

Transcript of ANC 3B Meeting of September 4, 2025

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Call to Order [0:00:00]

Approval of Agenda [0:00:00]

Turmail: Welcome, everyone. We're going to get started in a second here. Hang tight. We're just going to let everyone log in.

Lane: Okay, they're in.

Turmail: All right. Well, there you go. Well, welcome, and thank you everyone for making the time to join us. And apologies that we normally hold this meeting on the second Thursday, but we did make a change to the schedule largely to accommodate getting one of our resolutions that we'll vote on tonight in time. So, I hope everyone had a nice summer and a long weekend. I'd like to start this meeting by making a motion that we approve the agenda. All of the commissioners have had a chance to review the agenda. We did circulate it a week in advance of this meeting.

Lane: Are you going to add the budget?

Turmail: And I would like to, before we do approve the agenda, add in the administrative section of the agenda a conversation about our proposed budget for fiscal year 2026. We want to share it tonight, give folks an opportunity to comment on it, and then we'll vote on it in our October meeting. So, I guess I would make a motion that we amend the agenda and approve the agenda for tonight.

Rodriguez: Second.

Turmail: All in favor say, "aye."

Commissioners: Aye.

Turmail: Or raise your hand. Anyone opposed? All right, we're going to go ahead and get started.

Police Report [0:02:06]

Turmail: I believe, Lieutenant Johnson, you're with us. And I'm sure it's been an interesting couple weeks, but I hope you're doing well.

Johnson: Hello, everyone. It's Lieutenant Johnson from the Second District, PSA 204 manager, which includes ANC 3B. 3B has been doing well. Well, first of all, the summer has been challenging. You know, things have changed on the police department since the last we spoke. A lot of changes have been going on. Some are good, some are bad. But as far as ANC 3B goes, we're doing great. We had 11-- All we have to report is we have no robberies, no burglaries, no ADWs, no one's been shot. We had 11 thefts, and seven of those thefts were reported online. And if you look at the DC Crime Cards, you can tell they're online because online reports, the numbers start with the year is 25. The next number is a four. That four means it is an online report. Our numbers start with a one, or maybe a two, depending on-- They go in

order. So, the four thefts we had reported were from CVS, the ones that were in-person reports, from the CVS. No arrests were made for thefts in the last month. And at CVS, their policy is to report the thefts after the person has left. They don't report the theft while it's going on. It's kind of upsetting, because this person was in a wheelchair who stole on like three different occasions. He has one leg and is in a wheelchair. If they had called us at the store, I'm pretty sure we could have caught him. He's in a wheelchair. He has one leg. That's the suspect. But I encourage everyone, if something is stolen from your house, to please call the police. Don't make an online report, because we need to respond out, canvas for the person. We need to get videos. We need to talk to witnesses. You know, someone might have seen something that night, and they can identify them later. Evidence is lost if we do online reports when we have things occur at your house. If someone goes in your yard and steals a bike, or steals something, a package, we need to get out and get some evidence and do a canvas, like right away. Other than that, anybody have any questions about things going on in Glover Park?

Turmail: Sure. We'll start with the commissioners, then open up to the community. I guess question number one is when you walk into the CVS right now, there's like all these announcements that you're being recorded. I assume that the suspect is recorded. Does that not help? Or do you have to like-- Does video of someone stealing not get them in trouble?

Johnson: Yes, it helps. But then we have to find them. So we're looking for this person, but if you call while it's going on, we probably can get them that. You know, they'll still be in the area. You know, we come out-- Sometimes it takes a while for us to come out after they call. Like, you know, 30 minutes later or an hour later.

Turmail: For whatever reason there seems to be a rumor going around that someone blew up the ATM machine at the gas station. True? False?

Johnson: I'll say that's false. I haven't heard, unless it happened within the last 24 hours. Has it just happened?

Turmail: I literally got a text that said, "Hey, is it true they blew up the ATM machine at the gas station?" And so I offered to ask. I have no idea.

Johnson: Unless it was within the last couple hours, I would say no, but I'll look into that.

Turmail: Okay. And then I'm going to ask the question-- Oh, I'm sorry, Lieutenant. Forgive me for interrupting.

Johnson: I'm sorry. Go ahead. You got it.

Turmail: I was going to ask the question that maybe others are thinking, maybe not. But how has policing changed at the Third District since you've come under some level of federal control and/or are you seeing any additional presence with federal law enforcement officers?

Johnson: First, we see a lot of presence with them. But policing hasn't changed much in the Third District. We still operate the same way, basically. But those agencies work with our Crime Suppression Team. They partner with our-- We have like maybe 20 officers assigned to crime suppression, like a vice unit, and they go out with the FBI, the ATF, the border patrol. They all partner and go out together. Park police, US Secret Service. A lot of agencies going out, and you'll see a lot of stops, traffic stops, going on. They do a lot of traffic. They do a lot of warrants, searching for warrants. And they respond to part one offenses like robberies. They're very active. They're very active.

