

Transcript of ANC 3B Meeting of August 8, 2024

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Call to Order [0:00:00]

Blumenthal: Good evening, everyone. Welcome to the special meeting of ANC 3B. We normally don't meet in August, but we're having this meeting tonight for two specific reasons. Before we start, let me remind everybody to please keep your microphones on mute and your videos off until you're called on to speak. And then you can turn on both of them, or just your microphone, it's up to you.

Approval of Agenda [0:00:47]

Blumenthal: The first thing we need to do is approve the agenda. I will note that our main order of business, which was to discuss an application for an internet cannabis operation, has been cancelled because the firm that applied pulled their application. They were having some

problems with it, and they decided not to apply. So we only have two major orders of business tonight to discuss. That said, I move that we approve the agenda. Second by Commissioner Lane. All in favor? Sorry. The motion carries, 5-0. I should also say that Commissioner Howie is not here tonight, so there is Commissioner Lane, myself, Commissioner Carroll, Commissioner Lavezzo, and Commissioner Bergmann in attendance.

Police Report [0:01:45]

Blumenthal: Fortunately, Lieutenant Johnson is with us tonight, and he can give us any updates and reports that are necessary now. Lieutenant Johnson?

Johnson: Hello, everyone. Thanks for having me at your special meeting this month. This month we don't have any violent crimes to report. We had one burglary on W Street of an unoccupied residence. That happened like in July, around the beginning of July. We did have an uptick in the theft from autos this month, and they mainly occurred between the 2200 block and 2500 block of Wisconsin. And we had like two on the 4000 block of Tunlaw. The Wisconsin ones were personal vehicles, mainly unlocked. But the Tunlaw ones were like work trucks. They broke into those and took tools. So we're going to concentrate on those theft from autos going forward in those areas. Also, we had one motor vehicle theft. That was a moped. Somebody's moped was stolen from their yard. And also we have a community walk coming up for the PSA 204. This time it's going to be in the Glover Park, like the Calvert area, Calvert Street area and Connecticut. It's going to be on August 24th at 6:30 p.m. That's a Wednesday. I'll put it in the chat to remind everyone if you want to attend. We talk about safety issues and things going on in the community, and how we can improve services. Usually have partners show up like DPW, parking enforcement. Sometimes the Mayor, I mean the Councilmember shows up, Frumin. Other than that, that's all we have for the crime report in Glover Park. Any questions anyone have for me?

Lane: How many theft from autos were there?

Johnson: Theft from autos, there were seven.

Lane: Okay, thank you.

Johnson: Yes, ma'am.

Blumenthal: I have a question. There was an incident at the Sheffield Apartment buildings -- which are, I don't know the exact address on Wisconsin Avenue, but it's right in the middle of our commercial area -- a while back where the police came there to do a welfare check on someone whose family was checking in on her and hadn't heard from her in a while. And there is no front desk, and there is no manager. But it's a condo with a board and a committee, and people offered to help the police make contact with the apartment. There was even somebody

there with a key, and the police said that they could only deal with the manager, and they just left. Whereupon the woman with the key went to the woman's apartment, and she was dead in there. And so the people in the apartment building were very disturbed that this welfare check just gave up so easily when it was offered help. So I want to pass that along, and also wonder if you know anything about it.

Johnson: I do not. That's not a normal situation. Anytime we usually have a key, or someone who's willing to go inside the apartment, we usually do for welfare checks. Do you know what month, what date this was?

Blumenthal: Yeah, I actually, I have the email. I forwarded it to you, but it may not have gotten to you. I'll have to go back and check, and I'll send you the email again from the Sheffield tomorrow. Okay?

Johnson: Yeah, I want to look into that. That doesn't sound like something that we usually do. Usually we go in and check on these people when we can. Especially when we have a key.

Blumenthal: Yeah, I thought it didn't sound right either.

Johnson: That doesn't sound right to me.

Blumenthal: Okay, good. Well, I'll pass that along tomorrow then, thank you.

Johnson: All right, thank you.

Blumenthal: Any other questions from commissioners? Are there any participants who have a question for Lieutenant Johnson? Okay, thank you for showing up tonight, Lieutenant Johnson. We appreciate it.

Johnson: All right, thank you, any time.

Blumenthal: Okay, see you in September.

Johnson: All right, be safe.

Blumenthal: Bye.

New Business [0:05:40]

Vote on Maharaja Full-Service Liquor License with Full Hours [0:05:40]

Blumenthal: New business. Do we have anyone here from Maharaja? And if so, could you

unmute yourself and say so? Okay.

