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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

My name is Daddy's Ridley Lewis and I'm the chair of and C3A and missioner for 3:01.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

OK. Captain Savoy, you you can continue to hear me well.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Yes, Sir.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Wonderful. Thank you.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

All right.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I'm going to start by moving to approve the agenda.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I'm gonna ask her any amendments.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I hope they prove it.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I'm actually going to propose an amendment myself because I spoke to you, Mr Eric Goulet, earlier this evening and he said that he may be running a bit behind. I think it would be most appropriate for us to move up the boats on the administrative matters.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Uh, so that we can move those in the bud and then if if we need to continue to make any changes after that would reduce the?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Alright, so again as amended, I'm in a motion to approve the agenda. All those in favor say aye. Aye.

Approved via unanimous consent. Motion passes.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I am going to start now by introducing a MPD captain, Tatiana Savoie. She is the captain for Sector 2, which includes, I believe, at least my entire single Member District and yours as well.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Captain Savoy, welcome.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Hello.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Hello.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Thank you for coming.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

So I guess I would just start by asking Captain Savoia. There's anything that they that you'd like to say. I believe you're, if I'm not mistaken, Commander, badly and said that you were kind of new to the position. Or is that not the case?

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Yes, Sir. That is the case. I was recently transferred over to 2D the last week in December. I came from 1D.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Umm, just a quick brief about myself. My name is Tatiana Savoy. I am a captain of a Metropolitan Police department. Have over 20 years on the department. I've worked in various districts to include a course 1D. The 7th district in the 4th district. And I've also been on a a multi jurisdictional task force which was called the wave unit back in 05 to 2010. And and then that part of that task.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Horse involved. Stolen vehicles. I was briefly assigned as an investigator over at the Youth division, but I was only there for a couple of months before I was promoted to a Sergeant. So that's just a little bit about myself. I have a brother on the Police Department as well. He's a detective. And then I also have a sister over at Uniform Secret Service. And then another sister with the DEA agent agency. And we all work in DC.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

So that's just the quick brief about myself, actually worked for Commander Battleon when I was a Sergeant at 1D when he was a Lieutenant there as well.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Umm so I I guess you guys just want me to get right into what what I have for you.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Please yes please.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

OK. OK. So so because 3A I'm being told that is it's kind of a new ANC the when you look at the crime cards, it's not quite established for you all to kind of go in.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

And populate those crime cards. So I had to kind of get a little creative.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

And really just learned 3A because I know it entails 204 little bit of 205 and then of course on the upper end 202 and 203.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Umm, if you all wanted to take a look at the crime cars, the best way I can really describe to you if you really wanted to see the crime is if you go to the crime cards and you say one year to date and police District 2.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

What is gonna populate is the is dots color dots on the entire map of the 2nd district.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

And.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Where are you all are located. If you wanted to kind of take a look.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Right in the middle of the district, there are two pink dots. One is like all by itself, a pink dot, and then a. Then there. There's like another dot, kind of.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

To the bottom, like in the middle, but kind of to the right, bottom, right. And it's like right beside another. Like bluish kind of dot.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Umm.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

You all are kind of right there. If you scroll in, you're kind of right where that pink dot is and then you kind of go up some. So you're you're kind of right and this and right in the center of that in that map.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

So on my end what I was able to do.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Is to take.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Kind of move the crime over until an excel and then from the Excel. I had to kind of.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Filter out all of the other AC. So for 3A specifically, from he from year to date.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Have a total of 19 crimes that were reported.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Of those nineteen, we had one arson, 1 burglary, 2 motor vehicle thefts, aspects abuse reported, four theft from autos and five thefts. That's kind of from what I'm seeing on my end, give or take.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

I did speak with the commander before he left to go on vacation.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

I know there were some talks earlier this year about.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Break Inns along the bottom part of Wisconsin Ave with the retail most of those cases were just breaking a windows by a belief, a mental consumer.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Umm, I know someone had mentioned that they you all wanted me to kind of brief up on the the the I guess the patterns, the crime trends that we're kind of seeing, we're not really seeing any crime trends right in your immediate area. We have experienced a few burglaries down into 09, a few down in like the Glover Park area but below your and C then that kind of seized, we were seeing vehicles.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Being stolen valet keys and the cars being stolen, valet keys and cars. We were kind of seeing that, so we pushed out resources, you know, educated a few businesses on that. So that's kind of calmed down some then when it was on the colder days, we did see a few robbery patterns involving Canada goose coats. Hopefully the the the weather will remain as is and we won't have any of those issues. And then with the burglaries, we started to see them along the Connecticut Ave.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Or door, which really is not in your AC. But again, I'm just speaking on the the crime trends that we were seeing last week, we did lock up in adult individual for a few burglaries and unlawful entries that were reported along the Connecticut Ave corridor.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Umm.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Does anyone have any questions? And again I I am new to this area so please forgive me if I cannot answer any questions. I'll be you know I can leave my e-mail address if you all wanna e-mail me and I could definitely provide you with an answer if I cannot provide you with an answer tonight.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I'm going to start with one of my own and then I'll open it up to the other Commissioners, and then we'll we'll also open it up to the audience, both here in person and on teams.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The first thing that I've kind of wanted to breach is specifically in my single Member District 3801, which includes McLean Gardens, which is.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Right around the 2nd district station, we have had an increase in.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Suspicious incidents, which at times I think have escalated people would say last Halloween we had a gunfire in McLean Gardens that was heard and casings were recovered by second district officers and maybe a month or so ago we had another incident where gunfire was heard that it wasn't clear whether that gunfire was actually in McLean Gardens or if it was somewhere else.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Nearby, because officers had heard it as far as the Palisades.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Today we had an incident, Captain Savoy, which I actually just discussed with the the watch commander.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

