

# Transcript of ANC 3B Meeting of December 12, 2024

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

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

**Blumenthal:** Good evening. Welcome to the December meeting of ANC 3B. This will be our last meeting of the year, and the new commission will start next year. Before we get started, please be aware that you should keep your mics muted at all times unless you're called on to speak. And also, your video off unless you're called on to speak. When we ask for people, when we open the mic to people, just raise your hand by pushing the raise your hand button at the bottom of the controls. Our first order of business will be to approve our agenda. I move that we approve the agenda.

**Lavezzo:** Second.

**Blumenthal:** All in favor? Aye. I should also add that we have four commissioners here. Commissioner Lane, Commissioner Bergmann, Commissioner Lavezzo, and myself. Four constitutes a quorum of six, so we have a quorum present.

## **Police Report [0:02:14]**

**Blumenthal:** First order on the agenda is Lieutenant Johnson, who is here. You can open your mic and your video, if you'd like. Lieutenant Johnson?

**Johnson:** Hello, everyone.

**Blumenthal:** Hello.

**Johnson:** This is Lieutenant Johnson from the Second District, PSA 204 manager. And we're going to report on ANC 3B's crime stats this time. Crime is up slightly in ANC 3B. We had 18 crimes this time last year as compared to 21 crimes this year, so they're up by three crimes. We had one violent crime to report this time. As most of you know already, we had the armed carjacking of the Amazon truck. It was an unmarked truck, and it happened on the 2300 block of Tunlaw Road on December 1st. There was an armed carjacking, and the driver was robbed at gunpoint. They took his truck, along with his packages. We did recover the truck, but it's still an open case. It's an ongoing investigation. We also had a burglary two of the store called the Point Chaud-- I probably pronounced it wrong. Point Chaud Cafe Crepes at 2300 Wisconsin Avenue. It happened on December 1st, and that was the day that we had like maybe 18 burglaries across the city. In response to that, the chief has a citywide burglary plan in which we utilize marked cars and unmarked cars. You probably see them at night along Wisconsin Avenue, and that includes Glover Park, where we have extra resources out for these burglars. They're trying to get these guys. They hit 18 spots in one night. So, it's slowed down a whole lot since the plan has been in effect. I don't think we've had another one of a business since then. We had a B2 in the 2700 block of Wisconsin Avenue. That was an apartment. It was an unlocked apartment. Someone left their apartment unlocked, and someone came and took some personal items. Other than that, we had three theft from autos. Compared to three theft from autos this time last year, that's the same. Thefts went up from 11 to 15 this time, so it went up by four thefts. And this time of year we experience more thefts because we have the porch pirates out. This time, this season, we have a lot of packages, so we have some uptick in package thefts. So, please, if you have a package that you need delivered, we have Amazon lockers at 2D if you have something that you don't want stolen or you won't be home in time to get it. But these Ring cameras are also great. Some of the owners had Ring cameras, so we got some good pictures of some of these suspects that we're on the lookout for that took some packages from porches. So please encourage our residents to get Ring cameras. They're very helpful. Those videos are great. Motor vehicle thefts, no cars were stolen this period. We had no arsons. So that's the crime report. Also, we have an upcoming community walk on December 23rd. That's a Monday.

That's going to take place at the 3900 block of Tunlaw Road, where we've been experiencing some theft from autos. They've been taking the tires off of cars. We're going to go down there, we're gonna talk to some residents, do a walk, and pass out some vehicle safety flyers. That's going to take place on Monday, December 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. I'll put that in the chat in a few minutes, in case so you won't forget. Any questions about crime we have going on in Glover Park while you have me on the line?

**Blumenthal:** Commissioners first. Melissa, did you want to raise an issue, or no?

**Lane:** Actually, Carol Vilsack is here, and she had a question about the mopeds and enforcing, enforcement of the laws in terms of two-wheeled vehicles. Carol, do you want to ask the question, or do you want me?

Her question was what you're doing about enforcement for two-wheeled vehicles and the scooters that are kind of out of control, and not obeying any traffic rules for the most part

**Johnson:** Also a citywide initiative put forth by the chief of police where our special operation division, they go out every day and enforce scooters, and enforce those two-wheeled vehicles. So that's the ongoing thing that's-- They're very aggressively arresting these offenders and taking their scooters. But there's so many, so you still see them out there.

**Lane:** Okay, thank you. Yeah, there are a lot. The other issue is ROSA enforcement. But I don't think MPD does ROSA enforcement.

