

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B**  
**GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS**



**ANC3B Public Meeting Minutes**  
**December 8, 2022**

Chairman Brian Turmail called the virtual meeting to order at 7:01 pm. All five of the Commissioners were participating: Ann Mladinov (3B01), Jackie Blumenthal (3B02), Melissa Lane (3B03), Elizabeth Elson (3B04), and Brian Turmail (3B05), which made a quorum. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.) Chairman Turmail made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the agenda.

The Chairman took the opportunity to say that two of the members – he and Commissioner Elson--were having their last meeting as ANC Commissioners. He expressed appreciation for the community, the other Commissioners, and the chance to do good work as part of a thoughtful, informed neighborhood and the collegial Commission in ANC3B. Commissioner Mladinov will be continuing to serve as Commissioner but in ANC3A, not ANC3B. She also thanked the Commission and the constituents and residents of ANC3B.

**Police Report**

Lt. Paul Johnson presented the statistics on reported crimes in ANC3B in the previous 30 days of 2022 compared to the same period in 2021. He reported there were no violent crimes but there were 12 property crimes. That included 8 thefts from autos, no stolen autos, 3 other thefts, and a burglary in the 3900 block of Watson Place, a break-in while the owner was on vacation. He also reported that on December 1, someone threw a device over the back wall of the Russian embassy complex, along Tunlaw Road. The bomb squad and Special Investigations unit responded, the suspect was apprehended, and there was no report of injury or damage. The Commissioners thanked Lt. Johnson for his work for the community, including as lead on MPD 2D's Crime Suppression Team. Chairman Turmail also repeated MPD's warning for residents to be aware of packages delivered to their porch and take steps to prevent packages from being stolen.

**Presentation on Iona Senior Services plans and programs for Ward 3 community**

Pleasance Silicki, former volunteer at Iona and now the first Iona Community Outreach Coordinator, provided information on the non-profit organization's activities and services for seniors, caregivers and others. Iona now has two adult day centers, one in Ward 3 and one in Congress Heights in Ward 8. She outlined the range of programs available: Adult Day Health, Case Management, Food and Nutrition, Mental Health, Dementia Navigators, Memory Support, Finding Community and Lifelong Learning centered at St. Alban's (including the virtual connection "Around Town" aimed at compiling and sharing information on activities across Wards 2 and 3, where there is not a physical Senior Wellness Center). She explained that most of Iona's services are for seniors and most are free, including support for caregivers, legal resources, nutrition, transportation, LGBTQ services, and volunteer opportunities. She encouraged listeners to be in touch if they would like copies of Iona's new "Resources Guide" for themselves or groups of residents living in apartments or condominiums. The guide was just published for residents and caregivers, covering services and resources around the DC-Maryland-Virginia region. She also shared the number for Iona's Information and Referral Helpline 202-895-9448 which is available to anyone, including those who are not DC residents. It is possible to get a free consultation about options available for a senior facing challenges.

She especially encouraged listeners to be in touch if they know someone who is losing their memory. People can also email [info@iona.org](mailto:info@iona.org). Licensed social workers are available from 9 am-5 pm weekdays.

Chairman Turmail asked about ways people can support Iona. Ms. Silicki said people can volunteer at the day centers, and can also make financial donations. Commissioner Blumenthal asked if Iona works with the villages in Ward 3. Ms. Silicki said Iona meets monthly with senior villages in the community, and works very closely with all the villages.

### **Proposed Resolution on future DC Public Schools capital improvements**

Chairman Turmail introduced a resolution focused on a proposal from newly elected Ward 3 Board of Education member Eric Goulet calling for the District to consider acquisition of the former Whittle School campus at Van Ness Street and Connecticut Avenue, as a possible site for additional space for DC Public Schools to relieve overcrowding at Jackson-Reed High School and Deal Middle School, and also host free pre-K programs for students age 3 and age 4 who cannot yet obtain those services in Ward 3. Mr. Goulet was asking all the ANCs in Ward 3 to adopt a resolution on this matter. Chairman Turmail made a motion to vote on a resolution supporting the proposal. The Commission voted 4-0 to approve the resolution, with Commissioner Mladinov abstaining in order to maintain the chance to participate in deliberations, listen to constituents, and take a position on the issue when she would be serving in her new ANC.

### **Updates and Information**

The Commissioners noted that DC Department of Public Works (DPW) was a week behind and going toward two weeks behind the target dates for collecting fall leaves in DPW's annual Leaf Collection Program for 2022-2023, using new area boundaries. The first collection date had been November 21-26 in Area C (north and east of Tunlaw Road and New Mexico Avenue and November 28-December 3 in Area D (south and west of Tunlaw Road and New Mexico Avenue), but no one had yet had a DPW leaf collection. Wet weather had delayed the crews in other areas. The first collection was still expected in December.

### **Open Forum**

Two members of the community expressed thanks to the Commissioners for their service, as the term ended.

### **Administrative Matters**

Commissioner Mladinov had prepared the minutes for the November regular public meeting. Chairman Turmail made a motion to vote to approve the minutes with the changes incorporated by the Secretary. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the November minutes.

Treasurer Elizabeth Elson read the financial report for November:

OPENING BALANCE: \$ 22,025.78

Income: \$ 0.00

Outgoing: \$ 0.00

CLOSING BALANCE: \$ 22,025.78

Chairman Turmail noted that the Commission had not gotten any requests for grants and would like to provide more grants to support projects for the benefit of the community.

Chairman Turmail announced that the next ANC3B public meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 12. Commissioner Blumenthal said the new Commissioners would meet and determine when the next meeting would be held, but residents should watch for any changes in the schedule for the new term.

Chairman Turmail made a motion to vote to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.