A number of vehicles.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Ohh, one of which was quite badly damaged on 39th St between Newark and Porter, so about a block away from the 2nd district station. We're very badly damaged and it came to my attention that a report had been filed and well first police have been called to the scene police and EMS where they found a vehicle that had clearly been the vehicle that was driven and had run into a number of parked cars.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The driver's purportedly fled, abandoning the vehicle and the watch commander provided me with that report numbers, so I I plan to follow up with the detectives division to see when a detective is assigned, because at the time the watch commander didn't have any information. Like, what's that car stolen? Or was it owned by the purported assailants, who pled?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

All of this is to say I think we have certainly seen a sort of change in the type of crime that we're seeing, especially in the area of the clean gardens.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

So captions, Savoy I I would like to, you know, work with you all to sort of establish a baseline, knowing that there are some of these types of different incidents that we're seeing and how can we be best equipped to deal with them and hopefully stop them from reoccurring.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Obviously you know, there are certain things that members of the Community do to safeguard or possessions or, you know, something of that nature to avoid some of the potential crime that's risen.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

But at the same time, I think it would be very important for the Commission to kind of work with you to to say or a what what can be done in terms of increased patrolling or what can we do to ensure that we're effectively reporting what does go on in McLean Gardens so that.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

You all have some information to chew on to work from to, to plan, to strategize.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

So I'm not necessarily looking for answers right now or or strategies, but I just would like to get it on your radar, captain, so that you know we're we're a brand new Commission and we don't really have a baseline on anything, whether that be crime or many of the various issues that matter, a great deal to our residents and businesses. But we definitely want to establish that baseline and establish these relationships so that very hopefully very quickly.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

We can start to see, OK, this is working for our community. This is addressing a certain type of crime or as minimizing the incidence of a certain type of crime. I think ideally that that's the kind of.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Those are the kind of results that we we'd like to be able to account for as time goes on.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Uh. German. Yeah, mine was quite simple. Just auto with that seems to be off across the city especially.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Uh people panelization with the people stealing.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The wheels off card and think that isn't the quite rampant in the PC compared to other areas in the I'm just wondering what what you see.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

About that or or what, MD.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

In regards to that cause, it's clearly a problem right now.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Captain Conyers.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Yes, I can hear you now. I believe someone he spoke on wheel thefts on theft from autos. So pretty much we call that that formatos. We did see some type of pattern like a crime trend going on the beginning of this year with Cadillac converters.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Umm, with those, you know, theft from autos are really the hardest.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Prime to to close right. Those are those cases are extremely hard.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

I understand your frustrations with that. I recently had my truck broken into as well, so I I totally understand.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

I had a someone emailed me couple of days ago.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

So because they were upset that their vehicle was broken into.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

For the second time in six months, so I went by.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

The citizens home and I was quickly drawn to.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

So many so many valuable items that I observed.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

That were just sitting in Plainview in these cars in his block.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

And I'm not saying that this is the exact case every time, but we really have to.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Just kind of stop.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Leaving items in our cars because we wanna change the behavior of these fees. We don't want them coming back into that block.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

I know that you touched up on the sounds of gunshots and, Commissioner, you can be correct about that.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Sometimes when when I was in 1D we would like on Capitol Hill, we would get sounds of gunshots, but the sound actually carried way north of the 5th district, like on the other side north of New York Ave. But when we talk about guns, we've already recovered 32 guns in the second district alone. So it's only the what, almost the end of February. So you're talking about a gun every other day that we've been recovering.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Umm, with traffic we can definitely. I can definitely work with you all on traffic. You have like traffic concerns. We could definitely deploy our traffic cars over into those areas of your concern. If you just shoot me, you know exactly what it is more of a detailed you know it could be an intersection, a street that you all are seeing you know speeding or things of that nature. You can always shoot me a text or an e-mail and I could definitely deploy.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Units on that for that as well.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Constant, sure Kevin Huntsville or from ANC3AO3?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

A yeah. So my concern is mostly about the commercial burglaries. I know they've been last month have been a ton along 14th and 15th or 14th and 18th St, which is over more in the Adams Morgan area, but a dry cleaner in my single Member District got their door kicked in two weekends ago. Talking to the owner, it's very upsetting just because he's small businessmen, they took his cash registers, they took the cache and you had to repair those sore from in the part that I think.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Even most concerned is that it's at the corner of new work and Ifo, so it's diagonally from the 2nd district. And as it was telling him, you know, although that's the second district, the police aren't allowed in the yard watching. But he did suggest that that made him think that whoever's doing those commercial burglaries isn't really afraid of getting caught or isn't afraid of what would happen to them. And they are getting caught, I guess, from the neighborhood standpoint. Not only do we want the merchants not to be burglarized, but we also don't want to be in a situation where they.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

You know, install things that would make it.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

A less, less pleasant environment to be in to prevent other burglaries, so I don't know if you guys have a plan for commercial burglary specifically or what and I know.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Just because it's across the street from the We use station diagonally doesn't mean that it's not gonna get burglarized, but didn't seem like it was fairly bold crime.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Right.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

It's so so that was the one burglary that I reported out on.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

We had another burglary last night along the Connecticut Ave corridor and what we were pushing out to them was do not leave money in your registers and they did exactly. But we told him to do and when this burglar entered in into this establishment, there was no money for him to get. So unfortunately, we do have a damaged window.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Alright, that's.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

But he was not able to obtain any money. So again, if we continue that behavior, maybe that will, you know, kind of disperse and make these thieves go away. We do have a plan in place. I don't really want to talk about what it is that we are. We are doing right now in hopes that it will work, but we are well aware of that burglary and and like I said we we arrested and adult male last week for committing a few burglaries.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

And unlawful entry.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And that was further down in the Glover Park, Georgetown area of those burglaries.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

