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## Call to Order [0:00:00]

**Blumenthal:** Good evening. Welcome to the September meeting of ANC 3B. For the purposes of this meeting, please keep your mics muted and your video off unless you're called on, and it's your turn to speak, and we will make that clear then. But having your video on is distracting to people. Lieutenant Johnson, are you here? Yes, I see you. You can join us on mic and video, and give us the police report. Oh, nope, sorry.

**Lane:** Oh, no. Wait, yeah.

## Approval of Agenda [0:00:50]

**Blumenthal:** Sorry, I forgot. I have to do the approval of the agenda, and I need to change the agenda. First of all, I move that we delete the Rocklands item, which is not relevant until next year. And I move that we add an item to send a letter to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration regarding the application of Elevated Lounge and Tours, which we will discuss when it's added to the agenda. So I move we make those two changes, and then approve the agenda. Second?

**Howie:** I second.

**Blumenthal:** Commissioner Carroll. All in favor?

**Lane:** Aye.

**Blumenthal:** Okay, motion carries, 6-0. And I should acknowledge the fact that all six commissioners are here tonight so that we have a quorum.

## Police Report [0:01:44]

**Blumenthal:** Now, Lieutenant Johnson, you're up.

**Johnson:** Hello, can everyone hear me?

**Blumenthal:** Yes, we can.

**Johnson:** Hey, good evening, everyone. It's kind of a solemn occasion. Our friend, Wayne David died today. I mean, he was buried today, so I'm not going to show a video. But I will give

the police report. He was a great investigator, great person, great employee. A great human being. We are going to miss Wayne David on the police department. But to get started, we had 13 crimes in Glover Park this month. We had six theft from autos, five thefts, one motor vehicle theft. And we also had one burglary at the Pearson's liquor store. It happened on Monday, September 9th. And that's located at 2436 Wisconsin Avenue. What happened was there was social unrest in the Seventh District in reference to the violence interrupter that got killed in a 7D police shooting. And they rioted all over the District. They hit the CityCenter, they hit the 1D navy yard. And unfortunately they also hit us in Glover Park. The rioters, they broke into Pearson's liquor store, stole some liquor and a cash register. We did recover some property from that theft, and the detectives are investigating that. We had one-- Oh, in response to the riots we have activated our civil disturbance unit, CDU. And we've been out there the last couple of nights, a total department activation, and we hardened up all of the businesses. You might have seen police all up and down Wisconsin, M Street, the CityCenter. We had cops, you know, in numbers and riot gear, stuff like that, to make sure they don't hit our stores again. But that's calmed down the last couple days, so hopefully that's coming to an end, the social unrest. And we had one motor vehicle theft. It was a moped that was stolen from the 2300 block of Huidekoper Place. That's all I have as far as crime in Glover Park. We're still doing pretty good. We had that one burglary, too, that hopefully won't happen again.

**Blumenthal:** Lieutenant Johnson, first of all, I'm sorry to hear about the death of the officer. But I wanted to ask, there was to my knowledge another robbery at Wingo's. And that happened Thursday night. Do you know anything about that?

**Johnson:** I don't have it on my report. I didn't see a Wingo's. Thursday night, you mean last week?

**Blumenthal:** Yeah, I guess I do. Yeah, I do.

**Johnson:** Because Thursday night is right now. I didn't see anything from Wingo's. It didn't come up on the crime report. And I was working last Thursday night, so I should know there was no robbery at Wingo's. What time do you think it happened?

**Blumenthal:** Well, I may have the day wrong, you know. But it happened at midnight, the place was open. Somebody got into the back, called a friend, they brought the car around the back of the alley. And they took all the workers' bicycles, and phones, and backpacks from the worker storage room.

**Johnson:** No, I don't have that on my report this week.

**Blumenthal:** And there's film. And I'm pretty sure MPD was involved in this.

**Johnson:** I'll look into that and get back with you on that one.

**Blumenthal:** Okay, thank you very much.

**Johnson:** I work midnights, and I would have been on the scene of that crime. I don't know about that one.

**Blumenthal:** Well, I'm glad-- Also, I understand Pearson's had pretty good film of that incident.

**Johnson:** Yeah, we also recovered some property from there. Hopefully we get some fingerprints off of that and get some good leads. The property has been recovered all over the Seventh District.

**Blumenthal:** Do you think the crimes related to the social unrest are gang related? Like, planned in advance and in anticipation of social unrest keeping MPD busy?

**Johnson:** It definitely was planned. But I don't know if it was gang related. It was just, you know, some upset citizens about what happened in the Seventh District, and they planned to come downtown and break into stores that night. But they haven't done it, they have not done it. We hardened up the stores. The chief activated everyone, and we've been out there making sure that didn't happen again.

**Blumenthal:** Great, thank you. Any other--

**Johnson:** And we also made arrests that night, too. I'm sorry. We made some arrests that night from CityCenter. They broke into a Gucci store. And they locked up some people that were stealing inside the Gucci store.

**Blumenthal:** That's good news.

**Johnson:** So hopefully we get more from that. I'm sorry.

**Blumenthal:** That's all right. Commissioner Howie has a question.

**Howie:** So, I just was wondering. So, I understand like the civil unrest, and like responding to like downtown. Like, I would not consider Glover Park downtown. Were there other, more like suburban neighborhoods in the city that were targeted? Like Cleveland Park further up Wisconsin Avenue? Or Woodley Park? Or Cleveland Park on the Wisconsin Avenue side? I'm just wondering how it got-- Yeah.