Turmail: We could use them, it sounds like, at the CVS. I'll open it up to other questions from commissioners.

Johnson: Exactly.

Turmail: No? Well, I'll open it up for the community. Folks in the community, I think you can raise your hand, or you can type into the chat function a question for the lieutenant, if you have one. Or just raise your hand using the-- Don't do it in reality. I think there's a function to raise your hand on the control bar, otherwise we can't see that your hand is up.

Lane: I don't see anything.

Turmail: All right. Well, there we go. Lieutenant, hang in there. If there's anything we can do to help, please let us know. And I hope you and all your fellow officers are safe out there.

Johnson: I appreciate you. See you next month. Thank you. Everybody be safe. Bye-bye.

Turmail: Likewise. And we will encourage people to call 911, not do it online.

Johnson: Yeah, I don't like that tool. All right. Thank you.

Turmail: Don't treat the police like Amazon. Do it like 911, like Lieutenant Johnson said.

Johnson: Yes, sir. Thank you.

Turmail: All right.

New Business [0:07:58]

Discussion and Resolution on Lifting Rush Hour Restrictions on Westside of Wisconsin Avenue, NW from 36th Street to Calvert Street [0:07:58]

Turmail: Okay, we have a couple of resolutions I'll introduce for tonight. I'll introduce the first resolution, which may sound familiar if you're a longtime listener. In May, the commission passed a resolution urging the District Department of Transportation to allow for the continued operation of and establishment of new Streateries along the commercial, the Wisconsin Avenue corridor in Glover Park. For anyone who may or may not know, a Streatory is where you allow a restaurant to use part of the street space to add capacity. It was an innovation put in place as a reaction to the Coronavirus to give restaurants who had to do spacing some additional capacity so they could survive. We have a couple of restaurants in the neighborhood that have invested considerable sums in establishing Streateries. Anyway, we passed a resolution unanimously in May urging the District Department of Transportation to continue to allow those Streateries and allow new ones to be created. Apparently that wasn't specific enough for the District Department of Transportation, so we have amended that resolution to be clear that what we are asking for, in addition to allowing for the Streateries to continue to exist, is as a precursor to those Streateries existing, you need to waive the rush hour restrictions on Wisconsin Avenue. So, we have a resolution in front of us urging the District Department of Transportation to waive all rush hour restrictions on the western side of Wisconsin Avenue, everywhere south of Calvert Street Northwest and north of 36th Street. And we hope that will be sufficient to explain to the Department of Transportation at DC what we have in mind when we say, "Please allow continued operation and establishment of new Streateries." I'll stop there. I don't know if there are any questions from commissioners or the community about the proposed resolution. Any from the community? We do have one. "How many restaurants are there?" That's a good question. Using the Streatory, we've got I think Joia Burger has the space. I don't know if the Uyghur restaurant is using the space, but they have a presence. And then Austin Grill does. And so those are the three. But again, our resolution would allow, theoretically, for the establishment of a Streatory--

Lane: You mean Rocklands? Not Austin Grill.

Turmail: I'm sorry. I'm living, I'm back in 1998. Yes, Rocklands. Sorry. Although, for the record, I do miss Austin Grill. My sons cried when they shut down. Anyway, I digress. Yes, Rocklands. But this would theoretically allow for those to continue, and any new restaurants, at least on the western side of Wisconsin Avenue, to establish a Streatory. All right.

Vilsack: Can I ask, sir-- This is Carol Vilsack. Can I ask, are they providing anything back to the community or to Glover Park? Or is it just additional capacity for them at the expense of--

Turmail: The restaurants?

Vilsack: Yes.

Turmail: Well, I mean, I would say that I think this is-- We could have a whole evening on the benefits of actually having a viable commercial corridor, and a service. I think my impression from my constituents is that there's a lot of worry about the viability of our commercial corridor and about the large number of vacancies. Anything we can do to make it easier for a restaurant

to operate and be successful is something I'm willing to vote for.

Vilsack: Yeah. No, I'm not against them. But I think there's only--

Turmail: There's no remuneration to the District for this.

Vilsack: Right. I just only know of one restaurant that has that seating out in the street. But, okay. Thank you, sir.

Turmail: Well, one of the problems is that there's a Sword of Damocles hanging over any restaurant that would invest in a Streatery at this point, because the District Department of Transportation has not yet said that it will allow these to continue to exist permanently. So, our hope is that--

Vilsack: Exactly.

