

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



**ANC3B Public Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2022**

Chairman Brian Turmail called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All five of the Commissioners were participating: Ann Mladinov (3B01), Jackie Blumenthal (3B02), Melissa Lane (3B03), Elizabeth Elson (3B04), and Brian Turmail (3B05), which made a quorum. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.) Chairman Turmail made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the agenda.

**Police Report**

MPD did not have a representative at the meeting so Commissioner Mladinov read the data on reported crimes in ANC3B in the past 30 days and the past 60 days (back to the previous public meeting in July). In the Commission area for the previous 30 days, the MPD crime statistics showed 1 stolen auto, 7 thefts from auto, and 6 general thefts, for a total of 14. The figures for the full 60 days showed a similar pattern.

**Presentation about the Work of the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission**

Outreach Specialist Brittany Bunch spoke about the 17-member Sentencing Commission and its ongoing review of sentencing policy and practices for criminal violations in the District and the Commission's Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines Manual. The 7 staff and Commission members are responsible for monitoring application of the guidelines, conducting research on sentencing trends, issuing an annual report and recommendations to the DC Council on sentencing policy and practices, and also performing outreach and public education. The Commission evaluates several factors in assessing recommended sentences for particular types of crimes, including the severity of the crime and the criminal history of the individual being sentenced. The Commission does not have the authority to change the current law or set the sentence in individual cases. (The Commission is also separate from the DC Criminal Code Reform Commission, which reviews potential changes in the classification of criminal violations.)

Ms. Bunch reported that the Commission has several new outreach efforts including new office hours for practitioners to ask questions, "Fact Fridays" to share key answers, a new YouTube channel, a short newsletter every 6 months, an issue paper "Compliant Departures," and the recent 2022 Sentencing Guidelines Manual. She offered contact information for anyone who wants more information: [scdc@dc.gov](mailto:scdc@dc.gov) or 202-727-8822.

**Discussion and Resolution on New Parking Passes for Teachers at Stoddert Elementary School**

Jill Sanderson, Manager of Strategy and Logistics for DCPS, made a presentation on Stoddert's request to the DC Department of Transportation for a number of special parking passes for Stoddert teachers to use on-street parking in the local area during school hours (8 am-3:30 pm). There are currently 60 employees at Stoddert, and only 11 parking spaces on the school premises. About 31% of employees walk to work, and the school is encouraging use of bicycles and public transportation. When the current capital improvement project is completed and the demountables are replaced by permanent classrooms (scheduled for school year 2023-24), the parking lot is expected to be restored to its capacity before the demountables. But for the current school

year, DCPS would like to have up to 20 parking passes for staff who cannot use other alternatives, which appears to be similar to the number of staff who have been using on-street parking spaces in the area. In previous years, the community had organized an effort to collect annual Visitor Parking Passes from nearby residents, for use by teachers and staff at Stoddert during the school year, while most of the parking lot has been occupied by “demountable” classrooms. (The Annual Visitor Parking Passes will remain valid only through November 25, 2022. DDOT has initiated a new parking pass system, and ended the practice of issuing an Annual Visitor Parking Pass to each residence in an RPP zone.) Over the summer, DDOT offered a new type of pass designed to make it possible for a certain number of staff members to park on streets near a school located in a residential area. Stoddert applied to participate in the program but has not been told how many passes DDOT might be willing to issue. There were several questions for Ms. Sanderson about whether there was resistance to the request from DDOT or elsewhere. No participants in the meeting raised opposition.

Chairman Turmail made a motion for the Commission to vote on asking him to write a letter to DDOT supporting the DCPS request for parking passes for Stoddert staff. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.

### **Discussion and Vote on Councilmember Mary Cheh’s Proposed Resolution RE Stoddert School**

Chairman Turmail described the resolution that CM Cheh has introduced in the Council supporting designs for the current capital improvement project at Stoddert that will allow the school to be expanded to accommodate additional students as needed in future years, and also to maintain boundaries that give Stoddert students the ability to attend the school that is closest to their homes rather than sending them to a more distant school. He noted that some preliminary proposals would have split up the Glover Park area and forced about half of area families to send their students to a new elementary school proposed on Foxhall Road near Reservoir Road.