**Johnson:** We're so close to Georgetown, and they targeted Georgetown, those stores down there, right up the street. But as far as I know they didn't hit any more stores further than Glover Park, the 2400 block of Wisconsin. So they probably hit us on the way out. Because they'd like to hit Wisconsin. We have that Apple Store down there, we've got I think the Polo store still down there to hit those doors. And Lululemon is on M Street. They liked to hit M Street, and these things happen.

**Howie:** Do you know how long MPD is planning on assigning a cop or a unit to sit out front of Lululemon on M Street?

**Johnson:** That's going on for a while because, you know, they've targeted. They targeted that store in early summer. They've been hitting Lululemon kind of hard.

**Howie:** Yeah, my question is just how long do they anticipate having to send a unit there? I will say I just feel like Lululemon is a company that I feel like can afford their own security guards. And they have insurance for their merchandise that would be stolen. So I'm not quite sure why an MPD officer would have to be sitting out front when they could be out doing other, you know, services to the neighborhood.

**Johnson:** I agree, but the higher-ups, you know, I guess they, at this point, are giving Lululemon special attention because of all the things that happened to them. I don't anticipate it going on for much longer. I mean, we can't sustain it. We don't have the manpower.

**Howie:** Yeah, I agree. I think it's a manpower issue.

**Johnson:** It should end soon.

**Howie:** I guess I'm just bringing this up so it's in the record. But, Jackie, I think it'd be worth-- I don't know, I guess-- Like, who would I reach out to as an ANC commissioner?

**Johnson:** The commander of the Second District. You can email her, and she definitely could give you more insight on that.

**Howie:** Okay. All right. Thank you.

**Blumenthal:** Are there any questions from participants? Oh, sorry, Commissioner Lavezzo, please.

**Lavezzo:** Yes. Lieutenant Johnson, I have two things for you.

**Johnson:** Yes, sir.

**Lavezzo:** And both of these have been observed by myself, and I've also heard from several constituents about this. You know, as some people may be aware, traffic fatalities have doubled in DC since Vision Zero was adopted. I think we've had 33 so far this year. And around Glover Park, particularly on New Mexico and Tunlaw, I've heard many reports, and seen myself, very dangerous driving behavior. Particularly at the intersection of 39th and Tunlaw, and 42nd and Tunlaw. Drivers don't stop. They blew through the stop sign almost at the speed limit. They don't look when turning, don't stop when turning. And, you know, I've personally almost been hit in the crosswalk multiple times, my wife as well. And people that live around the neighborhood. So I would like, if possible, if MPD could do some enforcement at those locations, to maybe take the

temperature down a little bit off drivers. I'm not quite sure what's going on, but it seems to be getting worse. The other portion is I seem to remember DC having a noise ordinance for vehicles, for loud vehicles. I may be misremembering that, but the last two to three months, I guess somebody's moved to the neighborhood with a loud motorcycle that likes to rip up and down Tunlaw. I see Commissioner Carroll shaking his head. He's equally disturbed by this. And Commissioner Bergmann, I'm not sure if you face New Mexico, but this person, multiple times a day, just rips up and down the street at a high rate of speed. You know, high engine RPMs. Middle of the night, early in the morning, middle of the day, it doesn't matter. It sounds like it's the same motorcycle over and over again. It seems to follow some sort of pattern that I can't pick out. But, you know, given Tunlaw and New Mexico is almost exclusively apartment buildings, it's very disruptive to everyone that's on that corridor. I'm not sure if anything can be done about that as far as monitoring and trying to track this person down, you know, in the act of doing what sounds like between 40 and 50 miles an hour on Tunlaw.

**Carroll:** And straight up Fulton Street as well, some mornings. It's usually between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m.

**Lavezzo:** Yeah, and I've heard it somewhere between 11:00 and midnight lots of nights, sometimes--

**Carroll:** Yeah, the departure is usually between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. I was trying to peg it as well.

**Howie:** Sorry, this is Commissioner Howie. In my single member district, maybe this could be a solution for many of these problems. Not that I'm advocating for more photo ticket things, but maybe we could move the full stop camera on the corner of 37th and Whitehaven, and move it to 39th and Tunlaw/New Mexico. I don't know if getting tickets in the mail would deter these people, and then also force people to come to a complete stop at that intersection to give pedestrians more of a, you know, a chance.

**Johnson:** All right. Well, I definitely can add enforcement to the 39th and Tunlaw, the areas that you told me. I'll get our traffic cop up there in the morning times to enforce traffic for those guys running stop signs and speeding. The loud muffler, that is a citation. But that's mainly for like loud trucks. I don't know about motorcycles, but we can address a motorcycle that's doing traffic violations also in the area. We can do a traffic stop on him. But I've never seen a ticket for a motorcycle for a loud muffler.

**Howie:** And you'd have to catch them in the act, correct?

**Johnson:** Yes, we have to witness that. Yes, ma'am. But we'll get a traffic cop out there.

**Lavezzo:** You'll hear them coming. Trust me, we can hear them coming all the way down the road. It's loud and fast

**Johnson:** Yeah, we'll get a traffic cop up there. We have a real good traffic cop, McElwee. He's

a good officer. He's very good with traffic enforcement. We'll get him up there.

**Lavezzo:** Fantastic.

**Johnson:** And address those issues.

**Blumenthal:** Lieutenant Johnson, if we want to advocate in favor of moving that stop sign camera, is that a DDOT thing, or is that an MPD thing?

**Johnson:** 100% DDOT. They control those cameras. They decide where they're placed. And usually they get interest from citizens and suggestions, and they take that into account. But as far as where they are placed, it's definitely 100% DDOT. They don't listen to the police department too much with those there. I don't know how they decide where to put them.

