

Transcript of ANC 3B Meeting of October 16, 2025

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Call to Order [0:00:00]

Approval of Agenda [0:00:00]

Turmail: Evening, everyone. This is ANC 3B, our October meeting. And apologies that we did end up moving this meeting, deviated slightly from our normal schedule. I guess last month we

were a week early. This month we're a week late, so we're trying to get back in balance. But this is the start of the ANC 3B's October meeting. And for those of you who don't know, I'm Brian Turmail. I represent 3B01? I'm having a moment.

Lane: 02.

Turmail: 02. Thank you for being my brain for me, Melissa. 3B02, and the chair. And we have Commissioners Lane, Rodriguez, Pollock, and Howie here, and Lavezzo. So we've got everyone here. And the first thing we need to do is make a motion to approve the agenda, which we did circulate at least a week in advance, and everyone's had a chance to review.

Lane: Are you going to add the MOCRS?

Turmail: Oh, I'm sorry. I would like to amend the agenda to include, right before the police report, a brief introduction of our newest MOCR. And hopefully when they get on they will explain for the umpteenth time, at least for me, what MOCR stands for. But it's the Mayor's representative in our part of Ward 3. Is there a motion to approve the agenda?

Howie: I'll second it or first it.

Turmail: You're going to first it. And Melissa, I'm taking your two fingers up to indicate that you'll second it. All in favor of the motion, say, "aye," or raise your hand.

Howie: Aye.

Turmail: That's six in favor, zero against. So, we're going to go ahead and get started.

Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) [0:04:48]

Turmail: I'd like to invite one of our MOCRS, Kendall Gibson, to introduce our next MOCR, and explain MOCR because I should know this by now, but I do not.

Gibson: Oh, I'm very ready to explain MOCRS to everybody here.

Turmail: Wonderful.

Gibson: Hi, everybody. I'm Kendall Gibson. I am the Ward 3 manager in the MOCRS office, which stands for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services. Essentially, we connect residents in Ward 3 to different DC agencies. A couple of ways that we do that, you can reach out to me over the phone or over email. And I also hold office hours once a month in

different public libraries on a Friday. And I publish all of the information advertising those office hours on listservs. I come to you today the wife of a champion. My husband got second place in the Glover Park wing-eating competition. Whoop whoop! Which I will be using as a bragging rights in Glover Park I think for the rest of my life, because he will never do it again. Because he suffered a lot with the spice. But Art All Night was so much fun. I went to Art All Nights all across Ward 3, and I think I had the most fun in Glover Park. So, congratulations to the Main Street and to everybody who helped put it together. I had a wonderful time. My main purpose of being here today is introducing our new faith liaison to the team. Her name is Charity Beam, and she is online, and I want to pass it off to her for her to introduce herself. But thank you everybody. I'll drop my phone number and email in the chat in case you want to chat about Ward 3.

Turmail: Thank you.

Gibson: Charity?

Beam: Hello. Good evening, everybody. I just wanted to jump on really quickly and say hello and introduce myself. As Kendall said, my name is Charity Beam, and I am the new faith community liaison for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, or MOCRS. And I'm actually for Wards 1 through 4, so you do have to share me a little bit. But I am mainly here to be a bridge builder between our faith communities and the DC government. And so kind of like what Kendall kind of mentioned of ways she can be like the kind of liaison and help with different city services, I'm really that for the faith communities. And so if you are a part of a faith community, I know we have all our commissioners here, if you know somebody that I should talk to, please reach out to me and let me know because I just started. This is my second week, so I'm still kind of getting to learn everybody and meet everybody. And so if you know somebody that you're like, "Please, please, please talk to this person," please let me know. So I will also drop my info in the chat. So, thank you.

Turmail: Awesome. So nice to meet you, Charity. Welcome, and thank you, and we look forward to working with you. And I'm sure some folks will be happy to send you suggestions of who in the faith community you should be working with that you may not already know. So I can think of one name, and I'm not even, you know, I may not be the best person to give you some suggestions on the faith community.

Howie: Also, Charity could you-- First of all, your name is very sort of apropos to your position. But, also, could you drop your information in the chat?

Beam: Yes, I'm putting it in right now.

Turmail: And for the record, while I cannot ever remember, for whatever reason, what MOCR stands for, I will say that the team from the Mayor's Office, including Kendall, have been incredible to work with. They are invaluable resources. And I know at least they make our lives much easier, and they do a great job connecting citizens to the services, the many services the District of Columbia government offers. So, we do very much appreciate their help. Even if I

cannot, for whatever reason, extend to them the courtesy of remembering what MOCRS stands for.

Howie: I put it in the chat for you, Brian.

Turmail: Thank you. I would love to tell you that I'll remember it a month from now, but I would not be honest. But I do appreciate it. Thank you, Charity. Welcome.

Police Report [0:09:02]

Turmail: Next up is the police report. I believe Lieutenant Johnson is on there. Welcome, and I hope you are doing well.

Johnson: Hello. Good evening, everybody. It's Lieutenant Paul Johnson from PSA 204, which includes ANC 3B, Glover Park. Good evening, everyone. This police report for this month looks pretty good. Again, we have 17 incidents to report. One was an ADW knife, which happened in the 2700 block of Wisconsin Avenue between an Uber Eats driver and a customer. They got into an argument, and the customer actually stabbed the Uber Eats driver. And we made an arrest on the scene that night, and that case is closed. It's an ongoing court case. We had one stolen auto. It happened on the 2100 block of Wisconsin. The victim left their bag unattended which had their ID and their keys in it, and the suspect was able to locate their car and steal the car. So, that's unfortunate. And then we had four theft from autos and 11 thefts. And so in total we had 17 incidents. And no homicides, no robberies. So, we're looking pretty good. Any questions about anything going on in Glover Park, police related, that I can help anyone with?

Turmail: Any questions from the-- For those of you who may be new to the ANC, we take questions to commissioners first, then we'll open it up to the broader community. Questions? I think I saw some hands. Gupi, and then Richard.

Howie: Sorry, I just-- Lieutenant Johnson, you said somebody's car was stolen because their purse was stolen and they backtracked the information to rob them? I'm sorry, I might have missed that.

Johnson: You got it right. Their bag was left unattended. The bag was stolen. The keys in the bag, you know, you have I guess a key fob. They probably went outside, hit the button to locate the car, and stole the car.

Howie: Okay. That's how I find my car when I forget where I parked it.

Johnson: Yeah, it's easy to find a car if you had that fob. You hit, you know, just hit the button. If it's nearby, it'll go off.

Turmail: Was the vehicle recovered?

Johnson: Not yet. Not yet.

Turmail: Sorry about that. Richard, you had a question? Or, Gupi, were you done? I'm sorry. Richard, you had a question or a comment?

Pollock: Yeah, just a couple. In the past I recall that there were about eight incidents per reporting month, and now it's 17. Am I making a mistake about the numbers that we've seen in the past? This seems like this is much higher than we've seen in the last six months.

Johnson: Yeah, you're right. In this case the thefts are up. Eleven reported thefts, we have 11. Usually we have like seven or eight. And then theft from autos we usually have one. We have four this time. Theft from autos, that's up. And one stolen auto. And we usually don't have any part ones. A part one would be like a serious crime, like a robbery, or assault, or homicide. We had one this time. So, it's up a little, but mainly because of the thefts, package thefts, theft from the stores.

Pollock: And I have a follow-up. There have been a lot of different attacks at like CVS where there's these, you know, kids come in as a mob or there's other kinds of thefts. Have you seen this decline in our area since the federal surge? Have you seen it increase? Have you seen it not change at all in terms of those kinds of sort of mob little assaults on these stores in Glover Park?

Johnson: We don't get too many mob thefts in Glover Park. Usually happens in Georgetown and 206 in the CVS's. But I can tell you since the feds have been here, the arrests for thefts from CVS has gone up. They've been really focused on those CVS's and making arrests.

Pollock: I guess I'm just asking about whether or not other stores have seen an increase in--

Johnson: Oh, it's decline. Definitely a decline. Definitely a decline.

Pollock: It's a decline. Okay, that's what I wanted to know. Is it a significant decline, or mild decline? How do you characterize it, sir?

Johnson: I would say significant decline from these flash mob thefts from stores on M Street and Gallery Place, significant decline.

Howie: So you're saying in areas that were not already kind of characteristically crime-ridden, more like where there was always like retail thefts?

Johnson: Exactly. Retail theft. You know, a flash mob would go in and steal a bunch of high-value item clothing and get in cars and drive off, that's been going down.

Pollock: And do you have any explanation for the decline in these retail thefts?

Johnson: I'll say the increased police presence. We have a lot of federal partners out there riding around with, you know, with the police. And anytime you have more police, you're going to have a little less crime when the police are visible, and seen and active.

Howie: Commissioner Howie here. Or the idea that there are more police out there. Actually, Lieutenant Johnson, I would love maybe if you could email me some like hard facts. Like, we could talk about this like as just general feelings. But, yeah, I don't want to make assumptions that things are happening for the good or the bad by increased federal presence.

Johnson: Well, you can just go on the DC Crime Cards and put in year to date.

Howie: What is it? DC Crimes what?

Johnson: DC Crime Cards. That's where the stats are kept for like all that we report on.

Howie: Could you put that in the chat? Because I'm having trouble understanding what you're saying.

Johnson: I'll put it in the chat. crimecards.dc.gov. I'll put it in the chat.

Howie: Thank you.

Pollock: May I follow up one more time?

Turmail: Please. Go ahead, Richard.

Pollock: So, prior to the federal surge or however you want to describe it, the federal presence, the police department was under strength by 800 positions, and then the federal forces came in. Do you believe that the addition of these federal forces is an explanation as to why we're seeing the reduction, particularly in this retail theft category?

Johnson: Yeah, without saying too much about what's going on with the feds. Yes, I think it's a big difference.

Pollock: Big difference?

Johnson: A big difference.

Pollock: Very interesting. Thank you.

Howie: And I just want to say on the record that there's no stats that define what big difference is.