**Johnson:** I'm sorry?

**Lane:** Do you do-- MPD does not do ROSA enforcement, correct? Or do you do ROSA enforcement?

**Johnson:** What enforcement is that? I'm sorry.

**Lane:** ROSA, the Registration of Out-of-State plates.

**Blumenthal:** It's a DPW thing, I'm sure.

**Johnson:** You're talking about unregistered autos? Unregistered autos?

**Lane:** Yes.

**Johnson:** If your car is unregistered during a traffic stop, we do enforce that.

**Lane:** Okay, but if it's parked or--

**Johnson:** Yeah, if it's parked it's a DPW thing. They enforce that, the parking folks.

**Lane:** Thank you.

**Vilsack:** May I ask, though-- Melissa, may I just clarify the scooter question for the police?

**Lane:** Absolutely.

**Johnson:** Yes.

**Vilsack:** Sir, can I just ask, do the marked cars pull over the scooter drivers? Or do you just let this special enforcement group? Because there's a lot here in our immediate neighborhood, Glover Park. And it seems like the same people without the tags. And it just makes me nervous. I'm just, before something happens, I just want to know. Because I've seen the police, the marked cars, and they just drive by and really don't enforce. So I'm just wondering, does the MPD do this, or do they just leave it to this special unit? That's my question.

**Johnson:** The patrol officers do enforce the scooter laws. But there's a lot of stress on these officers. Most of the time we have maybe two officers per PSA. And you might see them on the way to a call, and they don't stop a scooter. They might be going to a robbery, a domestic, or someone's package theft. Someone might call about a barking dog, and they had to respond to that. So these guys are stressed to get to locations by certain times. So you may see them driving by a scooter, but it's not because-- They might not have enough time or resources to enforce it at that time. But we do enforce these scooters, when they can. And they do make arrests. I sign off on them. I see them.

**Vilsack:** Okay, thank you. Thanks for that.

**Johnson:** But they are stressed. These guys are stressed out there. They are overworked, and they're trying to, they do get to them.

**Vilsack:** I understand, but I'm stressed too because it's very nerve-racking to be driving and witnessing. And then being involved with, you know, it just happened today, this morning. Which is why I, you know-- They weave in and out, and curse. And it's just, I just have to keep moving. But I do think if they're not using lights and sirens I guess maybe-- Yeah, maybe they're not. Okay, thank you.

**Johnson:** We still can't pursue those scooters now. If they don't stop, we can't chase, the officers cannot chase them. So there is a limit to what we can do with those scooters. Most times we get them when they're parked, when they stop at a light, or we can get them when they go into a store. There's ways we get them, but you won't see an officer pursuing a scooter. You'll probably never see that in DC. Unless they commit a crime of violence, then you might. It could happen, but typically no, they won't pursue a scooter.

**Blumenthal:** Are there any other questions for Lieutenant Johnson from anyone? Okay, thank you very much, Lieutenant Johnson. It's the last time I'll be seeing you, so keep up the good

work.

**Johnson:** You're not coming back for the next year?

**Blumenthal:** No, nope. After 18 years, I'm leaving.

**Johnson:** Well, I'm sure I'll see you around the neighborhood.

**Blumenthal:** I'm sure you will.

**Johnson:** Good talking to you.

**Blumenthal:** Good talking to you.

**Johnson:** All right, be safe. Have a happy holidays, everyone.

**Blumenthal:** Yes, you too

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

## Open Forum [0:11:10]

**Blumenthal:** Updates and information. Do any commissioners have anything they want to add in this? Okay, open forum. Anybody who is here who would like to speak? Who's that? Kathy Reilly, is that your hand raised?

**Reilly:** That's me, thank you. I have a question, and I don't know if this is directed to the ANC, or if I should write Matt Frumin. The three-way intersection stop sign at 42nd, Tunlaw, and New Mexico, I have noticed recently that people coming on Tunlaw going northbound on New Mexico, and people going on New Mexico southbound, have blown through that stop sign repeatedly. In fact, I almost got T-boned by two pickup trucks last month. I think the signs are in the appropriate location for sight and everything. Some of the signs around the District that are stop signs, mostly near schools, have little flashing lights around them. Like, I'm wondering if we could get some of those on both of those things so people will stop. I mean, a Mercedes almost hit me today as I was going through. She just came right through the intersection. Nobody seems to be stopping there, and I'm not going to attribute it to the inclusion of the bike lanes. I just think people just think they can blow through there.

**Lavezzo:** I've noticed that on 39th Street as well.

**Reilly:** Yeah, so I'm wondering is this a letter to Matt Frumin? And maybe I send it to you guys, and the ANC supports it? I don't have a lot of confidence in DDOT, but that's just me.

