

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



**ANC3B Public Meeting Minutes**  
**October 11, 2018**

Chairman Brian Turmail (3B05) opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Other Commissioners in attendance were Ann Mladinov (3B01), Jackie Blumenthal (3B02), Melissa Lane (3B03), and Mary Young (3B04), which constituted a quorum. (Three of the five Commissioners make a quorum.)

Chairman Turmail made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and the Commissioners voted 5-0 to adopt the agenda as presented.

**Police Report**

Lt. Ralph Neal of MPD Second District and Public Service Area 204 (including ANC3B) reported on crime in the area for the previous 30 days. There were no violent crimes and slight reductions in property crimes in PSA204 compared to August 2018.

Commissioner Young raised the continuing concern about traffic speeds on Cathedral Avenue between Massachusetts Avenue and New Mexico Avenue. Lt. Neal recalled that he had gotten a traffic speed monitoring device placed on that section of Cathedral Avenue, and Commissioner Young asked if it could be brought back, near Cathedral and Idaho Avenue. Lt. Neal agreed to be in touch with the MPD officers in charge of the speed monitoring devices and request one or two to be placed in the area.

Lt. Neal also reported that MPD sought a warrant for the arrest of the homeless individual accused of breaking the glass in the storm door at the home of Commissioner Blumenthal in the early morning of September 6, but the U.S. Attorney's office did not approve issuing the warrant. The same individual was arrested in mid-September for a different infraction but there has been no action on that case so far.

Chairman Turmail asked if it would be helpful for the ANC members to speak with the U.S. Attorney's office. He and Commissioner Blumenthal were scheduled to meet on October 17 with representatives of MPD, DC Department of Human Services, and DC Department of Behavioral Health to discuss incidents involving homeless individuals in the community, the various agencies' policies and programs for responding, their approaches for coordinating with each other, and recommendations for which authorities ANCs and the public should contact in situations related to individuals who are experiencing homelessness.

Susan Spencer asked about a homeless man with a hammer in front of the old location of the Heritage India restaurant, who appeared to be the same person Commissioner Blumenthal was discussing.

Dorothy Biondi had also passed along information about several incidents involving homeless individuals in north Burleith. Commissioner Blumenthal reported there appears to be a homeless encampment behind Holy Rood Cemetery. Some neighbors are talking about installing bright lights in their yards. Chairman Turmail noted that the city offers partial rebates for residents, businesses and non-profits that install security cameras and register them with MPD. See: <https://ovsjg.dc.gov>

DC Department of Public Works (DPW) Community Relations Specialist Celeste Duffie was scheduled to present the DPW plans for collecting fall leaves and holiday trees and greens. She was not able to attend, but several residents asked about DPW leaf collection services. One question: including whether landscape contractors are allowed to blow leaves into the street or pile leaves in the street. Commissioner Blumenthal responded that leaves are not supposed to be put in the street, and Chairman Turmail suggested calling 311 to report infractions. [Leaves are to be placed in the tree boxes or, if there is no tree box, on the curb, but NOT in the street.]

### **Resolution on DDOT Guidelines for Small Cell Technology**

Commissioner Mladinov introduced a letter to DDOT's Public Space Committee on its proposed Design Guidelines for Small Cell Technology, to present to the committee's public hearing on October 15. The guidelines would set standards for telecommunications providers such as Verizon and AT&T when they apply for permits to install "small cell" antennas to handle 4G and 5G phone and data service in commercial and residential neighborhoods in the District. The carriers are proposing to put up their own poles to hold the antennas as well as auxiliary units, which DDOT's guidelines suggest could mean as many as one or two poles per block for each company, located as close as 10 feet from another pole. Five telecommunications companies have already signed Master Licensing Agreements with DDOT allowing them to begin installing small cell technology. DDOT's draft guidelines would allow for comments only on a company's first proposed small cell installation in each neighborhood, not for any subsequent installations.

The ANC letter recommended that DDOT defer adopting design guidelines until the DC Council has had a chance to hold hearings on the issue, all wards have been provided informational briefings on the plans, and ANCs and the public have had an adequate. The ANC letter also urged DDOT to consider more fully the effect of small cell installations on the appearance of neighborhoods, visual clutter and safety risks; encourage companies to share poles; and provide clear opportunities for ANCs and others in the community to be notified of proposed small cell installations and be able to submit comments. Cole Wogoman, ANC3B liaison to Councilmember Cheh's office, reported that she would hold a hearing November 19 on the small cell issue in the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, to hear more from DDOT and the public.