That was no, Sir. That was along the Connecticut Ave corridor. So we we got him in like the 2600 block of Connecticut Ave, but he committed a few more. I think it was like 2 N of Connecticut and then one below.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Got you. I know you guys have 1000 concerns that this is that the commercial burglaries coming out and demic especially the dry cleaner who says his business is off about 75% for a couple of years and then the burglary has significant out of pocket.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Right. So when I when I first when I was first transferred those 2D I saw, I noticed the burglaries and we're we're we're like really down. I don't know what the exact exact percentage is what those burglaries being down but we are we have a huge decrease in burglaries year to date from last year.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Alright, alright, thanks.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I I wanted to bring up the question of.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Whether or not there's any effort to stop people from writing these motorized vehicles and motorized.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Uh.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

But motorized vehicles are not vehicles. But you know, right, writing things on sidewalks, there's a there are a lot of quite, you know, older people on the.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Who live in buildings along Wisconsin Ave, and they are nervous about going out, walking with their pains or with their walkers when there are people on the street who are, you know, on these.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Different computers.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Studio correct the e-mail and I wondered is it possible to put some signs up or is it possible to just you know warn people? Or is there anything that that that the people themselves or the buildings can do to protect these old people?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

It's.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Is there a like a more specific area that you're that you're referring to?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

From the giant to the to to Garfield St on the South side of Wisconsin Ave, I guess it would be the West side of Wisconsin Ave.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Though on Wisconsin, between from the Giant, which is Newark to Garfield.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

That's right.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

OK.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
There was one.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
Was it last year?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
But.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

So yes, we can definitely we can definitely try something we can definitely do. You are you have do you have like a more specific time or is this just occurring?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
Well.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)
24/7.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

OK. So then anyone who has been, you know, seriously injured recently it within the within the past two months since I've been paying attention to this issue, but apparently there was.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Quite seriously injured last year, she was in her 90s and she was going along on her on her scooter or not scooter but her.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Walker and he got run into by one of one of these.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Vehicles or I guess they're not called vehicles, but anyway, scooters there may not be anything you can do about this, but it just seems to me that it is the word from thing because you have a lot of vulnerable people people and you have more and more scooters and more and more of these motorized bicycles. And then there's I it's, I understand it. It's not illegal to have them on the sidewalks at all. They can, they can be in the sidewalk.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Is it's not anymore only downtown. And honestly, if if we want this resolved, I think really we need to press press for vision zero and Wisconsin Ave we'd have to take away lane and that's the question you know we want to ask do we want to take away a lane off Wisconsin Ave to give it to bicycles because right now that's happening on Connecticut and there seems to be quite some concern on whether you're willing to give up that plane for your vehicle. Yeah. But if you don't have a safe manner for someone to get along on a bicycle or running or on a scooter.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The only option is on a sidewalk where I live. I currently see a lot of families riding their children's to school. Would you like to? Would I mean, I'd have to anyone here. I did this in 3D. Is anyone willing to put their own life in danger to ride on Mass Ave ride a bicycle on mass Ave or ride a bicycle on the craft. Ave. So the only logical option is to be on the sidewalk for your safety and for your livelihood. So The thing is strong Wisconsin. There are a few individuals who are willing to take that risk.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

We're gonna ride on Wisconsin Ave, but if you wanna stay alive, you're gonna be on the sidewalk. So the only option really is to extend the sidewalks or to take a lane away on Wisconsin now so that that's exactly. And they have signed in areas where there are lots of old people, like in front of an old person building or in front of a area where there's a lot of daycare people and they and it says carrier wheels. Yeah. These these things. Wait. That. That.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Thing there was £30, I don't know a lot of people who carry the these.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Forget that every kid in there. But it's. But it is a worrisome thing, these.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I I totally agree. I support that theory. I just think we need to take the next step. Unfortunately, the city's reluctant to take car lanes away, right. And we want that safety. We really need to think about that. Once you start talking about that, you start talking about how parking taking away parking is gonna affect businesses, right? And.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I think.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

This way. Excuse me, can I interject? Right. This might be a silly suggestion, but have we ever thought about splitting the sidewalk up like creating a a line on the sidewalk and you know one side for pedestrians and maybe the other side of the sidewalk for?

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

So I know the sidewalk is is small, but if we attempted to kind of create.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

So and then.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

You know, a split of that. So anyone walking as a pedestrian, you're on the outskirts and of the sidewalk, right? And then if you're riding your bicycle or your scooter, then you're on the inner side of the sidewalk.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Right. They they expanded the sidewalk on Nebraska Ave from basically Tenley circle through American University. And they did that on one side of the block. So that was that has been a successful different. But our sidewalks are generally narrow. So they went from roughly on Nebraska, went from a 6 foot wide sidewalk to a 9 foot. And I don't, I don't believe we're even at 6 feet on Wisconsin Ave and those spots and moreover, between Newark and Garfield, you have Cactus Cantina. You have.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

All the restaurants where people spring summer are gonna be lingering on those on the streets, right? So it's it's a challenging part of the city to manage. I agree. I think there are potential mitigating.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Like.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Approaches so that you could take without committing to, you know, a really substantial solution.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And and I think it sort of specifically speaks to really the issue that.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Judy is Speaking of which is I mean.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The scooters have different speeds, right?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And there's a there's one speed limitation that I believe is dictated by district law. Is that right? Do you know Captain Savoy off hand?

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

I'm. I'm sorry. Say that again.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I believe there's a regulation as to how fast the the mobile the E scooters can go. I think they're eternally 10 mph. That's.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Are here to this, but I don't. I don't want to speak. Yeah, somewhere between think it's about 15 miles, I think. Yeah, I think it's 7 mph and I guess.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

One thing that I think we should consider, which wouldn't involve infrastructure changes of any kind is, you know, are there certain areas where it would be appropriate for us to expect E scooters to be limited to, say, 5 mph? I don't know. You'd have the set of geofence and they would have to enter the geofence. Yeah, they would have to immediately drop the five and then, like, exit the geofence.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Yeah, I mean that only that is only for people who are explained by the minute. This is probably the problem with. Yeah, yeah. We're we're getting into the weeds a bit, but I do. I did see that we had a couple of.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Attendees who had their hands raised. So I'm going to I'm going to alternate between in person and.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Driver.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Never.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Attending leave. I'm gonna. I'm gonna start with Miss London.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And that did you still?