Turmail: If I may, I'm going to ask a couple clarifying questions. You can have more questions. I don't want to keep anyone from asking. Lieutenant Johnson, as I understand it, so this is going to sound like a sentence, but it's a question. The Metropolitan Police Department is back under the authority of Mayor Bowser and the District of Columbia government. Correct?

Johnson: Yeah. Yes, sir.

Turmail: But we are continuing to see the enhanced support, I struggle to come up with a better phrase, or enhanced presence from federal law enforcement agencies working in cooperation or coordination with the Metropolitan Police Department? Is that correct?

Johnson: That's correct. Yes. Yes, sir.

Howie: I have-- Sorry, again, Commissioner Howie.

Turmail: Go ahead. Please, go ahead, Commissioner Howie.

Howie: How does this track with the trend that was already happening with decreased retail theft, auto thefts, that were already kind of gradually happening before the federal presence showed up? Like, is this a result of the federal presence, or was it already becoming a decreasing thing? So I just, I feel the need for myself to make that possibility like an option.

Johnson: Yeah. Like, without getting into all of the stats, let me give you an example for me as a working lieutenant in a district like 2D. Before the federal partners came and started assisting us and having a greater presence, we have license plate tag readers all over the Second District. When stolen cars come in, they hit the plate readers, we know they're there. They're committing theft from autos in the area of these stolen cars. Since they've been here, we've been getting very-- We're getting less hits for stolen autos coming into 2D to commit crimes. So the criminals know that the feds are out here with us, and unmarked. They're pursuing the cars that are stolen when we couldn't. And they're not coming in our district like they used to, frequently. That's from my experience. I can't tell you about the stats. I know it's less theft from autos because we used to get on a club night, like a Friday, Saturday night on M Street at Connecticut Avenue, maybe 17 or 18 at night when all these cars come in and go to clubs. Now we might get one report or two. That's hard stats from me, from my experience where I work at night in these areas.

Turmail: Before we wade too far into police federal cooperation politics, I do want to remind everyone that Lieutenant Johnson is the lieutenant in charge of a patrol service area, and is probably not the spokesperson for the broader Metro Police Department. And I don't want to get him into uncomfortable waters.

Johnson: We've been going down that road, but I'm trying to just give, explain from my experience what I'm experiencing.

Turmail: Fair enough. But I will suggest to the commissioners if this is an area we want to wade into, I'd be happy to reach out and see if we can get someone who can speak more broadly for the police department.

Johnson: The Public Information Office is probably better at giving you better stats and probably what you're looking for than me.

Turmail: I just wanted to keep Lieutenant Johnson from getting demoted to something.

Lane: I think that's a good idea, Brian.

Turmail: Yes. So, it's certainly an important topic. And I think all of us have a right to ask good questions about the public safety trends and what's going on in the District. And obviously this commission has weighed in on this in prior meetings as well. Excuse me one second. Someone's knocking. I'm in a hotel and someone's knocking on my door.

Johnson: But they have been helpful, I would say.

Howie: Well, thank you, Lieutenant Johnson, for your update.

Pollock: And, you know, I understand that the lieutenant can only talk about the Second District and not the entire District of Columbia. So, I very much appreciate it. But I also appreciate, Lieutenant, you're very honest about what you and your fellow officers see and feel. And, you know, so I appreciate the observations you've shared with us. I know it's not definitive, but it is an interesting observation by somebody who's right in the midst of all of this stuff. So, I appreciate your comment.

Turmail: Other questions from commissioners, or comments? I'm sorry. I didn't mean to-- I'll open it up for questions from the community. And maybe to tee that off, there is one question from the community members which kind of strays a little bit outside of our ANC, but asking if there is any enhanced police presence outside of Jackson Reed High School that you're aware of, Lieutenant.

Johnson: Yep. Yes, there is. Jackson Reed, there are also some schools that we have where they're tracking MacArthur School and another school where they're having beef. So the School Resource Officers, SROs, are definitely tracking them and increasing presence at those schools. And they meet at DuPont after school, and they've been having skirmishes, so they've been at DuPont and up in the 44, 4500 block of Wisconsin as school let out. And during the morning times when they are going to school.

Turmail: Gotcha.. When you say they are meeting up, I assume you mean the--

Johnson: The School Resource Officers. Yeah, SROs.

Howie: Hi, this is Commissioner Howie again. I just want to-- Sorry. Yeah, it's not a federal agent that's making that happen. It's like DC School Resource Officers.

Johnson: Yes. Yeah, School Resource Officers. MPD. They're MPD.

Turmail: Other questions for the lieutenant from the community? I think if you want to ask a question, you can just go to the control bar and raise your hand, and we would be happy to call on you. Or you can type in a question. I don't see other questions. So, I think we'll let Lieutenant Johnson get on with--

Howie: Does the Mayor's office-- I think, are they still on here? Do they want to?

Gibson: Hi. Yeah, we're still here.

Turmail: Did you want to weigh in on this subject?

Gibson: Sure, a little bit. There is one thing that I want to clarify just for saying-- Commissioner Turmail, you stated that we have regained control of the police?

Turmail: I asked. I didn't state, sorry.

Gibson: Oh, you asked. Okay. You asked if we had regained control of the police. I just want to clarify that we had never lost control of the police. We actually went to court with Brian Schwalb, and it was determined that Chief Pamela Smith was going to remain in control of the police. So that hadn't happened. The court decision did dictate that we had to cooperate with ICE throughout the presidential emergency. So that is something that forced our hand a little bit. But now that the presidential emergency is over, we are no longer working with ICE in terms of immigration enforcement. We are working with Homeland Security, which is a branch connected to ICE, but we are working more in customs as opposed to immigration enforcement. But we hadn't lost control of the police, fortunately. And that is the latest update. Oh, additionally, the Mayor did establish a, what was it called? An operations center where we could communicate with the federal forces throughout the surge. And now that the surge, the presidential emergency, is over, we are utilizing this operation center to communicate with the National Guard, send out consistent and accurate statistics. Just communicating clearly so we can move through this emergency, as well as utilizing them for services that DC does need in the wake of the \$1.2 billion of cuts that we had from our budget. So, we are making the best out of a situation that we hadn't asked for. And now the presidential emergency is over and we're continuing to cooperate. But that's where we're at currently.

Turmail: Thank you, Kendall. Richard, I see you have a question and we'll get to you, but one question. The operations center that you've set up, that's different than the operation center that was set up a year ago to enhance cooperation against all the law enforcement agencies?

Maybe it was two years ago. I did do a-- There was a community engagement forum with the Metropolitan Police, and part of the tour included that operations center. I'm just wondering if that's a separate one than this.

Gibson: Yes, that's the JIOWC. That's the joint operations center that we use in weather events and different emergencies. This is a separate operations center in response to the surge, specifically to communicate with the federal government.

Turmail: Okay. Thank you. Richard, you had a question?

Pollock: Sure. Kendall, you have a broader sense of a number of different, wards here in Washington. And I'm wondering, I was very encouraged by what Lieutenant Johnson said about the fact that the federal presence, let's put ICE aside -- let's forget about ICE for a moment -- that the reinforcements of additional law enforcement from the federal side had an impact, visibly, in Ward 2. I'm wondering, more broadly, does your office have any kind of sense about whether or not crime has been reduced? And if so, have you been able to figure out whether or not that is because of the federal surge or because of other reasons?

Gibson: Well, so the statistic that the Mayor spoke on when she testified in front of the council is that crime continued to reduce after the federal surge. I don't have specifics about, you know, in community relations we really deal with how people are feeling. So, I've been hearing feedback from across the city, mainly in Ward 3, and hearing feedback from my colleagues. But in terms of statistics, I can't state anything for sure and I apologize about that. But I do think that DC Crime Cards is a good resource for you. You can go very granular, ward by ward, to see how crime has been impacted since a certain date. So, I recommend that you use that resource.

Turmail: We'll take one more question from Commissioner Howie and then I'd like to move on, just because we've got a busy agenda and--

Howie: Same here. I would also like to move on.

Turmail: Go ahead, Gupi.

Howie: But I just wanted to say, our role as ANC 3B, and Kendall Gibson being the MOCRS for Ward 3 is really focusing hyper local, and what we can kind of like immediately control and feel. I just felt the need to say that. And I think Kendall should only speak on behalf of the Mayor in terms of Ward 3.

Turmail: And MOCR, by the way, is Mayor's Office of Community Relations. If I say it repeatedly, maybe it'll stick in my head. Sorry.

Howie: And Services.

Gibson: And Services.

Turmail: Oh, for crying out loud.

Gibson: And Services.

Turmail: See, I'm getting there. I am closer.

Gibson: People think we're plural. It's not plural. That's the full acronym. But speaking on behalf of the Mayor, you know, DC is a world-class city. We have a lot to be proud of. Home rule is our north star and we're going to push through this and continue to be the great home that we all are proud to live in. So, let's go. Statehood now. Anyways, back to you.

Turmail: There you go. Thank you. All of us did swear an oath to protect and defend not just the Constitution, but the Home Rule charter as well. So, we are on board. I'd like to open up to new business now. Thank you, Lieutenant Johnson. I hope you were finished. I'm going to take that as a yes. And I hope all of your officers remain safe. And if there's anything we can do as a commission for the police, obviously don't hesitate to ask.

New Business [0:28:41]

Presentation from the DC Department of Human Services [0:28:41]

Turmail: On new business, we do have a presentation from the DC Department of Human Services. We've got David Ross with us, the Chief of Staff. And I'm going to hand things over to you perhaps, David, to kind of introduce your colleagues and walk us through the presentation. And I'll just preface it by saying thank you. I know it's late in the evening and you probably all have other things to do. So we do appreciate you making time to come and present to us and to our community. So with that, the conch is yours.

Ross: Thank you so much, Commissioner Turmail, all commissioners and residents. Thank you for inviting us. This is what we do. Our responsibility is to provide accurate information, to engage the community. So, thank you for the opportunity to do so. My part is extremely brief. I am here to introduce three phenomenal colleagues that are really the source of information for you all tonight. So, joining us and presenting is Miss Jenna Cevasco, who is the Deputy Administrator and our Family Services Administration along with Jenna will be Stacia Frederick, who is our Homeless Coordinator. And then Tyler Edge is my special assistant. We're taking notes for any appropriate follow-up. So at this point I will turn it over to Jenna and Stacia to lead us in our presentation. Please.