Lauren Welsh of the Stoddert Local School Advisory Team (LSAT) reported that DCPS has continued to state that it plans to assign some local families to the Foxhall school, while CM Cheh’s proposed Sense of the Council Resolution echoes her statement in the spring that a new school on Foxhall would not be accessible or walkable for most Stoddert families. One point in the resolution supports modifications in the current capital improvement project at Stoddert to support construction of a third story at the school to provide more capacity, as needed. DCPS had intended to include that requirement in its Request for Proposals (RFP) for the capital project, but it was mistakenly left out so and DCPS has committed to write a letter to the DC Department of General Services noting the omission and saying DCPS supports that change, which should not change the cost of the contract.

Ms. Welsh also explained there had been another mistake in DCPS materials related to Stoddert and its capacity. In the spring, one document had referred to accommodating student enrollment of 554 at the school, which was several dozen more than the current capacity. DCPS subsequently estimated it would cost another \$1.5 million to boost the capacity to 554, and CM Cheh attempted to get that amount into the FY2023 budget but that had not been possible. The Council as hearing a hearing on CM Cheh’s resolution on September 27. Ms. Welsh encouraged more people in the Stoddert area, along with the Council and ANC, to make clear that Stoddert is very important to residents, and they hope DCPS will back expansion of the school and adopt boundaries that do not split up the Stoddert area. Commissioner Turmail made a motion to take a vote on supporting CM Cheh’s resolution which calls for providing the structural ability for Stoddert to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor if needed, states that the Foxhall School would not be a practical option for students in the Stoddert area, and calls for DCPS not to send students to a new school that would require a longer commute than they would have with their current in-boundary school. The motion was seconded and the Commissioners voted 5-0 to support the resolution.

### **Letter of Support for Rocklands’ Request to Have Entertainment for Art All Night on September 23**

Commissioner Blumenthal presented the request from Rocklands at 2418 Wisconsin Avenue NW to get approval from the Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration (ABRA) for a One-Day License to have entertainment as part of the Glover Park Art All Night program on the evening of Friday, September 23. Rocklands has had a liquor license but no entertainment endorsement, and was proposing to host a small band in their streatory that night. In the absence of objections, Commissioner Blumenthal made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting Rocklands’ request. The motion was seconded and the Commissioners voted 5-0 to support the resolution.

### **Presentation on Application for Special Exception for Addition at 2504 41<sup>st</sup> Street**

Toye Bello, counsel for the owner, and architect Ramy Ali of RAM Design presented the plans they submitted to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA Case 20783) for a Special Exception to build a recessed third story within the 40-foot height limit, add two private terraces, and new units on the ground level, converting the two-story semi-detached 4-unit apartment building to 9 units. The building footprint would remain the same, but the design would include new larger windows. They said the project would also include a green roof and construction of 5 parking spaces accessible from the alley. (The plans are available on the ANC3B home page.) They had shared the plans with nearby neighbors with a request for support and had not received any expression of opposition. The BZA hearing on the case was scheduled on September 14, 2022. Commissioner Lane made a motion to vote to write a letter to the BZA in support of the Special Exception. The motion was seconded and the Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve sending the letter.

### **DDOT Update on Proposed Design for Protected Bike Lanes on New Mexico/Tunlaw**

Since December 2021, the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) Bike Planning team has been assessing design options and public comments on prospective protected bike lanes and other traffic safety improvements on New Mexico Avenue and Tunlaw Road north of Calvert Street. On April 14, DDOT presented new preliminary designs. Over the previous two months, the DDOT team has been reviewing comments from residents as well as ANC3B's letter approved at the July 14 public meeting, and working on potential revisions to the designs. Following DDOT's usual practice at about the 65% point in developing project designs, DDOT Bike Program Analyst Mike Goodno and DDOT Community Engagement representative Christian Piñeiro also had a walk-through of the route in ANC3B in August with Commissioners Mladinov and Elson who serve the residents on the sections of Tunlaw covered by the current designs. On the walk-through, the DDOT representatives were able to look again at the areas raised in the comments and speak with several residents who live in the buildings where there have been particular concerns about additional safety improvements and the specific location of some of the on-street parking spaces in DDOT's plans.

