. That's the best place to find all this information as frequently as possible. Yeah, I think that's it. Now I'm trying to think if I missed anything else.

Blumenthal: Okay, thanks, Elias, very much.

Benda: Thank you.

Zuckerman: I just-- Could you repeat where it's going to be? I'm sorry.

Benda: Yeah, I'll put it in the chat as well. It's Point Chaud, C-H-A-U-D. It's a cafe. I believe it's--

Blumenthal: It's on the corner of Hall Place and Wisconsin Place. It's the place with the outside

cafe.

Benda: Yeah.

Zuckerman: Oh, I see. That's the name of a cafe.

Benda: Yes.

Bergmann: Jackie, Ben has a comment.

Blumenthal: Ben?

Bergmann: I have a question for Matt, for the Bowser administration, but also I think Elias might be able to weigh in. I guess it is two questions. One, on the Better Bus Initiative, I haven't seen anything from the Mayor commenting on the bus changes, the proposed bus changes. Of course, there are folks on the WMATA board that represent the District and are appointed by the Mayor, and so I'm curious whether she has a view, what the view is, whether the administration in addition to the council will engage on it. And then the other question is about the DMV. There were some stories that came out recently about the crash on Rock Creek Parkway that resulted in three deaths, and the individual had multiple DUIs and should have had her license suspended, but the license was not suspended due to I guess clerical errors. And there was some back and forth about it with the council that was I think a little concerning. The answer that, "Oh, we missed it," came a little later than it should have, and the question and answer with the council. But I'd like to know what's going to be done about ensuring that that information is processed at the DMV. Again, I haven't seen full statements from the Mayor about any of that. And if you don't know the answer you can come back next month as well. That's fine.

Barclay: Yeah, so remind me before next meeting. But I will-- I don't have any information at this time. But I can certainly reach out and ask for a statement from comms or some other groups in the administration. The Mayor was at the ANC 3/4G budget meeting, or ANC meeting, a while back. And she stated that, you know, the E6 bus which was, I'm blanking on the road, but she's aware of all these, all the bus routes and issues that are-- There are some stranded elements to Ward 3. She is aware of that.

Bergmann: Okay. She's aware. Can you get back to us about whether she's going to try to advocate for it?

Barclay: A statement as to how she's-- Got it.

Blumenthal: Okay, thank you, Matthew. If there's nothing more in the open forum-- Going, going, gone.

Benda: I'll just say really quickly to that. Appreciate you bringing that concern up, Commissioner

Bergmann, and I will look in, I'll reach out to the Transportation and Environment Committee and see what they're doing to track down that information from DMV and make sure that incidents like that don't happen again. Thank you.

Lane: Barbara Lange has a question.

Lange: Hi. Yes, it's just a minute. Sorry. Okay, yes, I was wondering about the buses, what you're going to do about adding more buses to Wisconsin Avenue?

Blumenthal: Right now we're in the comment period, and what WMATA will do is look at the comments. They will come back with another iteration of their route proposals, and we will see how they respond. And we will work with our councilmember and others to continue to push for better bus service in our area, and in Ward 3 in general. Okay, Barbara? Okay, thank you.

Administrative Matters [46:27]

Blumenthal: We are moving on now to administrative matters. We've seen-- We've all seen the transcript of the main minutes. I don't know that we've all had time to read it, but it is a transcript, so we just need to approve the transcript.

Carroll: So moved.

Blumenthal: Commissioner Carroll has moved to approve. Do I have a second?

Howie: I'll second.

Blumenthal: A second. All in favor of approving the May minutes? Approved, 6-0. Commissioner Bergmann, are you still here?

Bergmann: Yeah, I'm here, sorry.

Blumenthal: That's right, you have to read the monthly financial report.

Bergmann: Yes, so I'm unfortunately-- I will be unable to read, I do not have the latest bank statements, but we can post that number. But I can report that there should be a change in the number, which was unchanged the last three meetings because we did write a check for the Glover Park Day event pursuant to the grant, and also a check to our transcription contractor. And I believe, but I haven't verified it yet, that the security fund check to the DC government will have been cashed as well. So those-- I will update once I get the bank report.

Blumenthal: Okay, thank you. That being said, our next meeting is Thursday, July 13th. Same place, same time. And we do not meet in August. So please let us know if you want something brought up in the July meeting, which will get us through till September. Thank you very much for attending. And I move we adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lane seconds. All in favor? 6-0 in favor. Good night, everybody. And thank you very much for participating.

Howie: Good night. Thank you, Jackie.