Cevasco: Tyler, are you running the deck for us?

Ross: Jenna, Stacia.

Cevasco: Great. Can you guys hear me?

Lane: Yes.

Turmail: Yes, we can. Absolutely.

Cevasco: Okay, great. So as David said, my name is Jenna Cevasco. I'm Deputy Administrator for Permanent Housing at the DC Department of Human Services. Tyler, you can go to the next slide. We are going to talk with you a little bit about our mission tonight. We're going to talk about our point in time count, the homeless services landscape, and then we're going to talk to you about the permanent housing division programs, including permanent supportive housing. Next slide. So, the mission of the DC Department of Human Services is to provide meaningful and equitable services, supports, and access to resources for District residents to realize their goals. Next slide, David. DHS is dedicated to supporting District residents through a range of services promoting stability, economic mobility, and well-being. We do that through providing public benefits, through offering connections to social services, including workforce development. And through our continuum of care for homeless services, where you've probably heard the Mayor say this before, but we're committed to making sure that homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring. Next slide. Every year, the District participates in an annual point in time count at the end of January, to assess progress and identify needs in our community. And what that means is that hundreds of volunteers and residents spread out across the city and count every single person sleeping outside and in shelters. And this year our results showed a 9% decrease in homelessness from 2024 to 2025. Including an 18.1% decrease among families, and a 4.5% decrease among unaccompanied individuals. We attribute these reductions to a bunch of things, including the work that we've done on prevention and diversion, to the supportive case management that we're providing, and to the continued investments from the Mayor and the council in housing solutions. But you can also see from our point in time count data that there's still more work to do. There were nearly 3,800 individuals counted in the point in time count. So, people sleeping outside and in shelters. And 440 families in shelters. Next slide. DC offers a really wide range of services for people experiencing homelessness, or people at risk of homelessness. And this is a map of those services and how people might move through them. We use a progressive engagement strategy, meaning that we start our engagement by offering the least-intensive intervention needed to end an episode of homelessness. So what I mean when I say that is if a person owes back rent and might be evicted and needs assistance with rent, we're going to support them with rental assistance. We're not going to say, "Oh, come into our shelter system. here's a shelter bed." And similarly, if a mom kicks a child out of their house, we're going to support them with mediation to hope that mom takes the child back if they're, you know, following the family's rules again. And then we increase the level of support that we provide to be able to ensure that people are able to maintain housing on their own. That could include coming into shelter, or coming into one of our short-term family housing programs if their need is greater. And then the program that we want to talk to you about tonight is the most intensive service that we provide. And those are our permanent housing programs. Oh, they're not showing in the correct mode. Too small to see?

Tyler, is it possible to make them the full screen? That's probably better. On the right hand side you see our permanent housing programs. You can actually skip to the next slide. This year DHS has served 9,200 households through our permanent housing programs, including about 7,000 who are leased up today with a DCHA voucher. And just to give you a sense of how that fits into the larger voucher ecosystem, about a third of the vouchers in the city, the tenant-based vouchers in the city that are administered by DCHA, actually come with supportive services offered by the Department of Human Services. And I'm going to turn it over to my colleague, Stacia, to talk to you more about our permanent housing programs.

Frederick: Thanks, Jenna. Hi, everyone. So, I'm going to take a couple minutes, or a few minutes, to walk through the key components of Permanent Supportive Housing, also known as PSH. First I'm going to talk about target population. PSH serves individuals and families who face multiple intersecting challenges, people who are experiencing chronic homelessness, who also live with disabilities, behavioral health conditions, or complex medical needs. Many have survived years of instability or trauma before finally reaching safety through housing. Under affordable housing, tenants pay roughly 30 to 40% of their income toward rent and utilities, just like many other affordable housing programs. This structure ensures residents contribute what they can while maintaining financial stability. And for supportive services, participation in services is not forced. Residents work with case managers to access physical and mental health care, substance use treatment, life skills, training, budgeting, support, and employment services. The goal is empowerment, not control. Every participant defines what success looks like to them. Whether, again, if it's maintaining sobriety, connecting with family, improving health, or pursuing work and education, the case managers tailor support accordingly. Because PSH is grounded in the housing first philosophy, people don't have to prove they are ready for housing. Stability comes first, and recovery and progress follow. The real strength of PSH is that it meets people where they are and builds from there, focusing on progress, dignity, and lasting change rather than rigid preconditions. Next slide, please. So, before moving forward, I want to address some of the common misconceptions we often hear about PSH vouchers. Myth one, vouchers are free handouts. The reality, residents pay, again, residents pay approximately 30% of their income toward rent. They have a financial stake in maintaining their home, just like any other renter. The voucher simply bridges the gap between income and the high cost of housing in DC. Myth two, residents are lazy, or won't work, or won't take responsibility. The reality is many PSH tenants live with disabilities or health conditions that limit full-time employment. Some work part-time or engage in job readiness programs. The purpose of PSH, again, is to stabilize housing first, so residents can then focus on improving health, education, and income at a sustainable pace. Myth three, PSH brings crime or disorder to neighborhoods. The reality is research consistently shows that PSH reduces the use of emergency services and lowers neighborhood instability. Tenants sign standard leases and are held accountable for their behavior. If leases are violated, for example, non-payment or criminal activity, the residents can face eviction like anyone else. And last myth, tenants won't follow rules or get evicted with impunity, where the reality is all PSH residents must follow property rules. They must respect neighbors and uphold lease obligations. Accountability is built into the PSH program. PSH isn't charity without structure. It is really evidence-based intervention that saves taxpayer dollars, strengthens communities, and gives residents the stability to thrive. Next slide, please. So,

where do participants live? If we turn to the map, and I know it's pretty small, sorry. If we turn to the map, you'll see that PSH participants live across all eight wards in Washington DC. One of the guiding principles of PSH is choice. So, participants are not assigned a neighborhood or building. They choose where they want to live, often selecting areas that best meet their household needs for transportation, or supermarkets, healthcare, good schools. This ensures families and individuals can integrate into communities that support their goals and well-being rather than being concentrated in one single area. Now, looking at the bar chart, you can see, hopefully, that Wards 6, 7, and 8 have the highest number of PSH participants, with more than a thousand residents in each. Wards 1, 4, and 5 also have like a strong representation, while Wards 2 and 3 have the fewest participants. This means that Ward is not oversaturated with voucher holders. And what this data really shows is that voucher holders live citywide, contributing to the diversity, stability, and vitality of all eight wards. The goal is equitable access, ensuring every resident, regardless of income or background, has a fair opportunity to live in a safe and opportunity-rich neighborhood. Next slide. Okay, great. So, ending chronic homelessness in Washington, DC is a collective effort that depends on all of us, whether it be government, service providers, landlords, and community members. Here are a few ways you can make a meaningful difference in how you can help. So, number one, welcome your new neighbors. Pretty simple, right? When PSH residents move into your building or block, welcome them with the same warmth and respect you will offer any other neighbor. A simple hello or a thoughtful gesture can go a long way in fostering inclusive, compassionate communities where everyone feels seen and valued. As a Ward 3 resident, I witness these moments of kindness on a daily basis, especially when I'm walking my dog through the neighborhood. And it's this spirit of connection that makes our community truly special, I believe. Number two, if you see anyone who appears to need help, you can call the District's Homeless Services Hotline at 202-399-7093. This connects people to trained outreach workers who can assess their needs and link them to shelter, medical care, or housing programs. Number three, if you're a property owner or manager with available units, consider partnering with us at DHS. Stable housing depends on willing landlords. We offer guaranteed rent, support with case managers, and a dedicated partnership team. To learn more you can email at newleaseonlife@dc.gov. Number four, volunteer with our partner organizations, our wonderful partner organizations, such as Miriam's Kitchen, Pathways to Housing DC, and Friendship Place. These partners provide daily outreach, meals, and supportive services that change lives across the District. And five, lastly, stay informed. You can follow our citywide progress, through our interactive storyboard, a Path to Ending Chronic Homelessness in DC. It highlights milestones and outcomes that demonstrate how our collective effort leads to a measurable impact. Lastly, I just want to say, like, together we can ensure that every Washingtonian not only has a home, but feels welcomed, valued, and connected in the community they call home. So with that, thank you and we can open it up. Or I think Tyler's going next.

Turmail: Wonderful, wonderful. Thank you so much. I see we have a couple of commissioners with questions. Were you guys done with your presentation? I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt.

Edge: Yes, sir. We're done. I'm just sharing my contact information.

Turmail: All right, wonderful. I'll just repeat this for everyone in case you came in a little late. Our general practice here is to take questions from commissioners first, then to open it up to members of the community. And I see that we have some commissioners with questions. I will hold my questions, and I will try and get this in order that at least I noticed the hands going up. So, Commissioner Howie, I think you were first.

Howie: Okay. I have a lot to say about this. I will just say I have seen this work in a positive way. Just when it comes to families that have elementary school children, they move into the area, their kids get enrolled into Stoddert. Our community, like they just become like friends with our kids. It helps give our kids exposure to other people's life trajectories and histories. And it also helps us teach and facilitate those parents in helping them produce productive students. Versus concentrating people who are housing insecure into like a housing project building, where they are not surrounded by other people who did not have their unfortunate circumstances. So, I just wanted to say that I have seen it work when it comes to kids, families who have kids at Stoddert. And then I would-- I'll let Richard and Kevin speak. But I would like to call out Desiree Carey for things she is putting in the chat, but I will-- Come back to me, Brian, when Kevin and Richard talk.

Turmail: Of course. Okay. I think, I don't remember. I think, Richard, you had your hand up next, but if I got that wrong, apologies to Kevin.

Pollock: I think Kevin goes first. Go ahead, Kevin.

Turmail: Okay, there you go. Thank you. I'm glad someone was paying closer attention than I was. Sorry, Kevin.