At the meeting, Mike Goodno and Gilberto Solano presented the agency's latest designs, and discussed some further options the agency is considering to meet residents' concerns, including:

- adjusting the crosswalks and improving the designs for turning vehicles and pedestrian safety at Tunlaw and Davis and at Fulton and Tunlaw;
- possibly shifting the parking lane from the north/east side to the south/west side of the street between Calvert Street and 3850 Tunlaw, depending on residents' preferences;
- adding 5 more parking spaces on the south/west side of Tunlaw where the southbound turn/"slip lane" is proposed to be removed between Tunlaw and 39<sup>th</sup> Street, to protect bicyclists using the protected bike lanes;
- adding 16 to 19 parking spaces on the north/east side of Tunlaw between 39<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street;
- removing the small median and installing an additional 7 parking spaces on the south/west side of New Mexico Avenue just west of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Several residents shared comments, including reiterating requests to locate on-street parking spaces on the south/west side of the street alongside 2626-2634 Tunlaw Road; suggesting that more parking spaces on Tunlaw be designated RPP (two hour parking unless a vehicle has a Residential Parking Permit); recommending a Capital Bike Share station in the public property where the slip lane is now located at the intersection of Tunlaw and 39<sup>th</sup>; asking about assigning the spaces in front of the Colonnade to be short-term parking; urging special attention to the need for adequate turning radius at the intersection of Tunlaw and Fulton for vehicles entering the Colonnade driveway; and calling attention to safety issues at Tunlaw and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street where many vehicles run the stop signs. (After the ANC's request in July, MPD had assigned a traffic safety officer to observe that intersection in August, monitor compliance, and issue citations. A significant number of tickets were issued, about half of them for running the stop signs.) On Chairman Turmail's recommendation, Mr. Goodno agreed to take questions about improving safety at that intersection to traffic safety engineers at DDOT.

Mr. Goodno said that DDOT was planning to issue a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the project in the upcoming weeks, which would launch a public comment period of 30 business days for residents and affected ANCs

to respond to questions and submit additional suggestions, concerns or views on the plans at about the 65% point in the design process. He explained that when an NOI is issued at the 65% point, DDOT can make further adjustments based on public comments, before finalizing the designs and moving toward installation. DDOT would still like to begin construction before the end of 2022, if possible, though with some remaining details to work out on New Mexico Avenue in ANC3D, the schedule could still slide. Mr. Goodno expressed appreciation for the comments, encouraged people to watch for the NOI and participate in the official comment period. He also committed to returning to the ANC in October to hear additional comments.

### **Open Forum**

There were no additional questions or comments.

### **Administrative Matters**

Commissioner Mladinov had prepared the minutes for the July regular public meeting. Chairman Turmail made a motion to vote to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Mladinov had also prepared minutes for the August 10 Special Meeting about the proposed Medical Marijuana Dispensary in ANC3B. Chairman Turmail made a motion to vote to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Elizabeth Elson read the monthly financial report for July:

#### **July Financial Report**

OPENING BALANCE:	\$15,260.63
Incoming	\$ 0.00
Total Incoming	\$0.00
Outgoing	\$ 0.00
Total Outgoing:	\$ 0.00
CLOSING BALANCE:	\$15,260.63

Commissioner Elson reported that the bank statement for August was not yet available so she did not read a report for the month, but there had been no expenditures or incoming funds so she believed the report for August would show the same figures as the report for July.

Commissioner Elson also presented the ANC3B Quarterly Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY 2022, ending on June 30. Chairman Turmail made a motion to vote to approve the quarterly report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the quarterly report.

Commissioner Elson had prepared a draft proposed ANC3B budget for FY2023 which she presented, though the figures on the expected amount of the allotment for ANC3B were not yet available from the Office of ANCs. She noted that the allotment is proportional to the number of Commissioners in each ANC, and there will be 6 Commissioners in ANC3B beginning on January 1, 2023, rather than the current 5 Commissioners. She had prepared the draft based on the current allotment amount, calling for similar expenditures as in FY 2022 except for an additional \$2,000 for communications to allow for updating the ANC3B website. The Commission practice is to present the proposed budget at a public meeting and vote on the budget at the following meeting, based on when the official figures are available from OANC, so the Commissioners did not take a vote on the FY2023 budget at this meeting.

Chairman Turmail announced that the next ANC3B public meeting would be on October 13.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.