Turmail: Our hope is that this resolution gets the District Department of Transportation's attention, that they make it clear that these are allowed. And that ultimately you could encourage the establishment of more. And, yes, the wonderful Afghan restaurant has a rooftop which is open, and the food is delicious.

Vilsack: Exactly. Maybe we can invite the District representative here to explain their delay on the decision. Thank you, sir.

Turmail: Yeah, certainly that'd be my next step if they don't accept our resolution. It's a good idea, Carol.

Lane: Yeah, another added point, the only one of the Streateries that's licensed at this point is Rocklands.

Turmail: Yeah. Other questions? You know, I don't want to-- I don't know about the minimum threshold of customer use to keep these things on the street. I wouldn't be in a position to identify what that threshold should be. I'm not a restaurateur, and never played one on TV.

Rodriguez: I think a lot of those restaurants, too, that may have the Streateries, you know, they need that exemption for the rush hour period. However, maybe they have most of their traffic after the rush hour, but they need that exemption in order to have it in place on the street at that time.

Turmail: Exactly. Yeah, otherwise they can't have a Streatery if there is a rush hour restriction in place.

Rodriguez: Yeah.

Lane: The Uyghur does not have an official Streatery, so I don't think you would really see anybody there. The one that is heavily used is the Rocklands one.

Lavezzo: I believe the patch in front of the Uyghur place was from the burger joint that was where Joia Burger is now. And when they shut down, I think that was disused, and it's just kind of existed sitting there unpermitted and unused.

Turmail: And again, our operating premise is that one of the reasons that it's not being taken advantage of is because of the confusion about, "Why would you invest money if you think the District Department of Transportation is going to make you tear it up?"

Lavezzo: Yeah.

Turmail: All right, with that, I'll make a resolution that we vote on the reso--

Lane: You'll make a motion.

Turmail: Thank you. I can't communicate today. I'm sorry, everyone. I make a motion that we vote on the resolution to amend the Streatery resolution to include a call for lifting rush hour restrictions on the west side of Wisconsin Avenue in Glover Park.

Rodriguez: I second.

Turmail: All in favor say, "aye," or raise your hand. Anyone opposed? All right.

Discussion of Persistent Water Leak in Public Space at 3101 New Mexico Avenue, NW [0:14:55]

Turmail: We're going to move on to the next one. Rob, I think this is your issue. An interminable water leak on New Mexico Avenue?

Rodriguez: Yeah, it started about February of '24. That's when we had the first report for service from DC Water to come out and inspect it. They've been out probably five to six times to look at the issue. Initially they were trying to say it was on the Sutton Tower, Sutton Place side of the meter. And then when they inspected it further it was not. It was on the DC Water side of the meter. I had been in touch with their command center, with three different people there. And they keep telling me that it's scheduled for repair. They shut our water off to Sutton Tower, Sutton Place at least three times for a period of one hour to eight hours to look at the issue, and then never made any repairs. And now I'm getting told from the command center, and this was probably my last communication with them about 4 months ago, that they were waiting on a vendor to be assigned and they'd put the vendor in touch with me. But since I've been told that, everything is stalled. I have not gotten returned phone calls. The command center just tells me they don't know what's going on, and it seems like I've hit a brick wall. And I'm trying to get this

thing repaired because when the winter months roll around we have a lot of people that are on the sidewalk. The AU students, people that are in the Sutton Tower, Sutton Place, and along the surrounding community. Especially with the New Mexico business district corridor right there, a lot of sidewalk traffic. And so this water does spill onto the sidewalk, creating a very slick situation, like a little mini ice rink of about 12 by 12 feet. And so it's an issue for people and their pets. And I've kind of hit a brick wall with DC Water, and so I'm trying to see where to go with this issue, trying to get this solved before the winter months roll around. Any suggestions?

Turmail: I mean, I don't know. I know we have a representative of the Mayor's Office here. I don't know if they have any sway over DC Water or could help with us. Obviously, the commission would be happy to take up a resolution there. Hey, sorry to call you out.

Cox: So first off, no, the Mayor's Office or City doesn't have any concrete sway over DC Water. But I spoke with a representative from there just today, so I can give them a call. It would help, Commissioner Rodriguez, if you can forward me any email chains you're on with them, or at least the latest one. And I can see if I can give them a call tomorrow and ask them, you know--

Rodriguez: A lot of the communication has been via phone with a gentleman named Todd, and Angela in the command center. And then the command center itself. But I've been trying to get them to give me a project manager who's in charge of this project, who's in charge of getting this vendor assigned. And if I can get a project manager name and put me in contact with them to get constant updates, that way I can, you know, give updates to the community and what's going on. That would be helpful, too. So just a project manager name for this thing would be wonderful.