Lavezzo: I don't mind. And I want to thank Gupi for speaking up first. Complete agreeance with her on her points. And I'll, you know, I have a lot to say as well, but I'll be brief. I do want to thank the Department of Human Services for all they do, and for attending our meeting and informing commissioners and our constituents about what they do to support residents of DC and how we can help. Anyone can help the houseless. It's critical that we have safety nets in place for when that does happen. You know, houseless folks or those without great means are our neighbors, and they deserve to be treated with the same respect as anyone else in the city and in Glover Park. Everyone is welcome in Glover Park, and supporting our neighbors is something that everyone in our neighborhood strives to do. We've seen this in our ANC meetings, community days, and listserv posts from people asking for help and others offering help to them. So, you know, everyone is welcome in Glover Park regardless of their financial means or their housing situation. And I'll leave it at that.

Turmail: Thank you, Kevin. And, Richard, you had a question or comment.

Pollock: Yes. First of all, I think that you do God's work. I mean, you just save the souls of so many different individuals and their families. So I just salute you, first of all, about the incredible work that you do day in and day out. Those that are already in the system, that is those who are

able to go and get housing, and they pay 30 to 40%, whatever it is, those people are on a glide path. I don't want to say glide path. They're on a path. They're on a path to sustainability and a path to hopefully a better life. What I want to know are about people who were in these tent cities that are not in the system, so to speak. And particularly about the removal of a lot of these homeless people that were sort of these tents. Talk to us a little bit about that group, because that seems to me to be the most desperate group, the most defenseless group among those that are-- And the most difficult group, maybe, for those that are homeless. Can you talk to, you know, you said 5% of all of the people who are individuals have been able to be in the system. Can you talk to me about what you've been able to do in the recent history, particularly with the elimination of these homeless encampments?

Ross: Jenna, would you like for me to respond?

Cevasco: Yeah, you can kick us off, and I can add to it.

Ross: Thank you. That was a great question, sir. So with respect to your question in particular, that's the intersection of our work, Department of Human Services, with Homeless Services and our Deputy Mayor, whose team takes the lead on encampment protocols. Whenever you see tents and structures, that's a definition of an encampment. One of the great things, of many, of this city, and similarly without appropriate laws, we can't make people leave. And so what our homeless outreach teams do, our outreach team at the Department of Human Services as well as our service provider partners do, is we maintain relationships. We have routine homeless services shuttle. We have teams that work all hours of the day, driving around, creating relationships, encouraging, motivating people to come in and let us help them create a plan to move forward. Our previous infrastructure for singles, which is by and large what we see in those tents, people have many different reactions to our former facilities available, which are known as low-barrier shelters. I think in the past two years you all may have seen a lot of information in the news about two new facilities we have launched. One being the Aston in the West End, and most recently this year, 25 E Street near Union Station. Those are what we call bridge housing models. I consider the Department of Human Services -- I've spent 21 years at this agency -- we're like a learning institution, right? Whenever we are dealing with a challenge that our services or our strategy has not worked, we conduct research. We're looking around the country, and we're trying to figure out what works. And what we've noticed, particularly during the pandemic when we set up hotels, if you remember, it seems so far away but not so far away. We set up hotels for unhoused residents who had medical issues, and what we found is when you have a tighter requirement of case management, a little bit more private space, folks are able to sort of release whatever anxieties or stress they're dealing with and actually have a plan to move forward. So what we have learned in the past couple of years is this bridge housing model is a successful way to support singles in the way we've seen great success with family homelessness declining once we closed DC General and establish short-term family housing shelters around each ward. And so this next focus of our Homeward DC plan is really changing the infrastructure of our singles shelters, which make them more conducive to positive growth forward in the next couple of years. We have a shelter currently on New York Avenue which shares an alley with Ivy City Smokehouse, which isn't maybe the best sort of combination of

spaces. We just received zoning approval. We will be moving the New York Avenue shelter to where the current animal shelter exists. And that shelter is moving. And it's a brand new build. We've worked with the Department of Behavioral Health to understand textures, and lighting, and gates, to ensure that we create spaces internally and externally that promote our residents moving forward. Jenna, I don't know if you want to add to that.

Cevasco: There's just one thing I want to add, and that is there are about 1,200 vouchers or people right now who are matched to vouchers that are going through a housing process, and about half of those are individuals. So they could be people that are staying outside, or in shelters. We are still working on moving people into permanent housing who are staying outside and in our shelters.

Turmail: Thank you. I think, Rob, you had your hand up.

Ross: Let me just add really quick.

Turmail: Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead, please.

Ross: That's all right. Thank you. Where you see those tents beginning to build or sort of pop up, I'm going to drop my email in your chat. Please, by all means, email me. I can fast track that to the Deputy Mayor's team and what they'll do is they'll send an advanced team out to sort of do some reconnaissance work to figure out what we can do to address that situation.

Turmail: I will just take-- I would say that we have identified a couple of instances of individuals living in tents or unhoused in the area. And the government has been very responsive, the team has been very responsive and supportive.

Ross: I'm glad to hear that. Thank you.

Turmail: I think it's important to note, and if I have this wrong please do correct me, that reporting that someone is homeless or in a tent doesn't mean they're getting in trouble. It means that we're reaching out to them to provide services that might be beneficial for them. Is that correct?

Ross: That's spot on. Spot on, sir.

Turmail: Okay, wonderful. Anyway, I'm sorry to interrupt the flow of questions. I think, Rob, you had your hand up and forgive me for--

Rodriguez: Yeah, I just wanted to confirm. The voucher program, it is an anonymous program, correct?

Ross: It's anonymous, just like all of our services. We will never disclose who receives homeless services, public benefits. That's privacy that we do not disclose, sir.

Rodriguez: Great. So, if someone is assuming that somebody is on the voucher program and they have not directly told them, and saying that they're not welcome in our community, I just want to point out in the chat, this is indignant. It's offensive, and it's not who we are as a community. And I'll leave it right there.

Ross: Well said, and thank you. Let me just add, because of privacy what I do not like is there are a lot of assumptions about things that go on. Crimes, disturbances, that are automatically pinned on residents. And while I would love to be able to say, "Sorry, the person you're emailing about is not on a voucher," that is in essence confirmation of someone receiving benefits or not, and we can't do that. So, homelessness is not the place to have assumptions, because there are many homeless who go to work every day who wear suits, who you would never suspect are homeless who deserve dignity just like those who may not have a suit.

Turmail: Commissioner Howie? I'm sorry, Rob, go ahead.

Rodriguez: I said, thank you. I appreciate your presentation.

Ross: Thank you.

Turmail: Gotcha.

Howie: I'll be not quick. Melissa, as our secretary, does what pops up in the chat get transcribed into our monthly transcription?

Lane: No.

Turmail: I have to read it. It does when I read the question, if I read the question.

Howie: Yes, but not like the, "I'll put my email address," or...

Lane: No, not unless I put it in the minutes.

Howie: Okay. We can talk about that offline. I think it would be helpful to have what's in the chat also be in our minutes, or like in our transcription.

Lane: Well, we can get it. I just don't include it.

Howie: Oh, okay. Yeah, I think it would just be helpful.

Turmail: Commissioner Howie, did you have a question? I have a question before--

Howie: Yes, I do have a question. I do have a statement. But I also have multiple thoughts going on. I just think the historical model of concentrating populations that have just been born,

like they just have the unlucky lottery of being born into certain situations that are not great for their outcomes, I think concentrating them into like one neighborhood, or one building, or one area, actually doesn't work. I think integrating them into our-- They, I don't want to even say they, it does a disservice to us, a neighborhood, a city, to not have them included in our everyday lives. Like, if we just put them in one pocket of the city, it is not a great-- I don't want to be a citizen in that kind of city.

Ross: So, friend, we agree with you. And I apologize for some of the technical issues we had at the beginning of our presentation. And by all means we can forward the presentation so everyone sees that. Wards 2 and 3 have the lowest number of voucher holders. So, actually, there is not a concentration in Ward 3. The vouchers are spread out throughout the city. And one thing we pride ourselves on, we don't tell customers where to go. Customers have choice. And the reality is a number of customers want to live in the same spaces that everyone wants to live in. Great schools, shopping centers. I'm a homeowner in Ward 7, and I have one overpriced grocery store that sells spoiled food, so I do my grocery shopping in Ward 6. But I'm privileged to have a job, to have a car, to have the means to do that. And not everyone does. And so it's not unusual for our unhoused folks, some who were born into some situations, some who experienced domestic violence, divorce. There are a number of reasons why people are unhoused. They want to live in resource-rich areas, and in this city at this time, that's wards other than 7 and 8 while they are developing.

Turmail: I have one question and then, Richard, we'll get to you.

Ross: I'm just going to turn my camera off. That might be helping with my technical issues. Sorry.

Turmail: Fair enough. We can make it a faceless Thursday. The comment I hear frequently, and I would love for you guys to sort of explain and hopefully debunk, is that the voucher program pays above market rate for rental units, and thus inflates the cost of rental. Could you address that, and hopefully tell me how I'm wrong on that one? Or that what I've been hearing from other folks is wrong. That is not a Brian Turmail comment.

Cevasco: Yeah, I can respond to that. I think some of what you were reporting is driven by history, and the way that the housing authority used to complete rent reasonableness determinations before a participant moves into a unit. So, for every participant that moves into a unit, the landlord submits a packet with a whole bunch of information. And that packet also includes information about amenities in the unit, the size of the unit, the number of bedrooms. And GCHA uses a tool called affordablehousing.com to assess what the market rent for that unit should be. And they will not pay over that market rent for the unit. They look at comparable units within a small radius of where the exact unit is located to determine what the rent should be. They also have a payment standard so they can't pay above a certain cap, even if that unit is, the market rent is above that cap. They won't pay above that. We're paying market rent, and we're paying market rent because they're using a tool to determine what market rent is for each unit, individual unit.

Turmail: Thank you for answering my question. I appreciate it.

Cevasco: Of course.

Turmail: Are there other questions from commissioners before I open it up to questions from the community? All right. There are some written questions, but I'd love to give everyone an opportunity to raise their hand virtually. We can't see you if you raise your hand because you're not on camera otherwise. And we'll call on folks to ask their questions out loud. It might provide more context than what I think some of us are seeing in writing.