**Blumenthal:** Okay, well, we will work on that.

**Johnson:** But they don't take input from the police department for those things.

**Blumenthal:** Okay, we'll do it ourselves then. Any other questions for Lieutenant Johnson? Just raise your hand from the audience if you have one. Okay, thank you very much, Lieutenant Johnson. I appreciate you being here.

**Johnson:** All right, everyone be safe, and see you next month.

**Blumenthal:** Okay, thank you.

**Johnson:** All right. Bye-bye.

**Blumenthal:** Is Jeffrey Jackson here? All right, we'll--

**Lane:** I don't see him.

**Blumenthal:** No. We'll postpone that item.

## **New Business [0:14:22]**

### **Request from Glover House for an exception to construction hours to allow paving repair overnight [0:14:22]**

**Blumenthal:** Let's move on to the request from Glover House for an exception to construction hours to allow paving repair. Whoever is here from that, for that item, I believe it's people from DFM Development.

**Collins:** Yes.

**Blumenthal:** Just show your faces, turn on your mics. And whoever is speaking first, please go right ahead and present your case.

**Collins:** Well, I'm Jim Collins with DFM Development Services. And we are under contract to Glover House to do some stormwater management facility maintenance. And the reason for the meeting, you know, being in front of you this evening is a section of permeable pavement that is adjacent to Wisconsin Avenue, where the one way entrance off Wisconsin is, generally for folks going to Trader Joe's, that's the issue. That's the area that needs to be cleaned. And so what we're asking is to do it overnight so as not to impact Trader Joe's. It would also have perhaps some beneficial effect on the school, British International School, traffic flow there that day. I can share my screen if it's beneficial to show exactly what we're talking about, where we're talking. Unless you already know?

**Blumenthal:** No, please do share your screen.

**Lane:** Wait, I've gotta set this up.

**Collins:** Okay.

**Lane:** Okay, go ahead.

**Collins:** Okay, so this is a just a Google Map. Can everyone see it?

**Blumenthal:** Not yet. Here it comes.

**Collins:** Okay. Okay, so here we are at the area. Here's Wisconsin, and here's Glover House. And so Trader Joe's is in this building. It's the area sort of in orange, only in orange. That's the permeable pavement. So it's that area. There's actually a planter box here. But it's one-way circulation, sort of northbound or westbound. Wisconsin turns in, so we would need to block that off from 7:00, 8:00 p.m., whatever start time is reasonable. And then do the cleaning. And what this is, is permeable pavement. So it's essentially power washing the pavers, and then vacuuming out the water after the pavers have been cleaned. And so it's a constant vacuum sound. I've been told it's going to take three to five hours to do the work.

**Blumenthal:** Just one time only?

**Collins:** Yes, this is a one-time only. This is required by the District Department of Environment. And so we are-- That's what we need to do. We'd like to do it overnight. And so that's what's before you.

**Blumenthal:** Okay, so it would be after Trader Joe's closes?



**Collins:** Yes, and I think that's 8:00 p.m., but I'd have to double check it.

**Blumenthal:** On a weeknight?

**Collins:** Yes.

**Blumenthal:** And my understanding is you need to do it soon?

**Collins:** Well, yes, we'd like to do it within the next month or so, before it gets super cold. And certainly before it freezes. And the only way we couldn't do it on a scheduled night would be if it's pouring rain, serious torrential downpour. If it's a light rain or, you know, a drizzle type thing, that would be okay.

**Blumenthal:** So we're talking like 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., something like that?

**Collins:** Yes, I think that's correct. I think a five-hour window is what they needed.

**Blumenthal:** All right. So, we have two options, Commissioners. One is to approve that right now. The other is to wait a month and let the people who live in the condos opposite that area, I think it's 21-something. I forget what the address is, but these condos, The Observatory.

**Collins:** It's 2111.

**Blumenthal:** Right, 2111. Let them weigh in. I can guarantee that will be problematic.

**Howie:** Is that your single member district, Jackie?

**Blumenthal:** Yes, yes it is. It's mine. And if this is-- Yeah?

**Howie:** I would defer to waiting and giving them the chance to voice their opinion. I mean--

**Blumenthal:** Well, if they say no, what are we going to do?

**Lane:** Yeah, what are we gonna do if they say no? I mean, it's got to be done. The DC government says they have to do it.

**Blumenthal:** I'd rather take--

**Howie:** Well, then let's just do it now. If there's no-- If it has to be done, then just do it now.

**Blumenthal:** We should just do it now. All right, I make a motion that we send a letter. Jim, that's what we're supposed to do? Send a letter, write somebody? That the ANC approves the overnight work as described.

**Collins:** Okay.

**Diaz:** Yeah, that you're in support of it. Hi, I'm Melissa Diaz. I'm processing the permit. Hi.

**Howie:** I'll second.

**Blumenthal:** Okay. Of the commissioners, all in favor? Is there anybody opposed, because I can't see all your faces? Okay, motion carries 6-0. Melissa, perhaps you and I can be in touch, and you can tell me who I need to send this letter to.

**Diaz:** Sounds good.

**Blumenthal:** All right, I will contact you, or you can contact me.

**Diaz:** Thank you so much.

**Collins:** Yeah, thank you.

**Blumenthal:** Thank you all very much.

**Collins:** Appreciate it. I'll stop sharing.

**Blumenthal:** Right.

## **Request from Washington Gas to allow construction work in the W Street area of Glover Park from 7 am to 5 pm [0:20:56]**

**Blumenthal:** Next up is a similar request from Washington Gas to allow construction work in the W Street area from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. instead of 9:00 to 3:00, so that the work can be completed in a shorter amount of time. Whoever is engaged in this project, please show your face, and open your mic, and tell us who you are.