Cox: Okay. Have you been referring to it in any particular way on these phone calls? Like, you said the Sutton Tower.

Rodriguez: They have my number. They have my ANC email. They said they would call me and contact me and update me. And that's been non-existent for the past four months.

Cox: Well, no, I was just asking in your communications with them, have you communicated with them using a certain like way of referencing to it, so that if I call them and say, "Has anyone in your office been working on X project?"

Rodriguez: Yeah, I've just been Commissioner Rob Rodriguez from ANC 3B, and that's exactly how I've been speaking to them about, and using the title.

Turmail: And are you using the address 3101 New Mexico to identify the location?

Cox: That's more what I meant, yeah.

Rodriguez: Yes. 3101 New Mexico, on the corner of New Mexico and Lowell. On the east side of Lowell. On the east side of New Mexico, I'm sorry, across from Lowell.

Cox: Across from Lowell. Okay

Rodriguez: It's the area that's-- There's an entrance driveway and an exit driveway to Sutton Tower, Sutton Place. And it is on the north side of the exit driveway, on the east side of New Mexico. So you can kind of see where it is right in that little corner right there. And we had a truck that came through and hit a manhole nearly the same spot where this leak is, and it's a bricked, paved sidewalk. They came and repaired it immediately. That was great. I had them out here within 72 hours to repair that. And they took all the brick. They haven't got the vendor to repave the brick around that manhole area, but it's the exact same spot where we're having the leak issue. It appears to be deeper into the ground. It's not like a surface area thing. It's one of the main water lines into that area.

Cox: Sure. Okay. I can reach out if I need any more specifics, I'll reach out to you. And I'll let you know. I'll keep you posted if there's any word from them on getting a vendor.

Rodriguez: Yeah, I've tried going to their spokesperson, also, and everybody directs me back to the command center. And it seems like the command center is a constantly moving operation with a lot of moving people in and out. So that way every time I call the command center, I speak to somebody different and I get a different story.

Cox: Gotcha. Okay. Yeah, I'll give them a try tomorrow and see what I can drum up.

Rodriguez: Perfect. Thanks.

Turmail: Rob. Someone in-- David Whitcomb suggested reach out to Councilmember Frumin's office. And we just had a question, the user name on the chat is Lil Asuna -- and if I butchered that, I apologize -- who said, "The area also affected is the intersection of New Mexico and Tunlaw." I assume you mean where New Mexico turns into Tunlaw. But I'm just curious, is there a separate leak there? Or what are you seeing there?

Lane: That was a separate leak. That was a break at 2700 Wisconsin.

Turmail: Okay.

Lane: And then also at Tunlaw and 39th.

Rodriguez: Ours is a slow, constant leak. It's not like it's a break.

Turmail: Are the other breaks fixed?

Lane: Yes.

Turmail: Okay. I just wanted to make sure we didn't have yet another leak somewhere.

Meanwhile, like the one second of rain probably doesn't help with our dry conditions. We don't need to be leaking water everywhere.

Rodriguez: Yeah. Kendall and I initially spoke, and she gave me some contact people, but even those have kind of been dead ends. And then she explained, you know, kind of the limitation between the Mayor's office and also DC Water, being a private company.

Cox: Yeah. We can't make them do anything. It's not like us reaching out to a city agency and being able to escalate that.

Rodriguez: She explained that very thoroughly.

Cox: Yeah. But I did speak with someone today, and they were asking for some help with getting some contact info, so I can push this up to them as well and make sure that it's on their radar.

Rodriguez: Yeah, if I can get one single person. That's why I'm constantly asking for the project manager. That would be very helpful.

Cox: Gotcha. I'll explain the situation, and I'll also just urge them, if it's okay with you, I'll just pass along your info to them directly. And just say, "Hey, get in touch if you need more details. The commissioner's been asking for--"

Rodriguez: And the engineers between Sutton Towers and Sutton Place, they've also been in contact with this command center. And I know he's had personal conversations with people that have come out to try to repair it and discussed where it is, whether it's the Sutton Towers side or whether it's the Water side. And they did say it was the Water side, so that's when they finally took ownership of it, but it just hasn't gone anywhere.

Cox: Gotcha.

Turmail: Thank you, Owen. Appreciate it.

Rodriguez: I appreciate your assistance.

Turmail: All right. Robert, should we continue this, or are you feeling like we've got it?

Rodriguez: Oh yeah. I'm good. If we have to revisit in the future, we can. So we'll just, we'll take it from here and see if we've made any progress before winter.

Turmail: All right. And Carol, I did enjoy your post, for what it's worth.