A resident of ANC3C asked about Verizon crews that have been doing work in the neighborhood without notice to neighbors about the work, and she had not been able to fine a permit. She wondered if the work might be related to 4G/5G service. The ANC had not been given any notice but Chairman Turmail had gotten word from DDOT that the work was related to bringing FIOS into the area, not 4G/5G. The resident suggested that the city should require Verizon to provide a map of where it is working, minimize the visual effects of the units it is installing, and pay a higher fee than the \$100 the Master Licensing Agreements require. Mr. Wogoman said that the Federal Communications Commission had issued regulations in September limiting the fees a city can charge for 4G/5G installations and also requiring a city to act on a permit application within 60 to 90 days, which would severely limit the oversight an agency could exercise when there are several companies requesting as many as 2000 or 2500 small cell units in the city, as DDOT's materials have reported will be the case with 4G/5G. Commissioner Blumenthal asked Mr. Wogoman to take back the questions to CM Cheh and work on getting fuller answers to the concerns.

Commissioner Mladinov made a motion to vote on the letter to DDOT about small cell technology. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve. Chairman Turmail designated Commissioner Mladinov to represent the ANC at DDOT's October 15 hearing.

### **Resolution on Clean Energy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018 (B22-0904)**

Commissioner Mladinov presented a proposed resolution urging that the DC Council complete hearings on the Clean Energy DC bill and move it to the full Council for a vote this session. Councilmember Cheh introduced the bill in July and held a hearing on it on October 9. The bill, which was the subject of a presentation at the ANC's September meeting by CM Cheh's Legislative Director Nicole Rentz, would raise the city's Renewable Portfolio Standards to 100% by 2032, require DOEE to adopt energy efficiency performance standards for District buildings, raise the small fees on gas and electric bills by \$3 to \$5 per

month to provide additional funds to support research and assist low income households with energy efficiency improvements for low income residents, require the DMV to adjust excise taxes on motor vehicles to correspond to their fuel consumption and carbon emissions, and authorize the Mayor to coordinate with nearby states on initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as a “carbon tax.” The resolution was designed to be submitted for the written record of CM Cheh’s hearing and also to be presented at the hearing on October 29 before Kenyan McDuffie’s Committee on Business and Economic Development. Commissioner Blumenthal made a motion to vote on the resolution. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve. Chairman Turmail designated Commissioner Mladinov to represent the ANC at the hearing.

### **Updates and Information**

Commissioner Lane reported that the Glover Park Business Improvement Task Force had a table at Glover Park Day on September 15 and took a survey on what people want to see in the Glover Park commercial area. Commissioner Blumenthal said a total of 345 people had completed the survey and it would also be put online so more people could provide their input, and the information would be shared via the Glover Park listserv, email lists, the GPCA and ReEnvision Glover Park Facebook page. She also described several other task force initiatives to figure out how to reinvigorate the area in the wake of the loss of foot traffic caused by Whole Foods being closed. One booth at Glover Park Day was a “selfie station” encouraging people to write messages about reopening the Glover Park Whole Foods, hang them on a large section of fence at Guy Mason Recreation Center, and then take photos of themselves in front of the fence to post to Twitter, as a message to Whole Foods and its landlord.

Commissioner Blumenthal reported that virtually all of the survey respondents supported reopening the Whole Foods, and she remains hopeful the store will come back. The survey responses also indicated a lot of support for family-oriented businesses in the commercial area including an ice cream shop, a bakery, and children’s shops. The task force is also considering whether to propose forming a Main Street program in Glover Park, which Councilmember Cheh said she would support. The city offers grants to local Main Street organizations, as part of a national program to improve the commercial area, promote local businesses, attract more foot traffic, and make a better community, The first year Glover Park could qualify for would be in FY2020, which starts October 2019.