**West:** Hello, I'm Monica West. I'm Director of Community Engagement for Washington Gas. Thanks for having me. I emailed you, Jackie, so thank you for inviting us. On the line I have Frank Frost, who is our construction manager. He can talk specifically about the work. And also Michelle Wright, who can also talk about gas. So the three of us are here today. Frank, you want to just jump right in to discuss the work? And then we can talk from there.

**Frost:** Yeah, good evening. Good evening, everyone. Thanks for giving us this opportunity to speak and explain this project, and kind of explain our request. So if I could share my screen, I don't know if you need to set something up or not.

**Lane:** Yeah, you can share it.

**Frost:** Okay. All right, so hopefully you can see this map. Washington Gas has a replacement project on W Street between Huidecoper and 40th Street. And what this project entails is the replacement, the abandonment of an existing main on the south side of the road that's in the sidewalk. And replacing all the services on the south side of the road. Either replacing the services, or transferring them to the new main, or a main that was previously installed, a newer main on the north side of the road. These would be the even side services. All the services on the north side of W are not affected by this work. So when we do work like this, generally our permits that DDOT issues, we're limited to working from 9:30 to 3:30. The challenge with that is by the time we set up traffic control at 9:30, we get it set up, it's close to 10:00. Then by the time we get our tools and our equipment out and set up, it's 10:00, 10:30. Then we have to be out of the roadway before 3:30. So we have to start tearing traffic control down and cleaning up the area by 3:00. So it really limits us to roughly a 4-and-a-half to maybe five-hour workday. Most services, on an average, take between -- when we're limited to 9:30 to 3:30 -- take between two-and-a-half to three days to complete. When we can work from like normal work hours, 8:00 to 5:00, we can complete a service in a day or a day and a half. It depends on site conditions. The lot, you know, what all is involved. We reduce the time drastically. And the benefits to the residents in the community is, one, the individual residents, we aren't disturbing their lives for as many days. Instead of, you know, digging in their yard and doing work on their property for three days, we're there a day or a day and a half. Overall, the whole scope of the project, we found when we work longer hours, we can reduce the length of the project. And I kind of broke it down on a spreadsheet for you. So for this project there's 41 services involved, and the main that we're abandoning is 1,581 feet. If we work the restricted hours of 9:30 to 3:30, we estimate the project taking 120 days. That's roughly five-and-a-half to six months. If we can work from 8:30 to 5:00, we estimate the project taking 64 days, which is roughly three months. And it's roughly a 47% reduction in the time that we'll be out on your street. It also, the benefits to the residents is once we get all of our underground gas work done, our temporary patches can be replaced with permanent restoration. Which means, in this case, the street will be repaved, and the sidewalks will be restored to DDOT specs. Now, as I said, these are estimates. Because on a project like this, when we're replacing services, unlike water or electric or phone company, when we turn a service off, we can't flip a switch or open a valve and just turn that gas back on to a house, to a resident. We have to physically get in the house to re-light those appliances. And that takes coordination with our customers. And we understand, you know, our customers work. They're busy. And unfortunately, not every one of these customers line up going down the street where, you know, today you have this house, the next day you have the next house, and so on and so forth. We're bouncing around on the block, whoever is available, however we can coordinate that. And we really try to work with our customers on scheduling this work so we can cause the least inconvenience to their life as possible. So that's why we're asking for the ANC's and the residents' input or opinion on allowing us to work normal hours, 8:30 to 5:00, versus 9:30 to 3:30. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

**Blumenthal:** When do you have this work scheduled to begin?

**Frost:** We plan on starting at the very end of September, or early October. It depends on when we receive the occupancy permits from DDOT. And also the crew that is going to move onto this project is on another project right now. Assuming they don't run into any problems, and they can finish it on time, we're looking at the very end of September, beginning of October.

**Blumenthal:** And so you would work through the winter if you had the short hours?

**Frost:** Yes, yeah. Weather permitting. If, you know, if it's raining, you know, because we're working in the roadway, we won't work if it's raining too hard, and weather conditions won't permit it. Or if temperatures get too cold. You know, as an example, if we have a planed service replacement with a resident in December, and we find out, look, the temperature during the day is going to drop down, or overnight it's going to drop down, down to below 32 degrees, in the 20s, we'll talk with the customer. And let them know, "Look, during the day we're going to have to shut the gas off so you'll be without heat during this time period. Do you want us to proceed with the work, or would you rather reschedule it when it's above 32 degrees?" But, yeah, we work through the winter. The only limits would be once we complete our work, the permanent restoration. DDOT has some limits on, there are some temperature restrictions on paving companies, when they can put permanent paving asphalt down. If it's too cold, they won't let them do the permanent restoration.

**Blumenthal:** Yeah, that's usually November to March, their schedule.

**Frost:** But we will, all of our excavations in the roadway and in the sidewalk, we'll backfill those. We'll put temporary patches in. And what we try to do is, in our trenches, underneath the asphalt, we put the cement base in. We cap it with hot mix, and then that might set until warmer weather, when the hot mix plants open up, and it's warm enough that DDOT will allow us to pave the street.

**Blumenthal:** And will the street be passable?

**Frost:** Yes. Yeah, we'll set up traffic control. And we don't close the street. We'll have the traffic control, and we'll be flagging traffic so that at any time cars can go up and down the street. During the work hours the travel may be restricted, but the road will be open.

**Blumenthal:** Commissioner Howie, do you have things you want to say?

**Howie:** Yeah, just because this mainly affects my SMD. So the gas will only be affected during those hours with that specific house that you're working on?