Howie: I guess I just want to-- I said I would do this earlier. Desiree Carey has some thoughts in the chat that says, "Who pays for these vouchers? Is it hard-working taxpayers?" Second one is, "How is this fair for people who pay full price, specifically in Ward 3." And then she says, "They are not welcome in Glover Park, and I know I speak for other homeowners." I would just like to counter, I am a homeowner in Glover Park, and you do not speak for me.

Lavezzo: I would like to say it as well. I, too, am a homeowner, and she does not speak for me either.

Howie: But I guess we should address these. Who pays for these vouchers? Is it funded by working taxpayers? Not saying that they are not also, the recipients, also working taxpayers.

Turmail: I would also, before we get to answer the questions, I'd love to offer Desiree an opportunity to get on camera and explain her point of view. I do think that's fair and appropriate, if she'd like to.

Cal: I don't think she's on the call anymore.

Turmail: Oh, okay. I'll leave it to you guys. The questions have been asked. I don't know if our colleagues from the DC government have the need to answer her comments, but if you'd want to answer questions, it's up to you all.

Ross: I will answer the funding question. Funding for vouchers are a part of the funding we receive every fiscal year. It's similar to the funding we receive for the public benefits we disseminate. TANF funds for cash assistance, SNAP funds for nutrition support, Medicaid, burial assistance, youth services. We have a host of services. So, it's all allocated through public dollars as every agency.

Turmail: I would add that my understanding of the social compact of being a taxpayer in the District of Columbia is that we contribute taxes to provide a broad range of public services, and I for one would rather have people in a house than not if we can afford to do that. I try to refrain from preaching too much. Richard, you had a question. I see your hands up.

Pollock: Yeah, not a question. Just a statement. First of all, I want to echo the comments of my fellow commissioners. People who are homeless are real people in need, and we have to be compassionate and we have to provide them with services and with resources in order to succeed. So the idea that we should not have these folks in our communities is something I consider deplorable. So, I want to make it very clear, my point of view. But I will also say that I am most concerned about, not those people in the system who are in apartments and, you know, getting therapy. It's those individuals that were in those tent cities that is my most, my greatest concern. That they're just lost. And how is the city just helping them? That's my only, that's my only question.

Ross: Great question, sir. Please note that we are aware of folks throughout the city. Again, we have three contractual service providers who we've sort of split the city up in three sections. And they intimately know our unhoused residents. Again, our unhoused residents have choice. How you can support our residents are, again, as you see the tents appearing, particularly as we enter hypothermia season. Hypothermia season officially begins November 1st in a couple of weeks and extends through March 31st. And we will have facilities open and ready to receive our unhoused residents. So you can call the shelter hotline if you see someone who appears to be unhoused and in need of somewhere safe and dignified to live. We can drop the shelter hotline number in the chat, or all you have to remember is 311. You can call 311 and ask to be transferred to the shelter hotline. They will transfer you immediately. Once you connect to an operator, you can say, "Hey, I live in Glover Park. This is the intersection of, I don't know, T and 14th. I see a woman dressed in a gray dress who may have two minors with her. Can you all come check on her?" So, we will immediately dispatch the van out to check on that family, encourage them to come in. Typically, if it's during the evening and if there's inclement weather, families or individuals will come in. If the weather is not so inclement they may choose not to come in, but that doesn't mean that the engagement stops. They and that location will remain on our outreach routines, and we will continue to check on them until they agree to come in. So, the best thing you can do to support our unhoused residents, and if there is a growing encampment, shoot me an email. I simultaneously send that to our outreach team and the Deputy Mayor's team, and they take action from that point.

Turmail: Thank you. May ask one quick--

Howie: Sorry. Jarrett Ferrier has a very good question.

Turmail: I see that Jarrett has a question. I have one quick question, and then we're going to get to Jarrett and Kevin as well.

Lane: And me.

Turmail: We'll get everyone taken care of. I do promise. And Melissa. I'm sorry, you've been-- Melissa, you've been patient. I'll defer.

Lane: I just wanted to agree with my colleagues, and I thank very much the Department of

Housing for coming and giving us this presentation. I think it's been very helpful for us to understand the program. And I appreciate you answering all of my emails and, you know, changing dates and working with us. And I also think you're doing God's work. Thank you.

Ross: Thank you.

Turmail: Since one of the misunderstandings -- I can't remember the phrase you guys used -- of the voucher program is related to crime. Just for the benefit of those who are on this who may have wonders or questions, what happens if an individual receiving a voucher on the voucher program, I'm not sure what the right way to put that is, is involved, not alleged, but proven to be involved in criminal activity. What happens there? Just so we can kind of put this notion to rest.

Ross: Great question. Jenna, can you field that, please?

Cevasco: It sort of depends on the nature of the criminal activity. But worst case scenario for the individual, I mean, obviously they deal with whatever legal ramifications there are from the activity, just like any other person in the community would. But their voucher could be terminated by DCHA depending on what happened in that circumstance. Similarly, and I think Stacia talked about this when she talked about myths, but folks in the voucher program sign a lease. AND they are also subject to any lease enforcement that their landlord wanted to follow up on.

Turmail: Thank you for answering my question. Kevin, and then we're going to get to Jarrett, who has I thought a very specific and an important question to ask.

Lavezzo: Easy and quick question so we can get to Jarrett. Donations of food and clothing for folks. Is that something that your department accepts? Or should we continue to donate to organizations outside the city government?

Ross: Great question. You can do both, actually. I would not want to steer resources away, but if there are additional resources, you can shoot me an email. I have a gentleman on my team, Scott Sibley, who his title is donations and partnerships. And so if we are at a point where we do not need them, which I don't know when that ever is, Scott will work with our community of providers to make sure that wealth is spread around. So we can continue to support the agencies you are, or you can give us a contact and we'll connect you with some other groups, good sir.

Lavezzo: Thanks so much.

Turmail: Jarrett, you had a question? Or you want me to read it, or do you want to hop on? Everyone loves to hear from Jarrett.

Ferrier: Yeah. I'll try to be brief. My wife says I'm a slow talker, so I'll try and be brief. Right. So, I work with a group home, and the women are, it's a women's home. And they can stay for up to two years. They're recovering from substance abuse. And we just had a meeting two nights ago

and a lot of the topic was, you know, this transition. And so this is a perfect timing, and it is a very specific to me. So, you know, what's the best branch, or who to reach out to. And probably my biggest question is how far in advance before they're going to leave our situation, how far in advance should they start working with your team to try and secure something? They are employed. A lot of times it's part-time, but they do have income. And I think that's probably my question. And thank you. And I want to say, too, I have to say though because it's difficult. I know that you have a fair number of people working there, and you're all overworked and you're all underpaid. That, I know.

Cevasco: We have also an amazing provider community that we work with hundreds of case managers who are definitely overworked and underpaid too. I think I want to learn a little bit more about the people that you serve. But what I would say is we don't want them to come into the homeless services system. So, I think I would want to talk to you about whether there are sort of more mainstream affordable housing resources that we could connect people to as they're exiting your transitional program, as opposed to saying come into our shelter system and then have to pass through that. So, I think it might be helpful for us to have a follow-up conversation offline about whether there are other pathways for more affordable housing, as opposed to having them come into our system. We try to keep people housed and out of our system as much as possible if there are other pathways for them.

Ferrier: Okay. All right. Thank you very much.

Cevasco: But I'll drop my information in the chat. Can we connect after?

Ferrier: Absolutely. Absolutely. Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you, Brian.

Turmail: Always a pleasure.

Ross: Can I just take an opportunity to clarify. I want to make sure the example I gave with the shelter hotline was, it's an example. I can confirm there are no minor children as part of families living on the street. In the rare event that happens, the resources of the District, our Mayor, we descend upon that immediately. But I can confirm as of, what's today, the 16th, there are no minor children on the street. So I just want to make sure I clarify that.

Turmail: Thank you for clarifying, and I think we appreciate that. Richard, you had a comment. And then I'll check to see if there are any other questions in the chat.

Pollock: Brian, your tolerance about me. But in any event, I have a lot of condominiums I represent in which people have clothes, particularly winter clothes that they would like to donate. I would love to go and give a link to all of these condominiums about where they could donate clothes to homeless people. I don't know if you could put it up in, you know, in the chat or whatever, but I think it would be-- I know I would be very happy to tell everybody, "This is where you should bring clothes, or this is how you can bring clothes as we're entering the winter months."

Ross: Richard, do you mind? I just dropped my email in the chat. Can you send me an email? I would love to connect you with Scott Sibley, our donations and partnerships contact, to ensure you get accurate information and efficient information. And Scott will call you within five minutes.

Pollock: David, I'll do it. I have your email.

Ross: Thank you, good sir.

Turmail: Let me make sure there are no more comments. I was going to wrap this up. Okay, got it. I just wanted to say thank you to all of our guests for speaking, and for the support and services you're providing. And I think it's already been said, but I'm sure we all appreciate that you're overworked and undercompensated. So, thank you for your commitment to the District of Columbia. We do appreciate it. And I would say that there are few services I can think of that are as important, probably as misunderstood, and as inappropriately maligned as what you guys are doing. And yet, more necessary. And I will just say that we should all remember that we are fortunate in that, yes, these are interesting times, but DC is a relatively affluent community. And we have a host of resources that would make, I think, the vast majority of other cities of our size green with envy. And I think the team here is doing a great job providing them. And I will just wrap it up. And, again, I'm sorry, I try to avoid preaching, but I too am a homeowner, and I too would welcome anyone into my neighborhood, regardless of who is paying a portion of their rent.

Ross: Thank you. And I'll just close by saying we love coming out and engaging the community. We have tough skin. We love what we do. So, any chance to correct information, to get accurate information out there and engage, we're always up for it. So, please anytime anyone asks for us, please give us a call and we'll come right back.

Turmail: Thank you very much for your time.

Ross: Thank you.

Grant Request for Miracle in the Alley [1:12:28]

Turmail: All right, moving from-- We got to go back to the agenda. Sorry, guys. We do have-- Switching gears slightly to--

Howie: Just slightly.