**Blumenthal:** Well, Kevin?

**Lavezzo:** We had, I think, was it two months ago? I can't remember who it was from the Mayor's Office was here, and we mentioned I think 39th and that intersection specifically. So I'll follow up with them again, because they said they do want to know about these problem intersections so they can do some enforcement. So I can certainly write to the Mayor's contact. I have her email address. And say, "Hey, can you please follow up on this again." The behavior is still happening. I've almost been hit walking in the crosswalks there.

**Reilly:** Yeah. And that's the other thing, right in front of The Colonnade, people cross there at dusk and just walk right out. And if you're turning or you're stopping, and you don't see them, it's not a really well-lit sort of intersection. And I was just kind of wondering, do you want me to-- If you send your email, I'll send it to you. Do you want me to-- Matt Frumin, I've had really good response. I know Jackie and I complained incessantly about the D2 bus, and we were successful in that. And he's pretty responsive. But I mean, again, I was a transportation planner in an earlier career for four years, and I don't have a lot of faith in the DDOT people, I'm sorry.

**Lane:** But I still think we need to put in a request to DDOT if you want to change the-- Put in the flashing red stop signs.

**Blumenthal:** They have to do a traffic investigation first, and you have to put that in through 311.

**Lane:** Right. And nothing can happen--

**Reilly:** You can't write it?

**Bergmann:** Yeah, do the traffic investigation on 311, then reference that, I think to Councilmember Frumin. And you are correct that Councilmember Frumin is the best route to getting it done. But he needs to be able to reference that to push them.

**Reilly:** So just send a letter in, and CC him on that, and see what happens? Is that what you're saying?

**Blumenthal:** No, go to 311, either online or on the phone.

**Reilly:** Okay.

**Blumenthal:** And there'll be a category called traffic investigation, I think.

**Lavezzo:** I think it's traffic safety, TSI.

**Reilly:** Got it.

**Blumenthal:** And Kevin will also do that for the ANC.

**Reilly:** Okay, all right.

**Bergmann:** But there'll be a number associated with your request.

**Blumenthal:** And you'll get a receipt with a number. And you write down that number, and send it to Kevin or to whomever.

**Reilly:** Get the receipt number, okay. I'm just going to say one other thing. I'm going to do this after the 1st, maybe when the students come back to school. Chances are if they try to do-- They won't act that fast, but if they do something in the next couple weeks, there isn't a lot of traffic. And there isn't a lot of traffic till the students start back. And if they need to do an investigation, we need to do this when the schools are in session. You know, the elementary schools as well as AU and Georgetown.

**Lane:** I think you can bet they will not do it in the next two weeks.

**Reilly:** Well, no kidding.

**Blumenthal:** I would say, Kathy, it takes several months to get anything started.

**Reilly:** Okay, all right. No, I know this because once I reviewed a traffic study somebody did, and the levels of service were really bad. And we couldn't figure out why, and they did the traffic counts on the first day University of Maryland was back in session, which was just a nightmare for traffic. It's like, "You've got to redo this, this isn't right."

**Blumenthal:** I'd say the sooner you put in the request the better off you are.

**Reilly:** Okay, thank you very much. I appreciate it. And keep up the good work, because I know this isn't an easy job. And, Jackie, we'll miss you.

**Blumenthal:** Thank you, Kathy. David White, your hand is up.

**White:** Yes, thank you. My question is of a similar nature. I'm curious about the intersection of Wisconsin and Fulton, going west. From what I can see as a driver, they have not eliminated any parking spaces, yet that's the one turn you can make before several blocks going north. And since they made that, I think I believe we've put in a request for traffic study and such. And I don't know the result of that, but it sounds like maybe I have to do another request to say, "Look, the parking goes almost right up to the sidewalk. And when you're turning your car, which we're now allowed to do because there's a light there, there's not enough room when another car is coming east on the street. So you're kind of like hoping and praying you get through it unscathed." And it sounds like what I need to do is do the 311 that you were just describing, is

that correct?

**Blumenthal:** Yeah, I think so. Kevin, do you remember that intersection? That's where the corral was put.

**Lane:** Right.

**White:** Oh, they got the corral up okay.

**Blumenthal:** Yeah, well the corral caused the problem, because they didn't move the parking sign across the street back far enough. That was where the parking sign came down, Kevin, isn't that correct?

