

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



**ANC3B Minutes**  
**January 8, 2015 Public Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal (3B02). This was the first meeting of the new 2015-2016 term, following the swearing-in of ANC Commissioners on Friday, January 3, 2015. Commissioners Ann Mladinov (3B01), Abigail Zenner (3B03), and Mary Young (3B04) were present. Brian Turmail (3B05) was not able to attend because of an out-of-town meeting scheduled before the election.

Commissioner Blumenthal announced that the first order of business would be election of new officers for 2015-2016 and presented a proposed slate: Jackie Blumenthal (3B-02), Chairman; Brian Turmail, Vice Chairman; Mary Young (3B-04), Treasurer; and Ann Mladinov, Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to present the slate for a vote and the election of the officers was approved unanimously, 4-0. The Commissioners also voted to approve the agenda for the meeting.

Lieutenant Ralph Neal, Metropolitan Police Department Second District (PSA 204), gave the monthly police report for the period 12/08/2014 to 1/07/2015. He said the month had seen an improvement over the previous January, with no violent crimes in the area (homicides, sexual offenses, robberies/with guns, or assaults with dangerous weapons). Thefts from autos were down 30% from 23 last year to 16 this year. Stolen autos were down 25% from 4 to 3. Other thefts, however, were up from 9 to 18. Lt. Neal noted that the main crime he noted in Glover Park in December was theft of packages left by parcel delivery trucks and then stolen from the porch before the residents could retrieve them. He advised that residents secure their package deliveries immediately after they are dropped off, and arrange for a neighbor to take the package off the porch if the resident is not going to be at home when the delivery is made. Lt. Neal said that the area around Tunlaw and Glover-Archbold Park was still getting hit by thefts from autos and he advised people not to leave anything visible in the car, even a few coins. He said the thefts in Ward 3 are generally crimes of opportunity; if people looking for opportunities see a possibility to snatch something of value while no one else is in the vicinity, they will open a car door or break a window to take it. He said he had reviewed the video footage taken by private security cameras in the area and the video always showed different people committing the thefts. Lt. Neal also talked about thefts of airbags, which had been a problem in Glover Park in the fall

but from the December data he thought it had shifted to Cleveland Park. He said he would report back at the next meeting.

Dee Smith from the office of Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh made a special presentation to outgoing ANC3B Chairman Brian Cohen of a resolution enacted by the DC Council thanking him for his service to the District of Columbia through four terms on the ANC, including two terms as chairman. The ANC members shared their appreciation for Brian's work.

Picking up a topic from the December meeting, the Commission heard a presentation about the proposed acquisition of Pepco by Chicago-based Exelon Corporation, given by Robert Robinson of Grid 2.0 Working Group [www.grid2point0.org](http://www.grid2point0.org), which was formed to support modernizing the electric grid to save energy, encourage distributed sources of power, and make more use of renewable energy. Mr. Robinson is a formal intervenor in the Pepco-Exelon case, opposing the acquisition before the city's Public Service Commission (PSC) which is responsible for making the decision about whether to approve the Pepco sale. Mr. Robinson outlined Grid 2.0's concerns about the proposal and the potential adverse effects it would have on electricity prices in the city, including reduction in opportunities for saving costs and resources through environmentally friendly solutions such as residential solar power. He recommended that anyone concerned should submit a statement opposing the sale to the PSC at the public hearings still ahead in January or in writing by the deadline of March 26, 2015. Chairman Blumenthal said the members of ANC3B intend to vote on a resolution on Pepco-Exelon at the next ANC meeting on February 12.

Chairman Blumenthal presented brief updates on two other issues. DC Water has been evaluating alternatives for repairing or replacing the large century-old sewer/stormwater pipes running under the ground from north to south for the length of Glover-Archbold Park. DC Water says it has not made any decisions but is still considering alternatives, potentially including relining the pipes or installing a pumping station to allow using pipes outside the park. The challenge appears to be more difficult than DC Water initially realized, and they are not yet at the point of selecting an approach or doing an Environmental Impact Statement. Chairman Blumenthal said ANC3B has made DC Water aware of the neighborhood's concerns about possible impacts of repair or construction work on the community and the park, and will continue to be in touch with the project director to stay updated.

The final discussion item on the agenda was a follow-up to ANC3B's October 23 meeting when it passed two resolutions advising the DC Department of Transportation: a) to remove a curb cut on W Place that is now unnecessary because the alley has been decommissioned, and b) to remove the "No Left Turn" signs for the southbound lanes of Wisconsin Avenue at Calvert Street during rush hours. Chairman Blumenthal noted that DDOT had not yet responded to the resolutions. Dee Smith from Councilmember Mary Cheh's office said she had talked to the Councilmember about the matter and they would be talking to DDOT. Ms. Smith said they hope to have something to report back from DDOT by the next ANC meeting.

**Open Forum:** There were no comments from public participants during the Open Forum. Chairman Blumenthal noted that a representative of “Talking Transition” had been at the meeting at the beginning and distributed flyers inviting people to participate in the January 17 discussion at the Convention Center about policy challenges for the city.

**Administrative Items:** The ANC took up three administrative items on the agenda.

First, a motion was made and seconded for ANC3B to participate in the 2015 ANC Security Fund. The Commission voted to approve, 4-0.

Second, Treasurer Mary Young presented the December 2014 Financial Report (included below). A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report. The Commission voted to approve, 4-0.

**ANC3B – December 2014 Monthly Financial Report**  
(Approved at January 2015 meeting)

**Checking Account**

**Opening Balance:** \$6,204.39

**Withdrawals:** \$345.16

Check #1236 - \$158.41 for Two Ceremonial Plaques

Check #1237 - \$186.75 for ANC3B Domain Registration

**Deposits:** \$2,930.71

**Closing Balance:** \$8,789.94

The ANC approved three expenditures for the current month: \$25 to participate in the 2015 ANC Security Fund; \$90 for DLM Web Management System, and \$47.70 to reimburse Chairman Blumenthal for the new nameplates to identify the ANC members at the head table at each meeting.

Third, Chairman Blumenthal presented the minutes from the December 10 meeting for approval. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as prepared. The Commission voted to approve, 4-0

Chairman Blumenthal announced that the next public meeting of ANC3B will be on February 12, 2015, at 7:00 pm. She announced that at the February 12 meeting, in addition to the vote on Pepco-Exelon, ANC3B also expects to have presentations by the principal of Stoddert School and the co-President of the PTA about activities and plans for the school. Treasurer Mary Young also announced that two representative of the city Office of Tax and Revenue will be at the February 12 meeting to explain what is new for DC 2014 tax filings including several changes affecting seniors' DC income taxes and property taxes.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm and was approved, 4-0.