Turmail: Just slightly. We do have, I think we've commented before, so regular listeners, we do have a regular, or we regularly mentioned that we have resources available from the District of Columbia to provide grants for different programs. And we do have a grant request in for one of the things that I think really makes Glover Park such a unique and wonderful community. And I

don't want to embarrass our fellow commissioner who's involved with it, but a request for the Miracle in the Alley. And I'm not sure who best is going to be making that request, but whoever it is, I'm going to hand the conch over to them and have the request.

Howie: My co-chair and actually original idea founder of this concept, Dan Theisen, will be presenting. And I will abstain from the vote.

Turmail: Fair enough. Appreciate it. Dan, the floor is yours.

Theisen: Evening, all. thank you. Thank you for considering this grant application. With respect for everyone's time, what would work best? Would you like me to run through the application really quickly, or a brief overview?

Turmail: For those who may not know it, and I encourage them to come visit it, tell us a little bit about Miracle in the Alley and what you're looking for.

Theisen: Since 2017, we've been decorating the alley on W Street between 38th and 39th, putting up overhead lights and a wide variety of holiday inflatables for the enjoyment of the entire neighborhood, as well as surrounding neighborhoods. We also always have a kickoff party where hot chocolate, refreshments, again, bringing in the whole neighborhood. Last we clocked, the previous year we had about 300-plus attendees. And so it's very much inclusive of the entire neighborhood. This grant application is looking to defray some of the costs of having to install the lights on an annual basis. Basically, we have gotten too old to install the lights ourselves and it no longer feels safe. And so needing to bring in professionals to make sure it's done well. Commissioner Howie and myself will still be putting in a ton of effort, a lot of work to making it happen. But with this grant application, we would no longer be having to go out of pocket for what's a semi-decent expense.

Turmail: Are there any questions from the commissioners about the grant request before I open it up to community questions?

Lane: How much is it for?

Turmail: Oh, good question.

Theisen: It's a \$2,500 application. And so that would cover the cost of the light installation, as well as the cost of the refreshments for the kickoff party.

Howie: And hopefully maybe a Santa that shows up.

Lane: I don't think we can-- We can't pay for food and drink.

Howie: Yes, we can. The OANC has-- I mean, Kevin, you can correct this. The grant just can't go towards like lights or inflatables, but it can go for the experience.

Lavezzo: I'd have to look again, but it can't go towards meals. I think it can go towards like finger foods and small things like that, but the OANC did review the grant twice.

Lane: Okay. All right. Thank you.

Turmail: Was that all of your questions, Melissa?

Lane: Yes.

Turmail: Richard, do you have questions or comments?

Pollock: I have a question. Okay. So, I support the grant, but I have a question which is maybe unusual, but-- So, I'm Jewish, and I was wondering whether or not there could be any kind of Hanukkah.

Howie: Oh, my gosh! Richard, I'm going to interrupt you. We have had a Hanukkah menorah inflatable that one of our neighbors contributed. They have since moved away, and because Dan and I pay for the inflatables and the OANC says it's not, we cannot use the grant money for inflatables because it's a physical thing that nobody else can, like, who owns it? But if you want to contribute a menorah inflatable or a Jewish inflatable, we are open to having it. Well, I want to know whether or not the grant would cover an inflatable.

Howie: No, it will not.

Turmail: We can't pay for it. The grant won't pay for inflatables.

Pollock: What's that?

Turmail: It will not pay for inflatables.

Howie: Will not.

Turmail: Cannot.

Lavezzo: One of the things with grants is that the items that are purchased have to be for that event specifically. So, typically if it's something that can be used over and over again after the grant is issued, it's not permissible.

Pollock: Well, it could be used for, you know, years once it's purchased.

Howie: Richard, you are more than welcome to buy a Hanukkah, Jewish-themed inflatable. And it can always be owned by you. And Dan and I will be very happy to include it in the Miracle in the Alley.

Rodriguez: Amazon, \$112, I see it right now.

Pollock: I am completely ignorant about what that would cost. Does anybody even know what that would cost?

Turmail: \$12 on Amazon.

Howie: It depends on what kind of--

Rodriguez: \$112 on Amazon for a large inflatable.

Turmail: Sorry, \$112.

Howie: How large of an inflatable do you want?

Pollock: I don't know. I have no idea.

Turmail: I do feel like we strayed a hair off the subject of the grant request now that we're Amazon shopping. So, let me just pull us back to the grant request, please.

Pollock: Sorry. I apologize.

Turmail: It's okay. Don't need to apologize. Other questions for Dan about the grant from the community? I don't hear any questions. Barbara, did you have a question? I see you on camera.

Ferrier: Can I make a comment?

Turmail: You may make a comment, Jarrett.

Ferrier: I mean, the grant I have absolutely no problem with. Well, I personally have no problem with the grant. The name, which I think is a great name, but I'm just putting it out there that potentially it could serve as, I'm sorry to cause trouble, it could serve as like a bit of a fundraiser. You could have a, you know, a QR code, and people could donate a little bit. And then you in turn could take whatever you need for that year, and then anything else you could say that the rest of it is being donated to X, Y, or Z. Because I think people, you know, it's a great experience and if somebody can donate 20 or 30 bucks, and 300 people come through, you could make a nice chunk of change there that you could donate to some organization.

Theisen: Yeah, absolutely. It's a great idea. I mean, in the past, we have gotten some nice community support, which has allowed us to defray some of the costs along the way. But with this grant application, obviously, that will supplant a lot of that. So, I'm sure that we can find some positive ways to redirect that.

Turmail: Well, it sounds like I just heard Jarrett say he was making a \$30 contribution as well. So, thank you, Jarrett.

Howie: I think Dan and I are more than happy to continue purchasing lights, and continue purchasing inflatables. I have become an expert on when it is appropriate to buy it for the following season when it's on sale. I think this grant will help us defray the costs of like me climbing up on a ladder and installing the lights, and Dan holding it nervously. And then we do put out QR, just actually last year we did put out QR codes, and people donated. And that's what prompted us to make this grant application. And we are more than happy to continue putting out that QR code and whatever we get via that venue, donating it to, I don't know, some sort of nonprofit organization.

Turmail: Well, I personally don't, I'm foreshadowing my vote, I don't see either raising money and asking for a grant as mutually exclusive. Because my sense is that your intention here is to continue doing this event after this year. And as someone who works for a construction trade association, I do have to make a safety PSA. Please, if you're on a ladder, always maintain three points of contact and never stand on the top rung. But anyway, we'll stop there. Gupi, particularly you. If there are no other questions, is there a motion--

Howie: It's convenient that Dan is afraid of heights. It's very convenient.

Turmail: I would argue it's wise, but it's okay. Is there a motion to approve a vote on the grant? Kevin has a motion to approve.

Lavezzo: Yes, I make a motion to approve.

Turmail: Rob is seconding it. All in favor say, "aye," or raise your hand.

Rodriguez: Aye.

Howie: I will abstain.

Turmail: Gupi is abstaining, and it looks like otherwise, and if I have this wrong, apologies, it is five to zero. Do I have that count right? Yes. So, grant is approved.

Theisen: Thank you.

Turmail: Speak to Kevin about the details, because I have no idea what they are. So, please. Thank you, guys. And I look forward to-- I and Mrs. Turmail, and Archie the dog, look forward to walking through the alley many times this season. Melissa, you had a hand up.

Lane: Just to second.

Turmail: Oh, wonderful. Thank you. I approve.

Discussion on the Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium [1:22:27]

Turmail: All right. Moving on to the next agenda item. To give a little background, I did post something on the listserv. I appreciate that maybe not everyone is on the listserv. So I'll try and summarize this next issue, which I actually think, if you look at the agenda, are the final two bullets kind of should be combined on the agenda under new business, unless I've got that wrong. But since 1993, in one form or another, Glover Park has had a liquor license moratorium in place. It's been amended, and I think it's safe to say, scaled back repeatedly over the years as the community's allowed for sort of a greater variety of establishments in the community. At present the moratorium that is in place and set to expire this year does prohibit both taverns, what the District, it used to be ABRA, but it's ABCA because I think they have cannabis in the title now. The term, tavern license and a nightclub license. And if you'll indulge me reading it, a tavern license allows the sale of alcohol without requiring the sale of food. A nightclub license allows live music and alcohol, with no requirement for sale of food. So, tavern, think drinks, no food. Nightclub, think drinks and music, no food. Live music and no food. Presumably, you could have a jukebox or something if people still have those at a tavern. The question, and we will not vote on this till next month, at our November meeting, but the question that we have asked the community is to provide thoughts and opinions. Or obviously if you'd like to ask questions, ask questions, about allowing the current moratorium, which prohibits taverns and nightclubs in Glover Park on a commercial strip in Wisconsin Avenue to expire. And before we go to questions or comments, I would like to open to my fellow commissioners who, if I need to be corrected, amended, or added to, now is your opportunity. First time for--

Howie: I'm still not off of mute. I would support, like I feel like our strip needs anything that will encourage businesses to come. Brian, this strip is your SMD, so I do think there should be some regulation about like, you know, I don't want like a 3:00 in the morning like, "once once once" party happening. But, yeah, I'm willing to be open to it. But I definitely defer to what you think, Brian.

Turmail: Appreciate that. Sensing that what I said doesn't need to be amended, are there other comments or questions first from commissioners, and then we'll take them from the community? Go ahead, Melissa.

Lane: I think the issue is for the people who live near the strip is that tavern licenses, and the like, and club licenses, don't require a lot of food. So, it's mostly just alcohol. And that they're worried about disruption. But, you know, they can also speak for themselves. But I know that that's the issue that they are concerned with, those who live within a block or so of the strip.

Turmail: Yeah, I will add that when I did, after several failed attempts, manage to successfully post a comment onto the listserv, and full disclosure, I have heard from four individuals, three of whom are in favor of allowing the moratorium to lapse. One of whom identified themselves as someone who does live adjacent to the commercial strip. And then I did hear from one individual

who was very concerned about allowing the moratorium to lapse and had some concerns. I don't know if there are other comments. I thought maybe I saw another hand come up about the moratorium. Go ahead, Kevin. Sorry.