Discussion and Resolution Condemning Federal Overreach in DC Policing and Demand for Return of Local Funds [0:22:40]

Turmail: Okay, we're going to move on to the next agenda item. Kevin, do you want to tee this conversation up, and we can go from there? Please.

Lavezoo: Yep, absolutely. So, another resolution for us tonight, which is a resolution condemning federal overreach in the District of Columbia policing, and demanding the immediate return of local funds. So, this resolution is a product of the DC Home Rule Caucus, of which I'm a member, and it is a resolution directly addressing Donald Trump deploying federal resources into the District of Columbia for an unknown amount of time, we'll call it. You know, as OANC commissioners, we take an oath to, "faithfully execute the laws of the United States and District of Columbia and to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution." And also to help protect Home Rule. Home Rule is controlling our own police force. That factors into it. So, this resolution is essentially imploring Congress, or urging that they reject any joint resolutions extending federal control of MPD past 30 days, including the National Guard. It implores Congress to restore the \$1 billion of locally raised funds that was taken out of our budget and never restored. It supports legal challenges by the District of Columbia, advocacy organizations, and residents contesting the statutory emergency threshold, which was issued under section 740 and has not been lawfully met. And demands full public transparency from the White House, the DOJ, MPD leadership, and the heads of all federal agencies involved here. You know, we've seen, we've heard from constituents. We have seen posts on the listserv. There have been protests in and around the area from people who live in Glover Park. I think everyone's worried about this, and no one quite knows what's going on. So, you know, it's important as ANC commissioners that we use whatever voice we have to speak out against these actions. And that's my spiel. I could talk for about an hour about this, but I want to respect everybody's time.

Turmail: And I'll just say, I don't have a question for Kevin, but I will say that I will be voting for this resolution. But where I am on this is, look, I think I've shared concerns about, you know, levels of crime in the city. But I will say as a former chairman of the Citizens Advisory Council for the Police Department's Second District, I would argue that you'd be hard-pressed to find a better urban police force than the Metropolitan Police Department. It's well-run. It's a citizen-involved organization. They do a good job. They've sometimes lacked the support from the Assistant US Attorney's Office, and Brian Turmail thinks they sometimes lack support from the Attorney General's Office when it comes to juvenile crimes. That is not the position of the ANC. But I don't think that this police department needs to be federalized. I also don't think that we need to have National Guard soldiers from outside of the District patrolling our street. Or armed National Guard soldiers who are military, not law enforcement, patrolling our streets. If the president is interested in supporting efforts to reduce crime, he could absolutely help ensure that Congress restores our billion dollars of our own money. All for, you know, a coordinated surge effort of other law enforcement officials with the District, but it doesn't need to be in charge of our police force. And we don't need to have National Guard soldiers, and we do need our money. And I will say one last-- If I can pontificate for one last second more, I have long been on

the end taxation without representation. I'll be honest, I've long been on the end taxation part of it. I would love to not pay a federal income tax. What the president is doing is pushing me to be a much stronger advocate for home rule, and ultimately statehood. We need to enjoy the same rights and safeguards that every state enjoys in this country. So, I'll stop pontificating there. I'm going to vote for it.

Lavezzo: Well said. Thank you.

Lane: Kevin--

Turmail: Although, if they want to end the federal income tax, I'm still okay with that. For the record. We'll be the Lichtenstein on the Potomac.

Lavezzo: We'll have a conversation offline about that one.

Lane: Kevin, have you seen the--

Rodriguez: The DMV also has brand new license plates that are purple that says, "Statehood now." So, they just put those out. I just saw one the other day. It's a pretty catchy license plate.

Turmail: Are there questions or other comments from the chat? I'm sorry.

Lane: There's a question in the chat. Kevin, have you seen it? "Does representative Norton support this?"

Lavezzo: I have. This was not done in coordination with Rep. Holmes Norton. This was strictly from the DC Home Rule Caucus, which is made up of ANC commissioners.

Turmail: Other questions for Kevin? I will make a motion that we vote on the resolution. Is there a second? All in favor of the resolution say, "aye," or raise your hand. Anyone opposed? Thank you, Kevin. Appreciate it.

Lavezzo: Thanks, everybody.

Turmail: And we wanted to get that resolution done in time to sort of join with many other ANCs who are voting on the same resolution, to make sure that our community's voice is heard on this issue. Which is why we moved the meeting to today instead of next Thursday.

Updates and Information [0:28:08]

Turmail: Any updates and information? I don't have any on my list.

Lane: I don't have any.

Turmail: Go ahead, Rob. Please.

Rodriguez: I just have a quick one. I had a constituent reach out about adding a bus stop to an existing route going down New Mexico onto Cathedral. And was in touch with WMATA and Metro Bus, and I finally got a response back. They've been very receptive to it. It's going through the works now. So, I'll be getting back to that constituent this week and let her know the update on getting that brief stop added to the Metro line, Metro bus line. And so, we can get that approved, but it has to go through a process with Metro first.