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

A function word.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

All right, miss London. I'm gonna. I'm gonna unmute you right now.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

No extension cord.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

You need it.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Actually this London, are you able to unmute yourself right now?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

If so, please go ahead and speak. Otherwise there will be one second as I get you.

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Joanna London (Guest)

Does that work?

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Joanna London (Guest)

Can you hear me OK?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Yes. Yes, I can. Yes we can.

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Joanna London (Guest)

OK, I was having trouble with this technology. It's not exactly like zoom and I try to use the chat which somehow I finally did, but anyway, so I I just said how about requiring bikers and Scooter users to ring a bell or say something like on your left to indicate to a pedestrian that they are approaching from behind.

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Joanna London (Guest)

I mean.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I think that was so educational campaigns or something that I think would be really appropriate. Captain Savoy, I'm not sure if NPD does these kinds of things to promote safe behavior or if this is something that would be under the auspices of maybe or maybe worthy of a letter to the Council where you say that if you want them to, to do a state campaign. Yeah, that's something where or you could even talk to the mocha here and there.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Because. Yeah, no, I think I think it would have be appropriate. And it's also something that we can sort of work on as well as as a Commission. You know, we all have access to a number of Community resources, like the listservs that we have next door. What have you, whatever community associations or condo owner associations that we are part of to sort of spread the word because it it certainly is. I mean we, we are a community that are that's comprised of.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Many different types of transportation users, people who rely on scooters, people who have walkers and canes, so Miss London, I I think that's a great idea and I think that's something that we can both work on as the Commission and also work on with other parts of the district government to sort of advance that behavior to hopefully make it safer for.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

You know our wider community? Yeah. Everybody. Mr Lendy, you had a question?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

What's ironic is.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I look at every scooter, there's actually a label on there telling you not to ride on the side, but I think I'm not a lawyer.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

But I think like one, I think that maybe that is a way of setting them up that if if one of their security teams or something like, well, you know what it actually says on a scooter that you're not supposed to be. So we're not liable. We're gonna put this back to the rider. But I know that I think it's around the Lincoln Memorial. They definitely have the geocache. You're still. No. Yeah. You have a geocache where you kept parking there, but downtown they can ticket you if you're on the sidewalk. So that, that's just downtown.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Or we have a lot more congested. Yeah, I know that card to go, but it went away. I went to one of their little Mercedes and I tried to park in front of Natural History. It would not let me and the nice people from France would be helped us was says while you're not in Washington DC, I said I send out a picture of them and then she informed me that I had to go way off the mall. Like, oh, like beauty. Yeah.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Actually, before it allowed me to end my life.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And across me an extra \$15.00 that I.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Alright, I'm I'm in a mood by to the next person who's here remotely, though. I I do. See. Wait. Captains avoid. Did you have your hand up or you? Are you running out of time?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Well.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

Yes, comma, I'm so I've run. I have another meeting I have to jump on at 73740 now. I'm so sorry.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I greatly appreciate the time that you did uh provide for us and.

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Savoy, Tatjana (MPD)

But I'll leave my information in the chat.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Absolutely wonderful for anybody. So we'll say goodbye to Captain Savoy. Thank you again for joining us this evening, and I will go through the remaining people who have their hands raised. If you have a question, they can you think we can take up without captains, avoid being present and then that would be great otherwise. Thanks, Kevin. We will have the captains information and triple it like you were still.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

You'll have your hand raised. Go ahead and speak.

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ANNE DRISSEL (Guest)

Yes, it was for captains. Avoid, but I think the committee would be beneficial to be aware of this set on the next door community. There were complaints about school children.

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ANNE DRISSEL (Guest)

I I stealing makeup out of the target store at friendship, I mean at at Tenleytown and about kids.

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ANNE DRISSEL (Guest)

I'm taking candy before school, open down at the Safeway, so I would have a question whether MPD or how MPD is working with the stores.

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ANNE DRISSEL (Guest)

To help these young people to know that this is not acceptable behavior.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I think I'll. I'll, I'll speak a little to this because this definitely came up at 3 E's meeting in January, which I happened to be attending. And you know, there were a lot of community members who were concerned about issues involving students.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Uh, who were, you know, vandalizing the CVS and the target and some of the businesses in that area.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And and I know that one of the responses I believe from the officer or or the captain who was in attendance was that, you know, we wanna know about these instances and we wanna we wanna be able to work with the school if they are students coming from Jackson Reed and that's important information because.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The Police Department does work with school administration to address many of these issues, or or attempt to address many of these issues, so I think it's it's important to have an ongoing dialogue between Second District obviously as well as Jackson reads administration so that they can.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Be aware of incidents when they do occur and take appropriate action to hopefully stop them from reoccurring.

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ANNE DRISSEL (Guest)

Mm-hmm.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

So I I not being somebody who's actually speaking for MPD and I I hope that provides some kind of a

response to the concern that you're you're speaking to, but it's it's, it's definitely I think the most important thing is is making sure that these incidents are being communicated to the right parties because I think sometimes.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I said the thread gets dropped and you know whether it be NPD or maybe in this instance a Jackson reads administration says a. Well, this is the first we're hearing of XY and Z, which is definitely the last thing you want to hear when you're talking about an incident that caused loss of property or a.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

You know, disconcerting or traumatizing experience.