Commissioner Mladinov mentioned a series of messages on Twitter in early October about safety at the intersection of Fulton Street and Wisconsin Avenue, including suggestions for a HAWK (pedestrian-activated beacon) on Wisconsin at Fulton Street. She noted that the ANC had adopted a resolution urging DDOT to investigate traffic safety at that corner, and DDOT had agreed to remove several parking spaces that had been added in the former bus stop on southbound Wisconsin but sight lines are still difficult and several recent crashes had been reported, as well as several pedestrian injuries and close calls. Susan Spencer, who lives at that corner and has been the resident association president at 2800 Wisconsin, said that is a very dangerous intersection and she has been working with Commissioner Mladinov to request a fuller Traffic Safety Investigation covering the 2800 of Wisconsin, including the intersections with Fulton and Garfield. Commissioner Blumenthal said the safety concerns at Wisconsin and Fulton have been an issue for at least 10 years, which is why the ANC supported moving the bus stops for Metrobus 30 series routes at Fulton and Wisconsin to Garfield, where there is a traffic signal. One of the aspects of lifting the No Left Turn at Massachusetts and Observatory Circle was to discourage traffic from Massachusetts Avenue from using Fulton Street as a way to access Wisconsin during rush hours. She also recalled that DDOT had considered the request for a traffic signal at Wisconsin and Fulton in the past and had said a signal could not be located there, because the intersection was too close to the traffic signals at Garfield and at Edmunds.

Ms. Spencer mentioned a suggestion for No Left Turn from eastbound Fulton onto Wisconsin Avenue, or one-way only for through traffic on the block of Fulton west of Wisconsin Avenue. Commissioner Blumenthal recommended taking the request to DDOT, since those options had not been taken to DDOT before. She also suggested the new ANC3B08 Commissioner across Wisconsin Avenue would probably also

be interested in traffic safety at that intersection, once the election is concluded. Commissioner Mladinov said she would invite people to a coming ANC meeting to discuss safety considerations at the intersection.

**Open Forum**

Dorothy Biondi announced the Glover Park Fix-It Fest on October 20 on Georgetown Plaza at 2233 Wisconsin Avenue, offering the public free fitness activities and food and fix-it information, sponsored by the Ace Glover Park Hardware Store, Breadsoda, Elements Fitness and Wellness Center, Rocklands Barbeque, and Urban Athletic Club.

David Rydzeski, Institutional Relationships Manager with Ascensus Government Savings, made a brief presentation on the DC College Savings Plan which allows District residents to save up to \$4,000 for a single filer and \$8,000 per year for a joint filer for college costs, K-12 school tuition, or vocational training, tax-deferred with tax-free withdrawals. He is the representative designated to be the contact with families in the District about the savings plan. [www.DC529.com](http://www.DC529.com)

Vicki Gersten, candidate for Commissioner in ANC3C08, spoke about the memory care facility that is the subject to a zoning application at 2619-2623 Wisconsin Avenue, at the corner of Wisconsin and Edmunds, proposed by MED Developers. In 2016 the city entered a letter of understanding with the developer to build temporary housing for homeless families on that site. Ms. Gersten said that neighbors are concerned about the lack of experience of the contractor, the design and financial viability of the project, and what might be done with the building if the memory care facility failed. She circulated a petition opposing the project and encouraged residents to sign it. [www.guestservicesdc.com](http://www.guestservicesdc.com)

David Krucoff spoke briefly about the organization he founded and directs called “Douglass County,” supporting the retrocession of the District of Columbia (except for the monumental core) to the State of Maryland as the most direct and expeditious way to gain District residents the right to vote for members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. The name Douglass County comes from the name of Frederick Douglass and also maintains the initials “DC.”

**Administrative Items**

Commissioner Mladinov made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission’s September meeting. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Mary Young presented the monthly financial report for June:

**ANC3B September 2018 Financial Report**

OPENING BALANCE:	\$11,883.53	
Income:	\$0.00	
Total Income:	0.00	
Outgoing:	\$ 1,412.00	Check #1291 Grant to Iona Senior Services for Ceiling-Mounted Projector and Bulbs
	\$ 1,918.12	Check #1292 Grant to DC Food Project for Printing and Materials
	\$ 99.50	Check #1294 Reimburse Jackie Blumenthal Printing for Glover Park Day
	\$ 4.26	Check #1295 Reimburse Jackie Blumenthal Office Supplies for Glover Park Day
Total Outgoing	\$3,433.88	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$8,449.65	

Chairman Turmail made a motion to approve the monthly financial report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the September Monthly Report as presented.

Commissioner Young also presented the financial report for the fourth quarter of FY2018. Chairman Turmail made a motion to approve the quarterly financial report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the Fourth Quarter Financial Report as presented

Commissioner Mary Young presented the proposed FY2019 budget for ANC3B, which had been presented at the September public meeting. Chairman Turmail made a motion to approve the FY2019 budget. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the proposed budget.

Chairman Mladinov announced the next ANC3B public meeting will be Thursday, November 8.

Chairman Turmail made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.