Lane: Which route is it?

Rodriguez: That's a good question. I have it in my email, and I don't have it with me. But it's a stop across from the towers on the south side of the road. And it skips that when it goes to the top of the Cathedral Hill, and she's trying to avoid having to go all the way up to Cathedral Hill to catch her bus, and just adding that one stop back into it.

Lane: It's probably the D80.

Rodriguez: It may be.

Lane: Okay.

Turmail: The one that goes up to Bethesda?

Rodriguez: Yeah.

Lane: That's the D96.

Rodriguez: D96. So, yeah. We've got a little bit of traction, but it does have a process with Metro Bus that they have to follow and get evaluated. She said it's a little more likely because it's just adding a stop rather than having to do the infrastructure to support the bus that has to go through there. Since it's already going through, it could eliminate a little bit of the red tape. So, I'll be reaching back out to her and let her know that we have a little bit of traction and an update.

Turmail: All right. Well, keep us posted, please. When they went through this redesign, they did promise some ability to be flexible. So, we want to--

Rodriguez: It seemed like she was very happy for the community input also. So, she applauded the constituent for reaching out and making that effort.

Turmail: Thank you.

Open Forum [0:30:00]

Turmail: Any other updates from the commissioners? If not, I will open it up to the community for any open forum issues, comments, concerns.

Lane: There's a question from Carol. How does this resolution support his org? Whose org?

Turmail: Carol, do you want to explain your question? Pretty please.

Vilsack: Sorry. I was just asking the man who wanted the resolution from us, that we all just voted yes. How does our resolution help him advance what he's trying to do?

Turmail: You're talking about the Home Rule Caucus? Kevin, do you want to talk about the--

Vilsack: Yes, how is our resolution helping that? I mean, just briefly. Just briefly.

Turmail: No, it's a good question, Carol, and I think Kevin's got a good answer.

Lavezzo: Yeah. It's not necessarily helping advance the organization itself. We're there simply to take actions that support Home Rule in DC. So this resolution isn't about the caucus itself, but it's about, you know, asserting Home Rule in the District of Columbia. And we are looking at other resolutions and matters as well.

Turmail: And I'm not sure if this is exactly what you're asking, Carol, but the intent here is to have as many commissions as possible across the city support this, so that the Home Caucus can speak with a voice of sort of the collective community of the District Columbia.

Vilsack: Okay. You stole my thunder. Are we the first to provide this resolution, sir, or are we one of several?

Lavezzo: We're not the first, but we are one of several. The Home Rule Caucus wanted to have as many ANCs vote on this by tomorrow. So there are others. A few of the ANCs in Ward 3, Ward 1, and Ward 2, I believe, have voted for this. I'm not sure about the other wards at this point.

Vilsack: Okay. Thank you. Good luck. Thank you.

Turmail: There were some public comments from the president's Deputy Chief of Staff, who seemed to demonstrate some confusion about the diversity of the population of the District of

Columbia, and who has a right to actually weigh in on who has a say in the District. And we wanted to be part of that conversation, because we're part of the diversity the Deputy Chief of Staff or the President doesn't seem to appreciate exists in this city. I have some stronger thoughts, but that's as nice as I'm going to be able to say that.

Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) **[0:32:26]**

Turmail: Owen, you had something to say, and get me off my high horse again.

Cox: Hello, everyone. My name is Willia Owen Cox. I'm the Ward 3 liaison for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services. I'll put my contact info into the group chat. So no major announcements from me. Just reminding everyone about the upcoming Art All Night event in, well, there are several. Highlighting, of course, in Glover Park, which will be on September 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. There's also Cleveland Park is having it September 12th, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Tenleytown is September 13, 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. So if you haven't got enough on this 12th, you can go to Tennlytown on the 13th. But there will be events, painting, and other entertainment. And also restaurants are doing some deals. So get out there, support some local businesses, and enjoy Art All Night. It's a big thing we do. So, I think in Glover Park they have a wing eating contest at Wingos. Unfortunately, although I would like to, I can't participate because I'll be out of town. So next year I'll do my best.

Turmail: Owen is throwing down right now and promising to win the competition next year is what I heard.

Cox: Well, for the Palisades Day Parade they had a pie eating contest before the 4th of July. I participated in that, and although I lost, I learned a lot about eating contests, so I'm ready to try it with wings.

Turmail: All right. I can't wait to see that next year. But do go out and enjoy the Art All Night. And trust me, support those local businesses. They all need the help. Thank you for bringing-- Anything else, Owen?