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ANNE DRISSEL (Guest)

Thank you.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Thank you.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I am now we we have our State Board of Education member here, Eric Boulay, and he is actually next on the agenda. We didn't even have to move anything or found.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Where would you like for me? Here. OK. There. This one? Yeah. Yeah. We're really taking advantage of technology to the extreme. Right. This is great. So maybe right here. Would this be a good spot or how do you recommend? I would say step over to the side of an right here. OK. And actually, actually, I'm gonna. I'm gonna correct myself standing to the right of.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Give me two months or why the first one. We need to do this. This is really nice.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

My very yeah, last week, Council member did it as well. OK, Eric, I trust that you can project your. So I will do my best. Can everybody hear me? OK? Virtually. And here. OK, great. Well, thank you all for having me here today. I'm just really thankful that you put the little resolution on there. The goal of trying to get the middle school campus is great. Deal momentum. We've got three and C resolutions already. This would be the 4th that this one is approved. And then later tonight at 8:54 PM.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

They're gonna be voting out fifth one AC3F. I'll be getting on a virtual meeting for and our Ward 3 Council member put this in his list of budget requests, so there's tremendous progress and moving forward and trying to convince the city that this is a once in a generation opportunity to get with them. But I want to kind of backtrack for a second issue on a lot of people's minds right now. Are the school budgets that came out my inbox has been flooded to say the least, with concerns from parents about the reductions that are being proposed.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And when we saw the budgets, the way the process works is the local school budgets are released by the mayor and then the school community, the Elsd school community and the principal have a certain amount of time that which closes, I guess, at midnight tonight officially to release what are called petitions to appeal any decisions that are made. Now what's concerning about this to me is there was supposed to be a new budget model that was in place that the mayor had put together.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

There was supposed to give us kind of a more scientific approach to funding schools, but the majority of schools 7 out of 10 schools in Ward three received an arbitrary cut of 5.26% pretty much across the board. I've heard from a lot of the assets already. That's gonna be a loss of a lot of teachers and school personnel, upwards of 6 to 10 school personnel will be lost in those cuts. We're there's deeply concerning, particularly for our smaller elementary schools, that can't afford to lose.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Teachers in that way. So I'm gonna be sending a budget letter out tomorrow. I wanted to wait for the petition period to close and get all that information, but sending something out asking these cuts to be reversed, I think there's, I mean, it is a tighter budget than certain years. However, this needs to be a top priority. I think before new programs are proposed, we need to look at making sure that the basic needs of the city. And I would put public education at the top of that list, are funded. So that's gonna be in the list.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

First, a longer standing issue that parents have conveyed to me is the issue of school overcrowding.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The prior to these school budgets coming out, it was the number one thing I was hearing about and and it's a problem in really two ways. First, we're seeing it at the middle and high school level because the class sizes have increased. Certain classes that deal object and read can be upwards of 30 to 40 students, which is just not an environment that's conducive to learning. The second problem we see is that our elementary schools 15 years ago, we passed Universal pre-K in Washington, DC, where the first jurisdiction to put that into effect.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And the rollout plan with this because you had to build capacity slowly as you brought the professionals in was that we would start with our title one schools which are the schools that are in the greatest need and then we would then build from there. But when we got to work three and then we didn't have the space to put the pre K3 and the pre K4 and we just stopped and we stopped the progress and the goal was that every elementary school, every student who is 3 or 4 would be able to get into their school by right a livable, walkable school that they could go to.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Yeah, we just haven't built the school space here in Ward three that we need and we need to do that. So that's something that's gonna be incredibly important that we look at the school boundary study, which is going to be coming up this year, that we make sure we build the space in and we plan the space for that. So there's a couple key components to this. There's things that need to be done to get this to work the right way and get it to work well. The first thing is getting the little school campus. It's a 2400 seat school campus that was initially the Intel set building, which was a.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Building over on Connecticut Ave, it's near the Van Ness metro. I used to live over that way when it wasn't until sad and it's a beautiful campus and it was going to become what was called the middle school, which was a Chinese immersion private school over there. But COVID hit and the little school went bankrupt. So it is now in bankruptcy court and this city would be very well positioned to step in and possibly get a very good deal on the property. Right now, the federal government owns the land. So our representative, Eleanor Holmes.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

That would be able to negotiate the federal government and perhaps, you know, sometimes the feds will say with the property of this nature is we'll give you a long term lease out for a dollar a year as long as you maintain it for educational uses. So I think this is a once in a generation opportunity to get this campus. I think with any year it could be used to add a new middle school there, which is going to be very important because Alice feel is right now 145% capacity and we really need to do something urgent to create more middle school space.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

In in that part of the city. So if we can do that, that would be huge. Also it would be a great spot for a pre K3 and four focus to be placed on that campus. It was gonna be designed for that portion of the campus anyways and it's right next to UDC. So there's tremendous workforce development opportunities with our University of the District of Columbia where we could train our residents in areas like child care. We could build those partnerships on education issues. And then if we don't want to use the whole space right now.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

You need to see that can use a portion of it, so it's just a win win for the community. It doesn't add traffic issues. Of all the issues you have, probably what we'll create the lease traffic problem will be a

school where your parents and students can walk or bike to the school and that you have a connection right to the college which is next door. So I think it's a win win. I'm really honored that you put it on the agenda tonight. We're gonna try to get all 7A and C resolutions and then send those to the mayor to get great way plus.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Is this budget cycle comes down and I just don't wanna miss the chance to do this because there's not gonna be another parcel of it opens up like this for any time in the foreseeable future that's gonna address these needs. So I'm really excited about that. Mean other priorities that we're pushing for right now is the Stoddard Elementary School has a modernization that's about to go into effect. But it's being underbuilt right now. It's not being built for adding the pre K3 and floor classrooms in there. So we want to build a third floor onto the Stoddard Elementary School. That's got to be in the issues.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Budget and then just making sure that we look for another elementary school site right now we have Jenny merch and a Lafayette or all overcrowded, so like the opportunity with all the large parcels that are shifting around and friendship pipes really creates an opportunity either at the Lord and Taylor site or in sites around that to possibly find a place which would be great for new elementary school. Again, your major public transit routes near the metro and a great site for another Ward 3 school. Ultimately, our goal here is to try to reduce.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Little overcrowding. We're not trying to build so big that we've been draw more students in from schools across the city. That's been a big concern. I've heard, you know, got outreach from Eastern High School, for example, saying our student enrollment is already under enrolled. We don't want to overbuild in Ward three and then risk taking students away from other schools. So we're trying to build to the right number here. You're going to have out of boundary students obviously coming in through sibling preferences or through just vacant spots that open up. And that's fine. We certainly encourage that.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