**Lavezzo:** Yeah, they had the corral in, and it was closer to the intersection. And I believe they took it out. and I think they either relocated to the opposite side of the street, or moved it back. But there was no parking adjustment done, and I believe that we did a resolution requesting that DDOT do a traffic study to look at that and strongly consider removal of parking spots to alleviate some of that. But DDOT is, the last I heard about traffic safety requests, the lady said they're just backed up months. So it might be that you're in the queue, and it just hasn't hit yet. That's completely possible. But it won't hurt to put another request in. And I want to make sure, so the intersection, the southwest of the intersection of Wisconsin and Fulton is in my SMD. So when you do put a traffic safety request into 311, and you get that record number, if you could email that to me as well, and I'll follow up for you.

**White:** Well, I'll go back and look at things I've already asked about. And maybe, you know, find the old thing. But I'll just-- So you mentioned you all did a resolution asking them to do something. Did you get a response? Did you all get a number as well?

**Blumenthal:** No, we don't ever get--

**White:** Did you get followed up on?

**Blumenthal:** We unfortunately do not have someone here, I don't think, from Councilmember Frumin's office, or one of our-- Is there a MOCR here?

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

**Blumenthal:** Oh, William Cox--

**Lane:** Oh wait, yes. Owen's here.

**Blumenthal:** Owen. Okay, wait. Owen, could you-- Thank you. Can you help us with this issue? We've filed some reports about this corner and the parking, and we've heard nothing. And we don't know if we're in the queue, or what we should do about that.



**Cox:** I got you. Yeah, no. I'd be glad to. First off, hello. My name is Willam Owen Cox I'm the Ward 3 liaison for the Mayor's Office. I think maybe you met my manager, Kendall Gibson, at a previous meeting. While I'm here, I'm also going to put in our information into the chat just so everyone has it. And so in regards to the issue with both of these intersections. Yes, I have a contact with DDOT. If anyone who has put in a request already through 311, I would also like to get the incident number that came along. Once you're finished with the request it gives you a long string of numbers. If I can get that, then I can get in touch with our core team member at DDOT, ask him if he can check on the status of that. And it may be that they are backed up, and it will be a couple of months before they can address it. But I would like to at least circle back to the commissioners and let them know, "Hey, DDOT says you're, you know, at this place in the queue." Or, "It might take this long." So at least that you'll know. And then if not, at least I can bring it to DDOT's attention and then see if they want to circle back, and I can update you on the next meeting. Or sooner, I can get in touch with the commissioners.

**Blumenthal:** That sounds good. Right, David? Okay.

**White:** Yeah, thank you.

**Cox:** Sure thing. Yeah, and feel free to reach out to me, you know, at my email or my phone number there if you have any other issues that you want me to take a look at, or trying to get through to DDOT or any other city services.

## **Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)** **[0:22:01]**

**Blumenthal:** While you're on the screen, do you have anything you want to add or share with us at this meeting?

**Cox:** Well, I will say I am taking notes. I do that for every ANC meeting. I write up a summary, and I submit that to the MOCRS group chat. And then that goes directly to the Mayor's Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff, so that she's abreast of things going on in every ANC. So your concerns are being noted, and we are hearing them. And we'll do our best to address them and make sure we get those done in a timely manner.

**Blumenthal:** Great, thank you.

**Cox:** It's nice to meet everyone. I'm looking forward to working with everyone.

**Blumenthal:** Good. Is there anybody else in the audience who has an issue they need to bring up? Or a question for us or anyone? Okay.

## **Administrative Matters [0:23:00]**

**Blumenthal:** And that means that we are moving on to administrative matters. We have read the November minutes. I make a motion that we approve them. All in favor? Motion carries 4-0. Kevin, do you want to read the monthly financial report for November, please?

**Lavezzo:** Absolutely. This is an easy one. We started out the month with \$42,630.12. And we ended the month of November with \$42,630.12. We had no deposits, no checks cashed, and no disbursements.

**Blumenthal:** Okay, great. We don't have to approve that. And we have created an annual report, as required by the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. That lists everything we've done in 2023-24. Oh, no, I guess it's just the 2024 report. We did one in 2023 as well. Once we approve it, we will send it off to the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, and we will post it at our website for anybody else to read. I move that we approve the annual report. Second? Commissioner Lavezzo seconds. All in favor, say aye. Motion carries 4-0. And on that note, I make a motion that we adjourn the meeting and the session. Commissioner Lane seconds. All in favor, say aye. Aye. Motion carries. Goodbye, and good luck.

**Bergmann:** Goodbye. See you all.

**Lavezzo:** Thank you, Jackie. Thank you, Ben. Thank you, Melissa.

**Blumenthal:** Thank you, Ben.

**Lane:** See you next year, Kevin.

**Lavezzo:** We'll see you both in the audience, I hope.

**Bergmann:** Bye-bye.

**Lane:** Okay. See you. Bye

**Blumenthal:** Okay. Happy holidays.

**Lane:** You, too.