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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B
GLOVER PARK, CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS AND WESLEY HEIGHTS



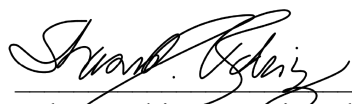
**ANC 3B Resolution Regarding Future Renovation of the Playground at Guy Mason
Recreation Center**


The Guy Mason Recreation Center (GMRC) located at 3600 Calvert Street NW is one of two community recreation centers in ANC 3B. The Center features a wide range of activities including adult and children’s programming, a playground for kids, outside adult recreation equipment, basketball courts, a regulation baseball field, and a dog park. The Center underwent extensive renovation of the building in 2011 adding a clock tower and elevator access. In 2014, the playground was modernized adding many new and improved features including new slides, swings, a sandbox, a climbing wall and a spray park.

The playground at Guy Mason Recreation Center is now due to be renovated again in the next two years to make much needed repairs and add new state-of-the-art features. In that regard, the DC Department of Recreation (DPR) and the DC Department of General Services (DGS) has made the decision not to maintain sandboxes in DC parks and to remove them when playgrounds are renovated. The reasoning behind this decision is multi-fold. Primarily, public sandboxes may pose significant health hazards including pathogen accumulation, physical hazards, parasitic infections and respiratory risks. Also, because sand does not stay where it is put, it causes maintenance problems such as clogged drains and tracking.

The Friends of Guy Mason (FOGM) and ANC 3B have been apprised of the decision by DPR and DGS. FOGM supports the decision of DPR and DGS to not include a sandbox in the plans for renovating the GMRC playground.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC3B understands and concurs with the DPR and DGS decision to not maintain current or install future sandboxes in District of Columbia recreation centers and at the Guy Mason Recreation Center specifically.


Robert Rodriguez, Acting Chair


Melissa J. Lane, Secretary

This resolution was approved by the Commission by a vote of 5-0 at the duly noticed public meeting on February 12, 2026, at which a quorum was present. (Four of the six Commissioners constitutes a quorum.)

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