We just don't want to overbuild and build to a level that doesn't make sense. So first time Migen is going to be the school budgets and I want to answer the question that was raised there about and I think it's from Ann about the issue of what do we do with kids outside the school. I received outreach from many principals across the city about the need to keep SRO's in the schools. It's been somewhat contentious issue. They've been proposed to be eliminated. But from my experience, it's speaking with the sros. They really build valuable relationships with the students.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And they have authority to kind of not just monitor the kids in the school, but then if they hear that there's some kids get in trouble outside the school, they can connect with them and kind of guide them in a different direction, not with a focus on being punitive, but just being making sure that both the

community and the students are have a relationship where there's not activity that we create a problem. And I think that the sros I'm going to listen to our principles on this one and strongly encourage that we keep our apps, our own program in this tools because each of the principles I've spoken with said it's really important.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Conan and they just really have great relationships with the kids and I know that's probably not across the board, but by and large, that's what we see. So those are some of the things that I'm gonna focus on, but can I take questions? Is that a lot? I don't wanna.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

You know? Yeah. Get out of order on your agenda. But what's the best way to do this? I'll do the I'll do it the same way we did with Captain Savoie. I'll open it up to Commissioners here, and then we'll see if anybody from the audience, either here in the room or at home has any questions, Judy.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

What I what? What is the plan for getting rid of the trailers at Jackson Reed? Well, you know, I think that's why we're looking at while I know the new MacArthur school is coming on board. I mean, I've had mixed feelings about that. I think vocations been a concern to me, but I think it they're proceeding with that. I think anytime you put trailers up, they should be considered portable space. And the security thing to me is they become almost a permanent fixture at both Jacks and reading and deal. I mean, we need to get away from having trailers there and and look to the future.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I think the future is the middle school. I think it would be a great site for a high school of some sort. It's got space for high school and middle school and a huge pre-K focus there. So there's so much that can be done with the middle school. I think the first priority would be the middle school, but I think it would be a great site to address if there's still overcrowding needs to Jackson read to solve it there now. Jackson Reeds posted 2200 students which is nearly three times as big as the next biggest high school can see which is just to me it's not a sensible way to be doing things and we wanna make sure that we don't have.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Classrooms that are overcrowded and, as you mentioned, portable space that we don't have any plan to get rid of for the future. So I I think we'll's a great solution to being able to solve that issue as well.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Thank you for coming. Thank you. Appreciate you coming. I just want to say that in the last few days, I've heard from parents from first and from Eaton.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

We were at the really concerned about the budget cuts. They're all pointing out that it's not a 5% budget cut in time of significant inflation. Yep, the 5% nominal budget cut could be a significantly greater budget cut that we figure out that everything cost more than it did last year.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Well, this is such a great point. I'm so glad you raised that may respond real quick. Or did you know? Go ahead. That was so you. I've been looking at what this should actually cost in terms of if you take the inflation factor because inflation is 4.4% right now for this year and then you take what you mentioned, which is such a great point about the new contracts that were signed, the principles signed a four year contract at 12 1/2% salary. The teacher is signed a four year contract also of which three years was retro.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

For 12% increase plus they have one year of retention pay and then they don't even have a contract for the fiscal year. We're approaching for fiscal year 24. So if you assume they get the same 4% the principals did, teacher salaries are going up by 16% then. So there was money in the workforce investment account, the mayor's transitioning over. But if we were to replace those 5.26% cuts with the 5.05, the mayor's already put in there, the actual increase we need to see to the uniform.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Per student funding formula is actually 10.31%, so we're about \$150 million short where we need to be to get rid of these budget cuts. I've got some solutions I wanna put in the budget letter cuz I think this needs to be the top priority. Some of them, some people will like, other people will not like them all. But I think they need to be. I think this needs to be first. We can't go doing new programs until we get the basics done. And for me the basics, making sure we're not cutting our teachers and cutting classrooms.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And and that's the number I come up with about 10.3% that we need to get to to be able to solve the problem. We're sure we're from that. Thanks for following. Well, that's still an opportunity. Well, I feel free to connect them to me if they've got any questions or concerns, but we're going to fight hard on this and make sure we advocate both to the mayor to add money when she sends her budget now March 22nd, but then also to the Council. It's not fixed before then. Great.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I'm going to move now to one of our online attendees. Mr Weiner, I'm gonna ask you to go ahead and unmute yourself. I should have done this earlier when we were speaking to Catherine Savoy, but if for, for those of us, for the the attendees are asking questions. If you could just say if you are in 3A, if you're in one of our SMB's. So just so that we can put name, spaces and constituents all together. So Mr Weiner, whenever you're ready.

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Weiner, John

Thanks very much. That is. Yeah, I I don't live in three. I live just across the street from 3A in 3C, but I'm. I'm really here on behalf of the Clinton Park Community Association. So and we straddle straddle the border. So good evening. I'll ask a question also very quickly, just because I'm online now. We meant to come last week and couldn't anybody attend? Cause the schedule space one to say that we were very excited to work with you all and really appreciate everybody's willingness to be on this new ANC and.

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Weiner, John

And work with the community. All the issues that are are before 3:00 AM. So thank you very much to all of you for for taking the time out of your of your schedules to be willing to run for, for the, for this new way and say.