**Frost:** Yes, yeah.

**Howie:** So gas would not-- Like, gas would still be available to other houses?

**Frost:** Correct, yeah.

**Howie:** It would only be cut off during the time that you're replacing it. Obviously, if you're working from 8:30 to 5:00, it's not like you can turn the gas back on if you're not done with the job. But it won't affect other houses until that house is done?

**Frost:** Correct. Correct.

**Howie:** Okay.

**Frost:** We plan our projects out and lay these out. That main that we're going to abandon that's in the sidewalk on the south side of the street, it'll stay active, and as we go to an address, say 3740, we'll coordinate with that customer. And if we think this job, because of retaining walls or site conditions, is going to take a day and a half, day one we'll do all of the preliminary work. Day two, when we're ready to shut that gas off and energize the new line, it'll just be that service without gas, just during the day.

**Howie:** Yeah, I mean, essentially you're just asking us how long do we want to deal with this? For six to nine months, or three to six months. So, regardless, this has to happen.

**Frost:** Correct. And when we talk with DDOT and the permitting agencies, I think their concern -- and I don't want to speak for them -- but I think their concern is, "Look, in the District parking's a premium. And we have residents getting ready for work, going to work, and this and that." And they don't want construction work to interrupt the lives of the citizens of DC, which I can understand. But by the same token, you know, these residents on this street are our customers, and we don't want to inconvenience them either. And it's kind of like do you want us out there for six months, or would you rather us be out there for three months? We can get out of your hair quicker, and get your street restored quicker if we can work those longer hours.

**Blumenthal:** Commissioner Lane?

**Lane:** Yeah, I have a couple of questions. Did you say that this would only affect customers on the south side, or is it going to be both sides?

**Frost:** No, just the-- Well, the services, it'll just affect the services on the south side of the road.

**Lane:** Okay.

**Frost:** Now, the new main that we're moving those services to, or transferring those services to, is 11 foot off the north curb. So we'll be right there between that parking lane on the north and that travel lane. We'll be right in that area.

**Lane:** But the gas won't be turned off for the people on the north side?

**Frost:** Correct. The services and those customers on the north side, we won't be doing anything

with their services. Their services are already on that newer main.

**Lane:** Okay, and how much warning do they get? I mean, what is your plan to start telling people this?

**Frost:** So, we're required through the Public Service Commission, prior to starting a project, 15 days in advance we mail out customer notification letters. We put up project signs. And then, before we start work on a service, our contractors will meet with that customer, provide the customer a notification letter and all of the information. Explain what's to be done. Look at their premises and see what's involved. And coordinate all that work.

**Lane:** Would you let Commissioner Howie and I know so that we-- I mean, we both have constituents on the south side, and I just want to make sure that they're aware.

**Frost:** Yeah, absolutely. Another thing we do when we-- Prior to starting this project, within two or three days of starting this project, and we're putting up no parking signs, we ask our contractors to go to every resident in the immediately affected area. And we have door hangers, or cards that we can put on their door that kind of explain to them this project, and what's going on. And just so everyone understands, those services on the north side of the street, because they aren't affected, we won't be mailing them a letter. We'll just be mailing the letters to the people on the south side. So I bring that up, we have our contractor go down the street in the immediately affected area, and put these door hangers on the doors just so everyone will be notified. And we don't, you know, we don't put no parking signs up for the entire length of the project. When we put those door hangers out, if we're working on the 3700 block, we'll just take that area and do that, and then when we move to the 3800 block we'll post them there.

**Lane:** Okay, thank you.

**Blumenthal:** Commissioner Carroll, did you have a question?

**Carroll:** My only question was presumably with the earlier and later starting hours, you're actually setting up and breaking down for the first half hour or so of that as well, right? So in terms of actual, the digging of the machinery and all that stuff, that will start probably closer to 9:00, after people have left? Do I understand that correctly?

**Frost:** Yeah, 8:30 to 9:00. If we are granted work hours of 8:00 to 5:00, at 8 o'clock is when we can start setting up our traffic control, so we'll put up signs and cones, and get our flaggers situated, get all that organized. That generally takes about a half hour, and at that point we will start moving our truck, and our equipment, and our tools into the location we're going to be working. And then of course we have to get those tools set up and everything coordinated. So it would probably be between 8:30 and 9:00 before you actually hear equipment, excavating equipment, and noises like that.

**Carroll:** Okay, I just wanted to clarify that. Thank you.

**Blumenthal:** Any other commissioners have questions for the team? Gupi, are you okay with this?

**Howie:** Yep. And I work night shifts, so sometimes I'm sleeping during the daytime, and I'm still okay with this. Okay, do you want to make a motion?

**Howie:** I make a motion to approve. Is this the correct verbage?

**Blumenthal:** Yeah. To approve the request to change working hours to 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Howie:** I'll just second what Jackie said.

**Blumenthal:** Okay. I can't see all of the commissioners, so let me know if you're opposed. Speak up. All right, therefore the motion carries 6-0. And someone from your team should contact me with who I send a letter to on behalf of the ANC.