Lavezzo: I think it'd be great to see some new life on the strip. I mean, we've lost a bunch of businesses, and I think the businesses that moved in, while we're lucky to have businesses, they don't add a whole lot of vibrancy and character to our downtown area. You know, you can't eat a tile or go and visit a carpet. And those generally only bring people to the neighborhood maybe once and it has no staying power of, "Hey, maybe I'll go get a beer here, and I'll go walk over to somewhere else and shop at another location." You know, I'm hopeful that we let this moratorium lapse and it helps breathe some life back into our commercial district.

Turmail: Thank you, Kevin. Rob, you had a comment?

Howie: Make Glover Park Sexy Again.

Rodriguez: I totally agree with Kevin, too. Take Breadsoda, for example, they do serve food. But you go in there at 11:00, 11:30 at night, is anybody ordering food? No, they're going there for drinks that time of night. So, what's the difference?

Turmail: I'll take your word for it. I haven't been anywhere at 11:30 at night in a long time. So, thank you, Rob. Are there comments from the community? I think I saw some posted online, and I will read them if appropriate. And if anyone wants to open their hand and elaborate, please feel comfortable to. David King says that, "I'm in favor of expanding what is permissible, but neighbors must be protected above all else." Or, "above all," sorry. David, I don't know if you wanted to add to that or clarify what you had in mind in terms of protection, but I would love to hear, please, if you're comfortable sharing.

King: Sorry, that was just a mistap. I didn't mean to raise my hand.

Turmail: Oh, okay. You did or did not? I'm sorry.

King: I did not mean to raise my hand.

Turmail: Okay. All right. Well, we'll just take your comment as you wrote it. We're not going to deal with this issue until next month in terms of a vote. So if you want to reach out and have a private conversation, I'd be more than happy to entertain it. I will post my email and cell phone in the chat.

Pollock: Jarrett seems to have his hand up.

Turmail: Jarrett, you had a hand up? How do you see the hands? I can't see the hands. Go ahead. Jarrett, how may we help you?

Ferrier: I have two questions. For the "oonch oonch oonch." Yeah, gotcha. Gotcha. Is there some kind of a sound level that neighbors can report or ask police to come out and check upon, you know, if they feel as though it's too loud? That's one thing. I guess my other concern is if we, does that help or hinder what other landlords are going to ask for rent. Because I think a lot of the problem that we have right now is that the rent for a lot of these spaces is kind of outrageous. And by encouraging other establishments to come in, is that going to just even increase the rents more? And I don't have the answer and I don't know if any of you do. It's just food, you know, it's just a question.

Turmail: I don't, but I don't think that ABCA or whatever the abbreviation is could answer the second question. But I certainly can ask about, you know, are there trigger points for being able to allow law enforcement or regulatory officials to intervene based on decibel levels. I don't know the answer, but I assume there is.

Lane: The answer is there is.

Gibson: Yes, there definitely is.

Rodriguez: I I thought there was something where, you know, they could go like a certain number of feet from the entrance of an establishment, and then there was a decibel level that they could actually measure and say if you're in violation or not. I don't know what it is.

Turmail: I'm sure there is. I just don't know what the decibel-- But if someone does know.

Gibson: It's a nighttime limit of 55 dBAs, which I'm not going to act like I know what that is, between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Yep.

Rodriguez: I remember seeing some enforcement on P Street, and they were actually measuring decibels at some of the clubs.

Gibson: Yes.

Howie: Kendall, can you acknowledge yourself before you talk just for like the dictation?

Gibson: Yes. Hi, this is Kendall Gibson, Ward 3 MOCRS. With an S.

Turmail: There you go. Of course. Thank you, Kendall. Kendall, could you enlighten us on what that Alcohol Beverage Cannabis, whatever it's called again?

Gibson: ABCA?

Turmail: Yes, thank you. I'm obviously having a hard time with abbreviations, well, throughout my entire life, actually.

Gibson: I think it's the Alcoholic Beverage Cannabis--

Lane: And Cannabis Administration.

Turmail: Administration. They took Regulatory out of it? Yeah, okay.

Gibson: It is separate from the Mayor's Office. It's kind of like, it's kind of like how the zoning happens. So, it's a separate entity from DC government, and they regulate licenses, and the purchase and sale of alcohol and cannabis. They have a board that you go in front of, and you all know quite well, the ANC can support or decline these things.

Turmail: Yes. And we are not going to discuss tonight the unitary theory of executive branch government, or really at any future ANC meeting while I'm chair.

Gibson: I feel like I would have to pay a college credit for that.

Turmail: Yeah, there you go. Other questions or comments?

Ferrier: May I, Brian?

Turmail: Please.

Ferrier: Sorry. I don't want it to be forgotten, again, about just the costs and whether or not it creates, it's even more crippling. Because a club or a tavern can pay a lot of money, because they make a lot of money, I think. Come in and make a lot of money, and then just raise the rents kind of across the board for our neighborhood. So, it's just a concern.

Turmail: Excellent point. I don't mean to sound surprised. It's an excellent point, Jarrett. Any other comments? Well, this conversation is not ending. If folks would like to comment and provide additional thoughts, I did share my contact information, and obviously you're free to contact or share your thoughts with your respective ANC commissioner if I'm not yours. And I'm also happy to take your comments and share with my colleagues. And again, just a heads up that we will have further consideration and a vote at our November meeting.

Renewal of Glover Park Liquor License [1:33:48]

Turmail: Okay, just to clarify on the agenda, which I misunderstood. The final bullet under new business for those of you who referenced it -- thank you, Rob -- is actually a renewal of the Good Guys liquor license. Now, I'm going to wade into unfamiliar-- This is my area, but this is separate from Good Guys' license to operate as an adult entertainment place. And it's their liquor license that we're talking about. Do I have that correct?

Lane: Correct.

Turmail: Yes. I don't know if we have anyone from Good Guys who wishes to speak about their desire to have their liquor license renewed. I'll open it up to any commissioners who have thoughts or concerns about their liquor license being renewed.

Howie: Commissioner Howie here. I am in support of them being renewed, unless Brian or any neighbors in that single member district have an issue with it.

Turmail: Fair enough. Thank you.

Lane: The only way to protest it is for peace, order and quiet. And I don't think we really have a leg to stand on, on that. So, it would be hard to actually protest it.

Turmail: All right. So the issue here is not to support it, but whether or not we would like to weigh in to protest it.

Lane: If you like the business or not-- Yeah, you'd have to protest it if you don't want it for their renewal.

Turmail: So we don't need to take an action if we don't want to protest it? I'm asking.

Lane: Say that again.

Turmail: Do we need to take an action affirming that we are fine with the liquor license? Or we only need to take an action if we want to protest it?

Lane: We only need to take an action if we want to protest.

Turmail: Got it. That's clarifying.

Howie: They're a great supporter of Stoddert Elementary School.

Lane: And actually the neighborhood in general.

Rodriguez: Yeah, I haven't heard it on the Lieutenant's reports, so that kind of shows there's no real issue for the MPD.

Lane: They got a new settlement agreement two or three years ago, and it really increased their security a lot. And they've, I mean, they have followed whatever we have asked them to do in terms of increasing their, you know, increasing whether or not people that shouldn't be in that club are in that club.

Turmail: Unless there are other comments, I don't hear a motion and I don't intend to make a motion to protest the Good Guys liquor license renewal request.

Lane: Agree.

Pollock: Agree.

Turmail: All right, we're going to move on.

Howie: Is this a vote or no?

Turmail: No, we do not need to vote unless we want to protest, is my understanding.

Lane: We don't need to vote.

Turmail: And I don't hear a motion to file such a protest. And I'm not making one, as the commissioner who represents Wisconsin Avenue. But all of you obviously have the right to if you want to.

Open Forum [1:36:57]

Turmail: Okay. I'm going to move on to the open forum. This is an opportunity for residents and other interested parties to share comments and information on issues that have not currently been discussed this meeting.

Lane: I think Cal wanted to speak.

Cal: Yep, I do. It's kind of odd now.

Turmail: Thank you for your patience, Cal. What's on your mind?

Cal: Well, I have some announcements. It's kind of odd to do this with six commissioners and only four members of your community present on the call. And Kendall, who's probably heard all this before.

Turmail: It's their benefit for waiting it out. Go ahead.

Cal: Yeah. I guess if you have lists, if you have email groups that you send to your constituents, I would appreciate you grabbing the stuff that I'm going to put in the chat and sending it out. Various forms and pieces of this have been posted to the various listservs. And I assume when you refer to the listserv, you're referring to the Glover Park community listserv when you said listserv earlier.

Turmail: That's correct.

Cal: I have a bunch of announcements from the Friends of Bus Transit. I haven't been on this call since, it turns out the last time I was here was June. You were the first of the Ward 3 ANC's that I visited. And I think there was somebody on this call who also said they were an expert on the buses, and we were going to get together. And I sent a couple emails and never got a response. So, I don't know who that person was.

Turmail: I can assure you it was not me.

Cal: It was a female. I don't remember.

Turmail: You're making my case for me.

Cal: So, the first announcement is that we have a feedback form that's available online now that we introduced at Chevy Chase Day. That's going to run for another, well, probably through October, where you can talk about what you think about the bus system in as much or as little gory detail as possible. So, that's out there now. We've been getting responses. Second one is that we have a weekly call. Which they originally wanted to call Ask Cal, but I changed it to Ask FoBus, which is the name of our organization. I might change it yet again. And this next one, oh, I have the wrong date in here. Because I have the one that happened last night. Next month is Wednesday. So, the next one is going to be Wednesday the 22nd, at 3:00. And the one after that will be Wednesday the 29th, at 7:30. And I want to apologize if anyone got on that call in the first ten minutes or so, because I couldn't get on it until it was about 12 minutes in, and nobody was there by the time I got there. So, if you were one of those people, I sincerely apologize. I had a house crisis to deal with. So the web, the Zoom link, it's an open call. Anybody can just come on anytime during the hour. And the Zoom link is included in what I'm sending in the chat. The third one is we have a resources page which has been out for a little while that has all the timings of the bus routes that go to, or bus trips that go to Jackson Reed, Deal, and MacArthur, with color coding for the ones that were added beyond the regular schedule, that were added after the school year started. So that's there. And the last thing is we're having a travel training with goDCgo. Now, the goDCgo did one of these at the Cleveland Park Library last year. So, we're doing this one is up in Chevy Chase in the Chevy Chase Community Center. And basically, if you don't know about this, they have a training where they teach people how to use the bus. They're mostly targeting people who aren't using the bus, or who want to use a bus and don't know how. And then they do an excursion, a quick excursion on a bus to a Metro stop, and then back as part of the ride. That's an hour of the two hours, usually. That'll be Saturday, October the 25th, from 2:00 to 4:00. They're going to meet at the Chevy Chase Library, the meeting room upstairs on the second floor. So they'll give a presentation, and then we'll go out on the bus. And we're asking people to register, because they have, A, there's a limited number of seats that we can use to get on the bus. And limited number of spots the room itself holds at the library. And also, I think that's about it. So if you have any questions, you can ask me now. Otherwise, I ask you to disseminate this stuff as best you can.