Cox: No, that's it for me. Thank you.

Turmail: Awesome. Anyone else, an update? And I did see the note about Richard helping with the landscape professional, and we appreciate that. All right. Oh, I gotta get the picture of the agenda back up.

Administrative Matters [0:34:40]

Turmail: Okay, moving on. We do have some administrative business we need to take care of. Kevin, would you-- Well, first, I guess let's just start with the easy, theoretically, easy one.

Lane: Did we do open forum?

Turmail: I'm sorry? Yeah, we just did the open forum.

Lane: Is that what that was? Okay.

Turmail: Yeah. Did I say that too fast?

Lane: Sorry. Yes.

Turmail: I'm on like my fourth Coke Zero for the day.

Lane: My bad. Sorry.

Turmail: As you may be able to tell. On the administrative business, we do have-- All of the commissioners have had an opportunity to review and provide feedback on our minutes from our July 2025 meeting. And I would like to make a motion that we approve the minutes from the July meeting.

Rodriguez: Second.

Turmail: A second. All in favor say, "aye," or raise your hand. All right. Minutes approved. Kevin, I don't know if you want to do the financial report, or the budget, or the motion to raise the grant? Which order do you want to handle them? I'm going to hand it over to you.

Lavezoo: Sure. Melissa, do we want to do the motion first? That was something you had brought up. I'm not sure if you want to make the motion to raise the grant cap.

Lane: Oh, yeah, I can do that. Right now we give grants, and we have a grant ceiling of \$2,500, which has been that way at least for a decade. And I think with rising costs on everything, it's time that we raised that ceiling as well. So I am proposing that we raise the ceiling for annual grants per organization, per year, to \$5,000. Is there any discussion about that?

Turmail: Any questions from commissioners? I would just add that we have resources that are provided from the District of Columbia to provide grants. That is really the, as you'll hear when Kevin discusses our draft budget, that is the lion's share of the budget we allocate each year. We do think it's an important role to support the community with all appropriate grant requests. And so if there's a legitimate need, we want to have the resources to be able to support it. And

things are just more expensive than they were the last time we set a limit.

Lavezzo: And we run a pretty lean ANC as far as costs go. We don't have any office personnel. We don't have any office space. So, you know, most of the funds that we get are directed to grants. Or they're set aside for grants, rather.

Turmail: In fact, my office space is switching my head, so it says Glover Park instead of my day job. Sorry.

Lane: The number of grants, we don't cap that. It's however many requests we get in. We get maybe three or four a year right now, but that's not capped. If we got ten for \$1,000, that's fine. Or if we got five for \$5,000, that's fine.

Turmail: I believe, as we'll cover in our proposed budget, we're suggesting allocating \$50,000 for grants?

Lane: 25, I think.

Turmail: Kevin, how much was it we had in it for grants?

Lavezzo: What I have right now allocated for grants is \$25,000. Last year we had, I believe, \$15,000.

Turmail: So 25. So theoretically, we could cap out at five grants if everyone had a qualified grant application for \$5,000. And that would be a nice problem to have.

Lane: And we can also, you know, amend the budget during the year. So if we had more than \$25,000 worth of grants, we could add money to that account.

Turmail: Yes. Any other questions? If not, I'll make a motion that we raise the ANC grant max level to \$5,000. I'm getting there, sorry. All in favor say, "aye," or raise your hand.

Commissioners: Aye.

Turmail: All right. What's next, Kevin?

Vilsack: But can I ask a question about that?

Turmail: Sure, Carol, go ahead. Ask a question.

Vilsack: Okay. If we do up it to \$5,000, what is the rationale to just fully support a grant for \$5,000? Is it just basically they ask, and we vote? Or is there some template, or some form that needs to get filled out, and approved, and validated?

Turmail: Kevin, do you want to maybe give a little bit of a breakdown of the process?

Lavezzo: Yes. Yeah, so there there is a form. It's OANC form 100, and that has all the requirements needed to receive a grant from an ANC. And it has standards for who you are, what it's going to be used for, what it can be used for. Receipts need to be provided. It needs to show community impact to Glover Park. So, someone from Georgetown can't request a grant from ANC 3B that won't benefit Glover Park. You know, an example of a grant that is from an organization that lies right outside of the ANC is Hardy. We had a grant for them over the summer, but they were able to show community impact for Glover Park because all the kids from Glover Park, unless they leave Glover Park to go to school, go to Hardy. So our ANC, we look at the grant, we decide if it is something we want to support. Before it even gets to that stage, OANC looks at the grant and says, "Yes, this matches. No, this doesn't match. You need to change X, Y, and Z." There have been a number of grants that have not passed muster with OANC for various reasons that haven't even made it to a public vote. So that that's kind of the process. And then even after the money is given out there's a close out process to show that the funds were used properly, that they were spent properly, that receipts match what was asked for. There have been a couple of grants where we've had to ask for checks for refunds where they haven't spent all of the money. There have been some where expenses were not approved because the receipt wasn't proper. It didn't show the charge was actually made or completed. Or items were bought with grant funds that were not appropriate. So, we were able to recover those funds. So, it's not that anyone can come and ask for money and they get the money. There is a pretty rigorous process behind it.