**West:** Okay, that will be me, Jackie. Yeah, Monica. I'll reach out to you tomorrow. Thank you so much.

**Blumenthal:** Thank you very much.

**West:** Appreciate everyone's time. Thank you very much. Have a great evening, everyone.

**Frost:** Thank you, everybody.

**West:** Thank you. Bye-bye.

**Blumenthal:** And just give us our screen back, please.

**West:** Frank?

**Frost:** There you go.

**Blumenthal:** All right.

**West:** Thank you, everybody. Have a good evening. Take care, bye-bye.

## **Request from Bonjon Rumi for approval of a full-service, full hours liquor license both inside and on the roof deck [0:38:02]**

**Blumenthal:** Okay, I understand there's someone here to speak about the new restaurant, Bonjon Rumi.

**Rahim:** Hello, everyone. Yeah, my name is Hilal Rahim.

**Blumenthal:** Okay

**Rahim:** Yeah, and I'm the owner of Bonjon Rumi restaurant, located in 2444 Wisconsin Avenue Northwest, Washington DC. That's my second location. I mean I have one location, one restaurant in Arlington, so that's the second one. But in Arlington location, I don't have a liquor, we are not selling liquor. And in DC I have like two bars, one in a rooftop, and one on the first floor. So I'm here to get the approval today. So my representative was Mr. Jackson. He's not here today. So it's basically Afghan restaurant, full service dining restaurant, with all authentic Afghan foods.

**Blumenthal:** Yes, I spoke to Mr. Jackson briefly about this, and I said that we would probably have no problem with approving your liquor license. And I see you're placarded for it already. And we have till October 12th, I think, to respond to that. And I mentioned to him that what we probably would want to do is work out an agreement about the hours on the roof deck. I know you're asking for full service hours inside, which is till 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.. But I'm sure that the neighbors, once we ask them for comment, are going to be concerned about the roof deck, because we've had controls on the hours there before. And so what we would be doing here is, what we would be asking is probably an agreement between your restaurant and the ANC that the rooftop would close at midnight.

**Rahim:** I don't have any problem with that. I talked with Mr. Jackson. I told him the restaurant will be open from 8:00 a.m., we are going to serve breakfast. But for the bar, for the liquor, I told him we will be open until 12:00 or 11:00 a.m., so not till like midnight.

**Blumenthal:** Okay. The hours that are on the license, though, I think, are the full hours. So we would work with Mr. Jackson and you to define the actual hours, particularly on the roof deck. That would have to be about 12 o'clock. And we would probably ask for there to be no music and no TVs on the roof deck.

**Rahim:** Right, yes.

**Blumenthal:** Right. So, what can happen at this point is I will negotiate with Mr. Jackson to write up something together that you can approve or not, and then at our next meeting in October, we will vote to support the agreement, and then file that with the Alcoholic Beverage Agency. Does that sound reasonable?

**Rahim:** Yeah.

**Blumenthal:** Okay, so that's where we stand. And if any other commissioners have comments, or responses, or opinions? Commissioner Howie? You need to--



**Howie:** Sorry. Just to clarify, this is the old Surfside building?

**Blumenthal:** Yes.

**Howie:** Okay. And Ms. Rahim, you just had mentioned your hours and you said a.m., but you mean that your restaurant will only be operating till 11:00 p.m. or midnight?

**Rahim:** No, I mentioned we will be open from 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and brunch. And then 11:00 we will start the lunch. So at dinner will be like 5:00, will start at 5:00. So usually--

**Howie:** What time would you plan on ending dinner service?

**Rahim:** Ending dinner service at 10:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m., sorry. 10:00 p.m.

**Howie:** Okay.

**Blumenthal:** Okay, any other questions from commissioners? All right, so we are not going to vote now. We're just going to go forward and work out an agreement. And then we will vote on that agreement in October and let ABCA know where we stand on this.

**Rahim:** Okay, thank you.

**Blumenthal:** Thank you very much for coming to our meeting, and we wish you luck with the restaurant.

**Rahim:** Thank you for having me.

## **Grant request from Friends of Guy Mason for upkeep of the garden area [0:43:42]**

**Blumenthal:** Okay, Jeff Russell from Friends of Guy Mason for a grant request. Jeff, are you here?

**Russell:** I am here. Just one second. There's my video.

**Blumenthal:** There you are.

**Russell:** Can everybody hear me okay?

**Blumenthal:** Yes, thank you.

**Russell:** All right. Perfect, thank you. First of all, I would just like to thank all of the commissioners present for giving me this time to address this body and make my request. I am

the current president of the Friends of Guy Mason. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, and we are the official city park partner for the Guy Mason Rec Center. We've been in place, and I'm sure that most everyone on this call knows what I'm stating, we've been in place since early '90s. And it is our mandate to make sure that the grounds of the Guy Mason Rec Center is a clean, safe environment for Glover Park citizens of all ages. Our playground is geared towards young children, and we have exercise equipment on the grounds for adults. And our dog park is enjoyed by many citizens of Glover Park. Now, I hope that everyone has received my grant proposal via email so I don't have to read the whole thing.

**Blumenthal:** If you could just summarize what you're requesting?

**Russell:** That's where I'm getting to, thank you. So, one of the aspects of the grounds that we maintain is the Fragrance Garden. So I'm here this evening to ask for a grant of \$2,500 to renovate, and really restore the Fragrance Garden. What has happened over time is that it has become overgrown. We're a victim of our own success in that regard, so there are parts of it that just need to be pared back, cleaned up. And perhaps some new plantings going on. So that's the essential part of my request this evening. I have attached to the email that I sent a quote from Enchanted Gardens. That's been our vendor for many, many years. And I suspect that everybody on this call, most folks, know Milton Grossman. This has been Milton's labor of love. It's really his thing for many, many years, and he's taken fantastic care of the place. If you also know Milton, he's getting older, as we all are, and it's a bit much for him to try to keep this place maintained. And over the years, our coffers have shrunk a bit, and this is an expensive undertaking to keep the place looking good. The Fragrance Garden in the spring and summer, when it's in full bloom, is really, really a nice, delightful space for people to come and relax, perhaps meditate, and just enjoy a moment to commune with nature. So that's my request, is for \$2,500 to give the place a good once over.