Turmail: Thank you, Cal. Are there any questions for Cal from commissioners or the

community? We appreciate your relentless-- Oh, Jarrett, go ahead. You are on fire tonight.

Cal: I should also say one other thing. That I am, since I have my fingers into different places in WMATA, I'm going to be submitting a report that I did last year. I submitted to Matt Frumine and Janeesse Lewis George, and they incorporated pieces of the report into their letters to WMATA. So I'll be doing similar again, but I hope to be presenting the report directly to WMATA as well. So if you have issues that you want addressed in your part of the world there, please either do the feedback form, which would probably be the best way to do it. Or get on one of those Wednesday Ask Me calls.

Turmail: Gotcha. Speaking of asking, Jarrett, you had a question or a comment?

Ferrier: Cal, I just didn't know. Have you had any interaction with the Glover Park Village?

Cal: I don't know what the Glover Park Village is.

Ferrier: So the Village is helping older individuals, neighbors, age in place.

Cal: Oh, you mean like the northwest neighborhood village that we have up here? No, I haven't. But I am indirectly connected to them through their network, but I haven't done anything to them directly. What are you suggesting?

Ferrier: Well, I just see you have your information there. So I will pass that along to them, because I know they were doing some bus service kind of education for individuals. So I don't know if they need your help or not, but perhaps.

Cal: Okay. And the Northwest Village publishes a weekly update and they include our announcements in it. So, I don't know whether the Glover Park Village does something similar, but I'll be happy to send the more detailed descriptions of these items to them for publication. We are running out of time, because it's getting near the end of the month. And most of our activities are happening this month.

Ferrier: Yeah. Okay. Thank you.

Cal: So, if you want to email me directly about that too, you can. Oh, I didn't give you my email address. Well, it's actually just email the FoBus address at the beginning of my first two posts.

Ferrier: Got it. Thank you.

Turmail: Thank you, Jarrett. Other questions or comments for Cal? Thank you for your relentless advocacy of our transit needs. We do appreciate it.

Cal: You're all very welcome.

Updates and Information [1:45:00]

Turmail: Rob, you had an update, right? It's good news, but I'm not going to steal your thunder. Go for it.

Rodriguez: Yes. So, we had that leak for almost two years in front of 3101 New Mexico, Sutton Tower, Sutton Place. Went to a dead end, and DC Water was not responding. I was given information from an AU student that works for the publication called The Wash at AU. Her name is Anastasia Menchyk. Menchyk for the minutes. And she reached out and did a great article which was published Monday with the concerns of the community concerning the water leak and the silence from DC Water. We got a note on Tuesday from DC Water. They were coming to shut off our water today, and they repaired the issue from about 9:00 a.m. until about 3:00 p.m., and it's completely fixed. We're waiting for a vendor now to come rebrick the sidewalk, but the issue is resolved. So, thanks to Anastasia in her assistance with AU and The Wash.

Turmail: All hail to the power of both Commissioner Rob and of the Fourth Estate. Glad to see that we are getting the things fixed. So, thank you.

Rodriguez: Yes. So, I think we addressed that in August, and so that was just a quick update. Thank you.

Turmail: David, you had a comment you wanted to raise?

King: Yeah, I wanted to start a new topic line, and if this was covered before I jumped on the meeting, I apologize. I've lived on the 2400 block of 39th Place since 1999. I'm a geezer in Glover Park terms.

Turmail: I bought my house in 1999. I don't want to hear the word geezer in association with that.

King: So, in any case, the thing I'm here to ask today is what would be the process to get the District to add a speed hump to the 2400 block of 39th place? The reason I ask for this is, over the years, the number of vehicles rocketing down my block is astronomical. It's a combination of my neighbors, who I've had to confront personally. Delivery drivers, anybody. It's also parents from Stoddert Elementary. They line up and park on Calvert Street, and they come down 39th Place or the alley between 39th Place and 40th Street behind my house, rocking down the alley. I have stepped out in front of cars who have come rocketing down the alley and forced them to come to a screeching halt. You know, the alleys here, many yards are fenced deeply. And if you try to pull your car out blindly, you better darn well inch out, or you're gonna get your front end taken off if you do it at the wrong time. So really what I want to know is what do I have to do to

start the process? I know these things don't happen without a lot of noise, but I'd really love to see speed humps in both the alley and 39th place.

Turmail: First of all, continuing the geezer theme, it does not make you a geezer to stand in the middle of traffic and shout at speeding cars, because that would make me a geezer as well. So, I'm with you, David. Melissa, do you want to explain what you just posted, please?

Lane: Yeah, I'm getting the input. You have to petition DDOT, and they have to do a traffic study and then they will-- But you can request the traffic-calming measures. And anybody can request them.

King: Thank you very, very much.

Lane: We'll send you the links I can find. We did do this a couple of years ago, they put three speed humps behind Stoddert, on Davis. They will come out and assess the area, and come up with ways to calm traffic.

King: Beautiful. Thank you. I will start with that.

Turmail: Do keep us posted once you've filed it so that we can remind DDOT.

King: Yes. Thank you.

Turmail: That would be necessary.

Lane: Right, we'll have to follow up. I think we'll probably have to do a resolution on it.

Turmail: Yeah, please.

King: Okay. Thank you all for listening, and I appreciate what Brian, and Ann, and everybody else who's on the leadership team and who stands up and does these things all the time and does the daily work, I really appreciate what you guys do.

Turmail: That's fine. You let us know when you're ready to run, David.

King: All right. Thank you.

Turmail: All right. Sorry. All right, I got distracted by my own bad joke. Any other open issues?

Administrative Matters [1:49:49]

Turmail: If not, we do have some administrative business that we've got to take care of. First and foremost, I would like to make -- and it's Brian Turmail, for the minutes -- would like to make a motion that we approve the minutes from the September ANC meeting. Melissa did a great job putting them together, gave everyone an opportunity, and we've all had a chance to review. And I think your double fingers was a second, Melissa? Or Richard, you had a question about the minutes?

Pollock: No, just seconding.

Turmail: Okay, wonderful. We have seconds both from Richard and Melissa, which is enough to take a vote. I vote in favor of the minutes.

Rodriguez: Aye.

Turmail: All right. Gupi has left the meeting, so it's 5-0. Next, we have a September monthly financial report, which I don't believe we need to vote on, but we need to hear about. And Kevin, you're up.

Lavezzo: Yep. So, the financial report for September, we opened the month with \$43,890.16. We closed with \$47,601.21. We received our allotment from the District of Columbia, along with a refund for grant funds that were not approved in a previous grant. They bought something and could not provide adequate information, so they had to pay us back. That was \$79.69, and we received \$3,631.36 from the District of Columbia.

Turmail: And I believe we do also need to approve the fiscal year 2026 ANC 3B draft budget, if you'd want to walk us through that.

Lavezzo: We sure do. So, our allotment has not changed. For 2026 we will continue to receive \$3,985.21 per quarter. The District slightly changed our budget planning so we can add a little more resolution, but that does not change our budget. We do not receive interest on our accounts. We don't have a savings account. We don't expect refunds, and we don't have other receipts where funds would be coming in. As far as what we would budget, we would budget \$0, and I should be clear, this has not changed from last month, when we gave the initial budget version. \$0 for personnel, \$5,000 for office costs, \$5,000 for communication, \$20,000 for grants, and \$10,000 for purchase of service. \$0 for bank charges, and \$0 for miscellaneous. The miscellaneous did change, I should be clear, from last month. Typically we had \$50 set aside for miscellaneous for the ANC security fund, which has gone away. So that line item has been taken to zero because it's no longer required. We would spend, if we keep this budget, \$24,059.16 over the course of the year. And end the year with still \$33,542.05. And also to be clear, we can change this budget at another point of the year. We did raise our grant limit from \$2,500 to \$5,000. So, if we do get a couple of big grants and we are looking like we're going to go past that \$20,000, we can always amend our budget.

Turmail: Are there any questions for Kevin, who does a wonderful job as our treasurer, about

the draft budget? Richard, go ahead.

Pollock: I just think that we're paying Kevin a good salary for the kind of work that he does. I think that you've earned your every penny that you've received.

Turmail: I would argue we're not paying him enough, because we're paying him nothing.

Pollock: You're overpaid, Kevin. That's all I've got to say. We're giving you too much money, right? You're doing an excellent job. I just want to tell you.

Lavezzo: Thank you.

Turmail: We're compensating you with thank yous, Kev. Other questions or comments? If not, I will make a motion that we approve our ANC 3B draft budget, which I guess approving it will make it no longer. I see several hands up to second. I'm going to go ahead and ask for the vote. All in favor say, "aye," or raise your hand. I count five to nothing. We've got a budget for next year. And we'll see if it survives contact with the enemy. With that, I would make the final motion of the evening. Before I do that, a reminder to please join us on the 13th of November for our November ANC meeting, and to send any suggestions for agenda items to us in advance. We like to have the agenda out, I think we have to have the agenda out seven days in advance. So if you've got something, the sooner the better. With that, I would make a motion that we end tonight's meeting. Are there any seconds? I see a second from Melissa. All in favor, raise your hand or say, "aye." I see five for, zero against. Everyone be safe and we'll see you in November or out on the streets in the meantime. Thanks, all. Cheers.

Rodriguez: Thanks, everyone. Bye.

Pollock: Bye.

Lavezzo: Thank you.

Lane: Thank you. Bye, Kevin.