Turmail: Good question, Carol.

Vilsack: Thank you, sir. That sounds good.

Lavezzo: You're welcome.

Vilsack: And those records are open to the public? Like, Glover Park citizens, we could ask to review those? Not that we're questioning you, but just to validate that the funds are given to our neighbors and not folks outside of the neighborhood?

Lavezzo: Yeah, that stuff is all part of our--

Lane: It's all part of the official record.

Vilsack: Well done. Thank you, sir. Thank you, ma'am.

Turmail: Okay. All right. Do you want to do budget or the financial report?

Lavezzo: Oh, man, there's so much to choose from. Let's do the financial reports for July and August first, since those are pretty simple to knock out. In July we opened the month with \$43,074.62. We ended the month with \$42,559.74. We wrote checks for \$514.88, with one

going towards the gentleman who does the transcripts of our meetings. And three checks for web costs. \$149 for the minutes. And then we had a \$60, a \$125, and a \$180 check for our web development company. For August we started the month with \$42,559.74. We ended the month with \$43,890.16. We had one debit of \$1,330.42 for grant funds that were not used by Hardy Middle. So, we got some of that back for funds that were not spent. We have one more month before we have to get into the quarterly financial report. So, once September is done we will look at the final QFR of fiscal year 2025. And barring any questions, I'll get into the 2026 budget.

Turmail: I have no questions. Questions from the other commissioners or the community? Right. Conch is yours, Kevin.

Lavezzo: All right. So, for fiscal year 2026, I am predicting that we'll have a balance forward from fiscal year 2025 of \$47,875, which includes our Q4 disbursement that we have not received yet. Our allotments for next year remain the same. It's \$3,985 per quarter, for a total of \$15,940 at our disposal. That, plus our balance forward, means we have \$63,815 to play with next year. We are predicting \$0 for personnel costs, and we are budgeting \$5,000 for office costs, \$5,000 for communications, zero for supplies, equipment, and printing. \$25,000 for grants, zero for transportation, \$10,000 for purchase of service, zero for bank charges, and \$50 for other. And that \$50 may be removed in the final budget. Historically, that's been for the ANC security fund, which went away, so we no longer need to budget for that. So if we spend everything that we predict we'll spend, that's \$45,050, and we would end the year with \$18,765. And as Melissa said, we can amend the budget throughout the year. So, if it turns out that we have more grants to give out, we can certainly change that budget to be a higher amount as needed. And we'll have this available for people to review, and we'll vote on this as a commission at our October meeting.

Turmail: One quick question. We just mentioned that we don't have an office, but we've got \$5,000 for office funds. Can you explain for everyone's benefit?

Lavezzo: Yeah. You know, if we decide to get office space it's easier to budget for it in advance than to have to turn around and amend the budget, and pass that, and then go for the funds.

Turmail: Yeah. But ultimately we don't really anticipate using it.

Lavezzo: No. And purchase of service, typically we set that money aside in case we-- There are a few ANCs that have online platforms for communication, coordination, a few things like that. I think our neighbors in 3D have something like that. So we set money aside for fiscal year '25 in case we wanted to look at that. And I thought it was a good idea just for that in '26 in case it's something we want to explore next year.

Turmail: Are there any questions from the other commissioners or from the community for Kevin about the budget?

Lane: No, we only get appropriated funds.

Lavezzo: Yeah.

Turmail: Oh, Carol's written question. Yeah. So even if you wanted to make a donation, Carol, you can't.

Lane: Can't do it.

Lavezzo: Yeah, we can't even get interest from our bank account.

Vilsack: I was going to do a lemonade stand up at the corner of Stoddert.

Turmail: Do it for the school. His daughter could use the help. Anything else? All right. Since we don't need to vote on that -- and remember, we'll vote on that in October -- I will make a motion that we conclude tonight's meeting and remind everyone that our next meeting will be on Thursday, the 9th of October. And I make a motion that we conclude the meeting. There's a second. All in favor say, "aye." Anyone opposed? You're welcome to stay on. I hope everyone stays safe out there, and we'll see you in October. Cheers.

Lavezzo: Thank you.

Turmail: Go to Art All Night. See if you can out eat Owen for next year.