**Blumenthal:** Thank you very much, Jeff. Are there any questions from commissioners? I should say that the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions has approved the grant as an appropriate expense. So if there are no questions, I move that we approve the grant and work with Jeff to do this. Can I have a second first, please? Oh, Gupi.

**Howie:** I'll second.

**Blumenthal:** Commissioner Howie. Okay, thank you. All in favor of the motion? Okay, motion carries, 6-0.

**Russell:** Okay.

**Blumenthal:** Thank you. We'll be in touch about getting you the check.

**Russell:** Wonderful. Thank you to all of the commissioners present. Thank you.

**Blumenthal:** Thank you very much.

**Russell:** I will sign off. Good night.

**Blumenthal:** Good night. I want to just note that Jeffrey Jackson has showed up, but we already did your issue, Mr. Jackson, with the owner. And we agreed that you and I would work out a settlement agreement for the roof hours, and it will come up in October.

**Jackson:** Correct. Yes, and I amended the hours as we spoke.

**Blumenthal:** Okay, all right. So we'll, you and I will talk further about this offline. Okay. Thank you. Thank you.

## Updates and Information [0:49:12]

### Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) [0:49:12]

**Blumenthal:** All right. We're at updates and information. We have a new person from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, a MOCR, but I don't believe she's here.

**Cousin:** Yes, I am.

**Blumenthal:** Oh, sorry. I'm sorry. I was looking for your name, but it was hiding.

**Cousin:** No, it's okay. I can go? Okay. Hi, everyone. My name is Hope Cousin, I am the new Ward 3 MOCR manager. You may or may not-- Hello! You may or may not recall, I spoke briefly at your last meeting, and Matthew has left us. He's at Parks now. He accepted a position at Parks, and of course we wish him well. And I look forward to working with each of you moving forward. Just wanted to let you know if you didn't know already, that the snow shoveling exemption forms are up to date, and can be completed through October 31st. So if you want to let people know about that, I know it sounds crazy in September, but winter is coming. And hopefully we won't get snow, but just in case, it's important. I tell people all the time, I know the cut off date sounds crazy. It's just like the pumpkin lattes at Starbucks; they're here now and they'll be gone at Thanksgiving, when they should be around. But just wanted to let you all know that. And of course, if people need help with the actual shoveling process, they should reach out to Serve DC. I apologize, I don't recall which commissioner was speaking earlier about pedestrian safety, but who-- Yes, hello there. Please send me whatever information that you have, and I'll see what I can do. It is going on in the Palisades as well, and I've experienced it in 3F myself, almost getting hit and seeing, witnessing people almost getting hit. So it is definitely an issue, and is on my radar. So anything that you can send, as much detail as possible, please do. And I'll put my info in the chat for anyone who wants to connect. Thank you so much.

**Blumenthal:** All right. Thank you very much for coming to our meeting, and we wish you well in this position.

**Cousin:** Thank you.

**Blumenthal:** We'll make life easy for you.

**Cousin:** Thank you so much, everyone.

**Blumenthal:** Okay.

## **DCPS Project Manager for the Stoddert Modernization Project [0:51:45]**

**Blumenthal:** We're introducing another manager for our issues. The Stoddert Modernization Project Manager, E'Driana Berry.

**Lane:** E'Driana Berry is here.

**Blumenthal:** Yes, I saw her name somewhere.

**Perry:** Hi. I don't know what happened to my camera, but I'm trying to turn it on. Let's try this again.

**Blumenthal:** There you are.

**Berry:** Okay, that's about as good as I can do. But, hi, my name is E'Driana Berry. I just wanted to briefly let everyone know that I am the new point of contact for DCPS for the Stoddert Addition project. So some of you may have known Chris Jenkins before. He is no longer the POC, so it's going to be me. I can also put my information in the chat, but I just wanted to say hello, meet everyone, and thank you for having me here.

**Blumenthal:** You're welcome. How's the project going?

**Berry:** It's going really well. I'm really getting to know this community a lot. And I love this. It's a great project.

**Blumenthal:** Well, I'm glad people are being nice to you.

**Berry:** Everyone's been very nice. I really, it's really been great.

**Blumenthal:** Good.

**Berry:** Thank you.

**Howie:** Chris took the brunt of it, and then you get to come in and take all of the reward.

**Berry:** I get to have fun. But it's going really well. So Chris left a lot of things in a great place, so I'm very happy for that.

**Blumenthal:** Okay. Well, we're glad now to put a face to a name, and we look forward to hearing from you if there are any problems or anything.

**Berry:** All right, thank you.

**Howie:** Ms. Berry, is the number that you just dropped in the chat, is that your direct line?

**Berry:** I didn't-- Let me see what's in there, I didn't put that there.

**Lane:** That was Hope.

**Blumenthal:** That was Hope Cousins.

**Howie:** Oh, sorry.

**Berry:** Yes, yes. That's all right, I'll put my information.

**Howie:** I only asked because there was some issues in the very, very beginning where construction was started without a proper fence and barrier being put up, when school was still in session. And so I had Chris Jenkins' information. I literally just called him on his cell phone and was like, "Hey, this--" And he made a stop work order.

**Berry:** Okay.

**Howie:** So I think you can either just email me that, your number personally, if you don't want it to be in the chat. So, yeah, it'd just be great to have.

**Berry:** Sure, I'll put my email, and then I'll send you my number as well.

**Howie:** All right, perfect.

**Berry:** Thank you. Okay, good evening.

**211, DC's new Warm Line [0:54:17]**

**Blumenthal:** We just made a note in our updates that there's a new call line, 211. It's called the warm line. I have not tested it, but I did read about it. And it's for information about social services, such as housing, utilities, food, clothing, child care Resources, transportation, mental health, and addiction recovery. So I'm assuming if we come across somebody in need of help, that is one place we can try to turn. I just thought I would pass that along. Is there anybody participating who wants to share or ask anything of us at this point in open forum?

