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

July 13, 2018

TO: Members of the Committee on Business and Economic Development,

RE: Letter from ANC3B in Support of Continued Funding for Clean Team Programs

The Glover Park neighborhood is extremely grateful for the award of a Clean Team grant to Changing Perceptions for cleaning the public areas in our commercial district. The Clean Team has been active in Glover Park for two years now and the neighborhood is a better place because of them.

The Glover Park commercial district extends for four long blocks along Wisconsin Avenue and is not large enough to support a business association, which in many cases in other neighborhoods would be responsible for upkeep of the commercial area. We no longer are faced with morning sidewalks littered with cigarette butts and trash or have to walk through wind-blown trash that has escaped poorly maintained dumpsters. Visitors to Glover Park businesses now see an avenue that looks cared for and welcoming – thanks to the Clean Team.

Our sidewalks were redone a few years ago, but soon were covered with ugly, black gum spots. The Clean Team periodically scrape off the gum. Sporadic graffiti is now gone as fast as it appears. Tree boxes finally get weeded and mulched. The Clean Team also takes responsibility for shoveling snow from sidewalks along Wisconsin Avenue when store owners and property managers fail to do so. They clear the sidewalk that borders Guy Mason Recreation Center and Playground, which had never been shoveled until the arrival of our Clean Team.

This year we asked the team to help with litter that has spread from the commercial area for a half block into a residential area alongside Starbucks, CVS and onto a part of the alley behind CVS, which is notoriously uncooperative about keeping its premises litter free. The team agreed to send a crew up Hall Place to the alley once a week, even though it wasn’t in the contract. We are very grateful for their willingness to work where their efforts are most needed. We are asking DSLBD to include this small additional space in the renewed contract with Changing Perceptions to provide Clean Team services in Glover Park for the 2019 fiscal year.

Changing Perceptions has been particularly available and responsive to the neighborhood. It is a partnership we value and one that we sincerely hope will continue. We therefore request that the budget for the Department of Small and Local Business Development for FY2019 be sufficiently funded so that Glover Park can continue to benefit from the Clean Team program.

Sincerely,
Jackie Blumenthal
Vice-Chairman, ANC3B

For the Commission, as approved at a duly noticed meeting on July 12, 2018, at which a quorum was present.