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Weiner, John

Umm question for for Mr Glay you were speaking about the issue of scale of of building, kind of planning and making sure that we don't build too big but don't build too small either. I was just curious do you guys have any data or projections in terms of growth in ward three particularly in light of the development that's being proposed along the avenues and coming years?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Well, it didn't. I did look at that with the Rock Creek W study and I think that's one thing that's got to be looked at. The mayor has said they're planning to add essentially 10% to the population. You're roughly around 12,000 residents in the next five years, and that's to the Rock Creek W study. I think that if we do that strategically, it can be beneficial to our businesses. And as long as it's located in your public transit done in a smart way, but then you've got to build the school capacity for that. So one thing I want to look to and one thing we're trying to do is with this boundary study is look.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

10 years out. You don't wanna just look to what you have right now. You wanna look to see if we're gonna really add 10% to ward three population. We wanna make sure we're building enough schools to be able to solve that issue. And it's something that's a real concern for me because we have to target these schools at the right size. And I think if we have widow, we'll be able to have solved the issues at the middle and high school level, regardless of what comes our way with the population growth, I think we'll have this space there. If we see we don't get the population growth rate.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

This stating we have a great spot with UBC to take some of that space for us and so we win either way. With that now, with the elementary schools, I think we need to get ahead of this issue. I mean, for me it's about I think we don't have enough school space unless we get all the pre K3 and pre K4 in the classroom. So every student should have that right? It's the right everywhere else in the city. Word three is the only word that has no prepaid three at all in our ward and only half of our students are even able to use Pre Kmart.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And they have to go through the lottery system. So it's a tremendous disservice if we don't get that space built. So this year is really important. I'd be excited to work with you on it to try to see how we look at the population stats. We look at the school boundaries and then we make sure that in the capital facilities master plan, we put the right amount of space in for school buildings to accommodate what we have now. And then what we know is coming in the next 10 years.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

All right.

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Weiner, John

Thank you very much.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Miss London.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Uh here, we got like here and in person. Do we have any? Ohh yes we do. There we are. Question, I probably everybody knows the answer what is all the ward three schools are over enrolled.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

What's the rationale for the cuts?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

That's a that's a good question. I've not heard the rationale for the cuts. I mean, all that's been said is they didn't want to cut more than the 5.26%. But I think that it's just a tight budget. I mean, I'm gonna look at this budget very carefully. I will have some recommendations that I'll follow up. One of them is going to be, I mean, the Council put aside \$50 million even though they knew that there was a pretty big problem with this funding schools. They knew that this fiscal Cliff was coming, that the one time money was running out and they knew that they had just signed to.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Contracts with the principles of the Washington Teachers Union and they decided to dedicate \$53 million to giving free busting to people. And for me, that's something that's great. I support public transit, but you've gotta deal with the necessities first. But I think the mayor mentioned that this shouldn't have been done that way. It should have been done through the budget process. And I and I fully agree with that. I think it's great to to look at all these other important priorities. But you got to get the basics done. And I think we failed to do that. So I think the reason the mayor is cutting it is frankly just cuz.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

You know things are tightening up with the economy here. I mean these days feeling the pinch from the federal workforce, you know, discovering telework, we're trying to get them coming back downtown. But our downtown isn't the same. I mean, there's public safety issues. There's issues with trying to attract businesses from the federal government. The president is being reduced. So I think we're seeing a bit of an economic retraction here, and we've gotta be really prudent with how we spend our money. And that's why I'm just putting this at the top of the list.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Miss London, if you could mute yourself if you're welcome to ask your question.

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Joanna London (Guest)

At work.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Yes it did.

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Joanna London (Guest)

Yeah. Good. OK.

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Joanna London (Guest)

I just wanted to know what an SRO is.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Ah yes, it's a school resource, officers, so these are sworn officers who volunteered. They just love working with kids. So these are officers that are MPD officers, fully trained, who just go, and they say, well, I love kids. I want to work with kids and they volunteer for this role. And they're trained especially for this. And they look for people who are specifically good, have a repertoire of kids and can build those types of relationships. And the reason that's so important.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Is because you know they they get to know the students and they can prevent a problem before it starts. I mean, one thing I didn't know, which was just fascinating to me. It's a lot of the issues should seem bites at school. Really. Ones that are current in the morning or cause something's occurred on social media the night before there was some argument on social media. Somebody said this. Somebody said that. And then the kids get into school and in trouble starts and the zero is just have those types of relationships where a Kindle saves something and say hey I've this is going on and this that's going on and the officer will immediately that be able to address it.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I got a very touching e-mail from somebody who's award six parent, actually, who talked about their child dead special needs. And it was just really struggling that day. I think they had issues with autism and the child was out actually walking outside the school, and the SRO was able to go out and successfully diffuse the situation, knew the kid knew what the issue was, got the kid back inside and then avoided the situation with law enforcement where he had somebody come in, wasn't familiar with the situation. So for me, that's zeros are all about.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Escalated it. I really wanna trust our principles on this one. And they said that this is something that's really important for just keeping the school safe. And it's something that I'm gonna put in my budget letter encouraging the mayor to keep. It doesn't really cost any money because these officers will be officers regardless of whether they're schools or not. It's just something that we really need is important to keep in our students safe. So it would be something I mentioned for sure.

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Joanna London (Guest)

Thank you.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Uh, do we have any other questions in room?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Seeing none of this drizzle, uh, if if you'd like to unmute yourself and uh, bring up your video.

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ANNE DRISSEL (Guest)

Yes, thank you.

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ANNE DRISSEL (Guest)

Umm, so our neighborhood or our part of the city. It has a number of very large apartment buildings and we see recent reports on the.

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ANNE DRISSEL (Guest)

That's your situation and how another department of the city government may be overpaying for these, and what is repeatedly mentioned is the need for a greater number of social workers to work with. Many of these people, and I wonder how the education part of the city government is working with UDC mental health and whoever to increase the number of social workers.