## Open Forum [0:54:55]

### Ashlee Mercer, Ward 3 Councilmember Frumin's Office [0:54:55]

**Blumenthal:** Maybe Ashlee Mercer has something to say?

**Mercer:** Yes, hey, how are you guys?

**Blumenthal:** We're good.

**Mercer:** Long time no see, I'm sorry. Just a quick update. I think you guys already touched on the break-in at Pearson's, but that was on our radar, and we've been in contact with MPD, so just wanted to let you guys know. There is a-- Save the date for the next Workday in the Ward. That will be on September 26, at Dolan on Connecticut Avenue. Dolan Restaurant, Dolan Uyghur Restaurant, 3518 Connecticut Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The schedule is to come, but I do know that Department of Buildings, DLCP, DACL, DDOT, MPD, DCPS, and Hope will be there. And OAG. Everybody will, all those people will be there. But the schedule will be coming shortly. We should be posting, I believe our new Communications Director will be posting that on social media before the end of the week. And Art All Night in Glover Park, September 27th, for family fun, including live music, great eats, and a Taylor Swift dance party. The events will take place along the 2200 and 2500 blocks of Wisconsin Avenue near Calvert Street Northwest. And I'll post the event page on the chat. And a reminder, sign up for our newsletter.

**Blumenthal:** Yeah, that newsletter is really good. So people should sign up for it.

**Mercer:** Yes, thank you.

**Blumenthal:** You're welcome. Well, thank you for coming to our meeting and reporting on things.

**Mercer:** Yes, no problem. My pleasure.

**Blumenthal:** Okay. Barbara, can you hear me? Barbara? I was trying to get her to turn off her video, but she doesn't-- She's not hearing. Okay, we are now moving into administrative

matters. Commissioner Lane sent around the August minutes for our approval.

**Yacker:** Wait, one second. I had a question.

**Blumenthal:** Oh, sorry, I didn't see that. I'm sorry. Go right ahead.

**Yacker:** Hi, I'm Heidi Yacker. I live at 4100 Cathedral, and I was wondering if there has been any other information about the bus changes? Or is that still like in-- They're considering it all now?

**Blumenthal:** It's still in consideration. We're actually having a chat with WMATA tomorrow morning to try and fix some of the things we're still angry about, or still concerned about. For your area, maybe Commissioner Bergmann knows something I don't know, or not? No.

**Bergmann:** I haven't seen anything solid yet. I don't think they've-- I've just heard rumors. I don't know.

**Blumenthal:** Okay.

**Yacker:** I think they're taking it under consideration now. I just wondered if you might have heard anything else.

**Blumenthal:** No, we will definitely keep you posted if we hear anything definite.

**Yacker:** Okay.

**Blumenthal:** Okay. Sorry. Sorry I didn't see your raised hand.

**Yacker:** It's okay, no problem.

**Blumenthal:** And I'll give anybody else who wants to speak another chance to speak before I move on. All right.

## **Administrative Matters [0:58:09]**

**Blumenthal:** All right, now moving on to administrative matters. So, Commissioner Lane circulated the August minutes. I make a motion that we approve them. Commissioner Carroll seconds that motion. All in favor? Motion carries 6-0. Sorry. Commissioner Lavezzo, the show is yours.

**Lavezzo:** All right, I have two items for everyone. I'll start with the easiest one, which is the July finances. We began the month with \$41,465.59. We received a disbursement of \$3,795.19 from

the city. We paid out \$242.83 via two checks for services rendered. We ended the month with \$45,017.95. This is also the time of the year where we have to do the budget for the next fiscal year, which is 2025.

**Blumenthal:** Can I interrupt for one second? You said that was the July report? Was that the August report, or the July report?

**Lavezzo:** I apologize. Yes, that was August.

**Blumenthal:** Okay. All right.

**Lavezzo:** I have too many documents open at once. I did deliver July last month. So that was August.

**Blumenthal:** Okay, thank you

**Lavezzo:** So the end of this month is the end of quarter 4. October is the beginning of the new fiscal year. We have a budget worked out that we would like to announce to the community. So there is a one-month period for input, and we would vote on the proposed budget in October. We're essentially following the same budget as fiscal year 2024, except for an additional \$50 to the other category to account for the ANC Security Fund, which would mean that we have budgeted \$5,000 for direct office costs. Zero for personnel. \$5,000 for communication. Zero for office supplies, equipment and printing. \$15,000 total for grants spread across four quarters. Nothing for transportation. \$10,000 for purchase of services. Zero for bank charges. And \$50 for other. We do not expect any interest from our bank account, as our type of account does not generate interest. And we expect that there'll be a balance forward at the end of the year, the end of the fiscal year, of \$42,518 transferred from fiscal year '24 into fiscal year '25.

**Blumenthal:** Okay, so we are going to post that budget on our website, and we will take any comments next month. And then we will vote to approve the budget. Thank you, Commissioner Lavezzo.

**Lavezzo:** You're welcome.

**Blumenthal:** And if there's nothing else that anybody has, I will make a motion that we adjourn. Second, Commissioner Howie. All in favor? Motion carries, 6-0. All right. Thank you very much, everybody, and good night.

**Lange:** Good night, Jackie. Sorry about the video. It got left on by accident. I got home from work late.

**Blumenthal:** Well, we watched your whole trip home, Barbara.

**Howie:** Good night.



**Blumenthal:** Good night.

**Lavezzo:** Good night.

**Lange:** Good night. Oh, it's okay.