Lane: I don't see anything.

Blumenthal: All right.

Carroll: I just had dinner there. It was good.

Blumenthal: Yeah, I had dinner there last night myself. We took it out. I eat there, we eat there a lot. So we can handle this. We're obligated to invite the owner whenever we take up an issue. He was invited, he accepted. I sent him the Zoom link. Maybe it didn't work. But in any case, they have applied for a liquor license, full service, full hours, which means they can stay open and serve liquor until 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m., I think it is. 2:00 a.m. on weeknights, 3:00 a.m. on weekends.

Lane: Right.

Blumenthal: Did somebody come in?

Lane: No.

Blumenthal: Okay. Even though they're not open that late, but I guess they want to go for the full show to start with. And I put out a call for comment and got nothing, but you know, people like eating there. And we just need to decide if we want to weigh in with a very positive letter to ABRA, if we want to protest the license, or if we just want to let it go? If we let it go, they'll get their license. So I move that we show our approval for the license by letting it go through.

Bergmann: I second.

Lavezzo: Second.

Blumenthal: All in favor? Okay, motion carries, 5-0.

Updates and Information [0:07:40]

Blumenthal: So I have two updates for the record. One is that the Circulator bus that runs between Union Station and Holy Rood Cemetery will go on a shorter-- It will end at 9:00 starting October 1st, and will end altogether starting December 31st. The Circulators have been removed from the Mayor's budget for FY '25 and possibly the future as well. And the other thing that I wanted to note was DC Water will be doing some sewer checks and sewer cleaning in the Cathedral Heights area starting soon, just to give people a notice that that's what's going on.

Carroll: Jackie, just a note. I looked at the map, and more of it looks to be in your area than Cathedral Heights despite what it said on the-- I don't know if the map was inaccurate, or the verbage was inaccurate.

Blumenthal: We just got the newsletter from Councilmember Frumin, and he said Cathedral Heights, Wesley Heights, Woodley Park, and some other place. So we'll see what happens, but at least we'll know what it is, wherever they do it. Apparently they're going to do it forever, for all of next year, throughout the District. So it will show up somewhere at some point. Does anybody else have an update to add? Okay.

Open Forum [0:09:14]

Blumenthal: Open Forum, do we have people in the audience who have anything they want to report on or ask us about? Just raise your hand or start talking.

Lane: Nothing.

Blumenthal: Okay.

Administrative Matters [0:09:34]

Blumenthal: We are moving on to administrative matters, which is one of the reasons that we're having this meeting. We need to approve our third quarter financial report. So, Commissioner Lavezzo, do you want to take over? Oh, actually, one minute. Let's just approve the July minutes while we're here. I move that we approve the July minutes. Commissioner Bergmann, second. All in favor? Motion carries, 5-0. Thank you. Now, Commissioner Lavezzo, the floor is yours.

Lavezzo: All right, I'll make this quick and painless. So for July we started the month with \$43,679.10 in our account. We ended with \$41,465.59. There were no deposits. There was only one check we wrote for a grant of \$2,213.51. And the next part I have to very specifically say this is for the fiscal year 2024, quarter 3 quarterly financial report. And we had some deposits this quarter since we were back in compliance. We had \$11,955.63 deposited for our ANC allotment. We wrote \$2,500 in grants, and we had one bill we paid for \$190.31. That means we ended the quarter-- Sorry, we began the quarter with \$34,413.78. We ended with \$43,679.10 at the end of the quarter. That's it for the report, and I believe I have to make a motion to approve the fiscal year '24 quarter 3 financial report.

Blumenthal: Commissioner Carroll seconds the motion. All in favor of approving the third quarter report? Motion carries, 5-0. Thank you, Commissioner Lavezzo. Anything else from anyone? Because this is all that we have on our agenda. Well, for an August meeting that was pretty sweet and short. Thank you all for doing this.

Lane: There's somebody coming in, but I think--

Blumenthal: Oh, that's okay.

Lane: But I think she's from 4100 Cathedral. I think she's a participant.

Blumenthal: Okay, all right. So our next meeting will be Thursday, September 12th. And the agenda will be circulated, as usual, at a minimum of a week before the meeting. I move we adjourn the meeting. Second, Commissioner Lavezzo. All in favor? Motion carries, 5-0. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you all very much. Have a great summer, rest of summer.

Lavezzo: Thank you.