

**Testimony of  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B  
*Before the Committee on Public Services*  
Council of the District of Columbia  
Honorable David Catania, Chair**

***By*  
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Chairman Catania and Members of Council, thank you for this opportunity to represent ANC 3B.

I am Melissa Lane. I was appointed Commissioner for ANC 3B03 in 2002 to fill the unexpired term of the previous Commissioner who resigned to attend graduate school. I was re-elected in the Fall of 2002. Two weeks ago, on February 12<sup>th</sup>, I was elected Chair of ANC 3B. With me is Christopher Lively, newly elected Vice-Chair, representing 3B05. Charles Howe of 3B02 is our Secretary and Treasurer. Seats in ANC 3B01 and 3B04 are presently vacant.

Over the last year, ANC 3B was a key participant in a number of successful projects and activities that have and will benefit our community in the future. I list a few brief examples.

Major road construction work was completed in Glover Park in 2003. Over 80 percent of the streets were resurfaced, reconstructed, or upgraded. This work also included reconstructing curbs, gutters, sidewalks, resurfacing alleys, installing wheelchair ramps, replacing catch basins and storm drains as well as upgrading streetlights and tree plantings. This work would not have been a success without a strong partnership between agencies of the D.C. and Federal Government, the construction contractor, and ANC 3B. Many people made significant contributions. Specifically, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Mohammed Khalid of the D.C. Department

of Transportation, Jose Quinones of the Federal Highway Administration, and Tom Mero and Jack Cunna of Fort Myer Construction.

Another example is the plan to develop the northeast corner of Calvert Street and Wisconsin Avenue, formerly owned by St. Luke's Methodist Church. With much community participation, an agreement was successfully negotiated between St. Luke's Development LLC, ANC 3C, the Massachusetts Heights Citizens Association, the Glover Park Citizens Association, and ANC 3B. Groundbreaking for a new condominium building will take place in March. I especially want to thank Pastor Ann Yarborough from St. Luke's, and developers Woody Bolton from Bolton Development Corporation, and Bobby Montagne from Walnut Street Development for their openness and willingness to work with the community.

A third example is ANC 3B's partnership with the Metropolitan Police Department. ANC 3B and our community continue to enjoy a productive and positive relationship with the Metropolitan Police Department Second District. Working closely with officers of PSA 205, we have been able to effectively address a number of issues. For example, although currently not as active, we hope that the "Partnerships for Problem Solving" program, instituted by Lt. Brian Bray of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District before he was deployed last spring, can be re-established with even more community participation. This program brought together community members and 2<sup>nd</sup> District officers on a monthly basis to identify and solve traffic and crime problems. I want to commend the work of all the officers in PSA 205 and in particular Commander Moore for his leadership, Officer MacElwee for his diligence in traffic enforcement, and Officer Hawkins for his invaluable assistance during Hurricane Isabel.

ANC 3B is also fortunate to have an effective relationship with the Department of Public Works especially regarding parking enforcement and the Solid Waste Education and Enforcement program (SWEEP). I would like to commend the professionalism and dedication of all DPW staff and especially Director Leslie Hotaling and Inspector Cleveland Ray.

Finally, working with the D.C. Department of Transportation and the National Park Service, ANC 3B was able to have boundary markers established for the installation of a new storm water management system along Glover-Archibold Park thus solving a decades old problem with soil degradation and run-off. Joe Kish of the National Park Service was an instrumental player in addressing this problem.

Although we can point to a number of recent accomplishments, we face some challenges. Currently, ANC 3B has an audit pending and we are awaiting the findings. In the meantime, ANC 3B is in a rebuilding period. Over the past couple of months, three ANC 3B commissioners have resigned. I am happy to report, however, that at our February 12<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting, one of the vacancies was filled and we were able to establish a quorum, elect officers for 2004, and officially conduct business. Among the many issues addressed were updates on the eagerly anticipated new Stoddert Recreation Center, a presentation by D.C. Office of Planning staff on the Upper Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Study, and discussions of the impact on Glover Park and Cathedral Heights regarding elevated lead levels in D.C. drinking water.

We are hopeful that the two remaining vacancies in ANC 3B will soon be filled but regardless, we are again able to move forward on issues important to the Glover Park and Cathedral Heights neighborhoods.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to represent ANC 3B.