### GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



## ANC 3B Public Meeting Minutes November 9, 2023

Call to Order: 7 pm via Zoom

Members Present: Jackie Blumenthal (3B02), Kevin Lavezzo, (3B01), Melissa Lane (3B03), Kevin

Carroll (3B04), Gupi Howie (3B05)

Member Absent: Ben Bergmann (3B06)

**Approval of Agenda:** Passed 5-0.

**Police Report.** MPD Lt. Johnson reported an uptick in thefts. In the past 30 days, three thefts from auto and eleven retail thefts were reported. Additionally, 1 automobile and 2 scooters were taken. A violent crime was reported at DeCarlo's at the Westchester. An altercation between 2 of restaurant employees resulted in a stabbing. A stabbing also happened on a metro bus around Wisconsin Avenue and 34<sup>th</sup> Street because of an argument between two people riding the bus. The perpetrator was not caught at the time.

#### **Old Business:**

- 3300 Whitehaven Development. Eddie Mansius from the Grosvenor Group along with Lawrence Ferris from Goulston & Stores and Laurence Caudle from Hickok Cole reported on the renovation of their building at 3300 Whitehaven (the edge of Dumbarton Park across from Glover House). This is the second phase of the project, the first being to build a below-grade gymnasium for the British International School of Washington. For phase 2, they plan to convert the unused office building into 276 residential units as well as add expansion space for the British School. Although the project is in Ward 2 and ANC 2E, it abuts ANC 3B in the middle of Whitehaven Street. The plan also includes a transportation review which is currently under development and will be submitted to DDOT for approval when complete. Finally, Mr. Mansius talked about the public benefits package that is being put together which includes contributions to various groups in both ANC 3B and ANC 2E such as local schools, the Mount Zion Union Band Society and Glover Park Main Street. ANC 3B deferred the vote on the public benefits package until next month to incorporate Stoddert Elementary, which would be the in-boundary school for the new residential building.
- DC Water Presentation on DC's Lead Pipe Replacement Program. Sean Moore,
   Communications Manager for Lead Free DC, described how residents can benefit from the DC
   program to replace old, unsafe lead water pipes. Lead Free DC seeks to remove all lead service
   lines from the city. ANC 3B is scheduled for lead service line replacement this fiscal year.
   Details on this plan may be found on the ANC 3B web site at <a href="https://anc3b.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC3B-110923-LeadFreeDC-Presentation.pdf">https://anc3b.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC3B-110923-LeadFreeDC-Presentation.pdf</a>

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#### **New Business:**

- Resolution Regarding Location of Micromobility Corrall. A resolution passed supporting the location of a Bike Micromobility Corral on the south side of Fulton St. immediately west of Wisconsin Avenue. DDOT has issued a Notification of Intent (NOI) and the deadline for comments is 11/28. A corollary issue is congestion on the corner of Fulton and Wisconsin. ANC 3B will ask DDOT to investigate removing three additional parking spaces to relieve the congestion.
- Resolution Regarding Washington Gas. A resolution was passed regarding Washington Gas's plans to replace all underground natural gas pipelines. ANC 3B opposed funding phase 3 of Washington Gas' PROJECTpipes and urges the Public Service Commission to require Washington Gas to revise its plan to focus on remediation of leaking infrastructure, rather than wholesale replacement of all gas pipelines, and to scale new investments to match the city's energy and climate goals.

### **Updates and Information**

- Four new Capital Bike docks have been installed in and around ANC 3B. The locations are 39th St & Tunlaw Rd NW (ANC 3B), Wisconsin Ave & Upton St NW (ANC 3A), New Mexico & Cathedral Ave NW (ANC 3B) and Massachusetts & Idaho Ave NW (ANC 3A).
- Constituents were reminded that trash cans need to be removed from the alley within 24 hours of trash pickup in order to keep alleys free from obstacles.
- Annual leaf collection has begun. The schedule is available online from the DC Department of Public Works.

# **Open Forum**

- A constituent said that the crosswalks on Cathedral Avenue are in bad shape and that DDOT has
  not yet repaired them. It has caused a serious public safety issue for people trying to cross
  Cathedral Avenue.
- A constituent who is an avid bike rider says that the new bike lanes are dangerous because they are not wide enough and asked that they be removed. Another constituent suggest that training should be required for bike riders and wanted to know who to contact about the issue. He was given contact information for the DDOT Ward 3 Communications Specialist.
- A constituent asked about the requirements for the micrimobility corral at Fulton and whether or not white flex posts would be extended into the crosswalk. She was assured that installation of white flex posts are not part of the Notice of Intent.
- Ashlee Mercer from Councilmember Frumin's office gave updates on current activities and upcoming events.

# **Administrative Matters**

- Minutes for the October meeting approved 5-0.
- Commissioner Lane gave the October monthly financial report in Commissioner Bergmann's absence. The opening and closing balances were the same at \$31,053.45.

Motion to Adjourn: Passed 5-0. 8:26 pm

Next Meeting: December 14, 2023