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ANNE DRISSEL (Guest)

That are being trained by the city.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

But that's a that's a great point and addressed as a really serious concern here in the ward. I I heard really troubling stories about, you know, residents who are in a communal living situation through the vouchers and just didn't have the support systems necessary to make that a successful placement. We saw individuals with mental health issues that meant some of them, and it just for them, they needed constant supports in some cases, probably they needed more 24/7 support than they were getting there.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And you know, I heard stories of in some cases there was really great service providers. In some cases, the service providers would only come once a month. So there was a real disparity in terms of the services people were getting from this. I think the idea of social workers is great. I love the idea of trying to connect that to UDC. I mean, I think it's something that's several years away and should be something that we start to encourage our young people at the high school level to get involved with and say this is a profession where you can make a bubble living wage here in the city. It's amazing work to do.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

There's jobs in that field that we need, so encouraging our youth to get into a field that really serves the Community would be something that I would be 100% behind. Would love to work with you on. I think in the short term, we need to ensure that we've got the right behavioral health providers in there and that there's caseworkers who are seeing these individuals and some of that will have to do by contract. I think you got two new council members in this area. We've got council member Christina Henderson is doing the Committee on Health with the Department of Behavioral Health.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And Robert White is doing the housing committee. So I would encourage, you know, these issues come up to reach out to both of them, see what solutions they may be proposing in the upcoming budget cycle for this issue, because I think it's something that's gonna be an increasing problem if we don't get the support services in there that these folks need to be able to succeed in that environment.

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ANNE DRISSEL (Guest)

Thank you.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Well, uh.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Remember, delay. We appreciate you coming tonight. And also the time answering lots of questions. Well, anytime, anytime. I'll come back whenever you guys want. And I'm just really honored the Commissioners inviting me here tonight and I thank you for taking up the little resolution and e-mail me

or call me anytime. Absolutely. You have my cell phone and I look forward to working with you on these issues. So thank you so much. It's very clear. 3/8 represents a lot of different parents with students and lots of different schools in the Lord. So I think you've got a very.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Nice Big cross section of constituents who wanna Serosal succeeded. So we look forward to working with you to make sure that that's reality. But thank you all so much for having me tonight. I really appreciate it. Thank you.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Well, in keeping with the topic, we have a number of resolutions that actually have to do with education in our ward and and in our our Commission area.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I'm going to move through a each of these resolutions.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Mentioned Milanov was kind enough to sort of write a a nice little summary for each of these so that we won't be reading them in their entirety, but they are available on our website, aandc3a.org in their entirety, and you were encouraged to read them there. They will also obviously be posted with the records of our votes after the meeting has concluded, so the first one we have on our agenda.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

It is a resolution regarding funding for DPS schools in the fiscal year 2024.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And the summary that Commissioner Mladenov has written, our advisory Neighborhood Commission includes areas that are in boundary for five DPS elementary schools in Hurst, Jenny Mann and daughter, and two DCPS middle schools feeling harder. The reason posted list of proposed funding allocations for DCPS schools and FY20 24 shows all five of those elementary schools, as well as deal, which is the in boundary middle school for half of our residents, would experience a 5.26% reduction compared to these years funding.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

That level of cuts would mean even sharper reductions in teaching staff and program funds, potentially of 15 to 18% cut because of the proposed increases in salaries for teachers and principals, the DCPS post shows these schools as having minimal and manning reductions that enrollment next year. It is essential to maintain the level of support for DCPS schools to maintain the quality of education and continue to sustain enrollment and support from families. We urge the Council, the Mayor, and DCPS to review the budget allocation figures and work together to reverse these damaging cuts.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Maintain funding levels for DCPS schools in the coming year, including the schools, so important for our area.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I'm going to move to approve the resolution regarding funding for DCPS tools and fiscal year 2024. Is there a second second?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Which they're Miller seconds is moved and seconded that the Commission approves the resolution regarding funding for CPS schools in 2024. Is there any debate?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

What?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Hearing no debate.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the resolution regarding funding for DCPS schools in 20 FY20 24. All those in favor say aye aye, the motion passes me in unanimous consent.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The next vote is on the resolution regarding investment for expanding capacity and DCPS Schools Board 3.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

School capacity has been a serious challenge in work. Three schools for many years, Jackson Reed Deal Middle School and several of the elementary schools serving the ANC 3A area have been over capacity, some by the highest percentage of any schools in the district was elementary schools in the area do not have sufficient classroom space or pre-K for classes. No elementary schools and military offer pre K3 classes because of capacity constraints. DCPS has worked expeditiously to identify potential locations for new structures or entirely new schools, and provide funding to meet the need for additional school capacity in our area.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Commission recommends DCP as preparer stronger and clearer plan for accommodating future students in the CPS facilities in Ward 3 from pre K3 and pre K4 through 12th grade, including additional classrooms and other facilities. We encourage the mayor and Council as well as DCPS to give priority to

school expansion needs in the capital budget and explore potential options for acquiring and adding more in the near and long term to meet student enrollment at all levels including the middle school and other sites that may be available for acquisition.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

To meet the needs for educating public schools students.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I move the resolution regarding investment for expanding capacity in DCPS schools and ward three, do I have a second second?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Council member Haveman seconds is moved and seconded that the Commission approves the resolution regarding investment for expanding capacity and DCPS schools in ward three. Is there any debate?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Hearing none, the question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the resolution regarding investment for expanding capacity and PCPS schools in Ward 3. All those in favor say aye aye. The motion passes via unanimous consent.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Our third motion before us today regarding education is a vote on a resolution regarding improvements to bus transportation to MacArthur High School.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

DCPS to schedule to open the planned new high school in MacArthur Blvd. At Q Street in August 2023 on the former Lower Middle School campus of Georgetown Day School, approximately 200 students will be enrolled at the high school for school year 2023-2024 in grades nine and 10. Many residents of the ANC 3 area are within the boundary for the new high school, and the students will have to travel 2.5 to 3.5 miles each way to get to the school and get home. Major share of the students at the school will also be attending the school from other parts of the district.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

We'll need good transportation, current bus service to the school site is provided only by Metro Root Metro bus Route D6, which runs about every 15 minutes during the morning and afternoon peak. Everyone will have to add more frequent service to accommodate students at the new school and meet transportation and environmental goals. The D5 Metro bus offered peak time weekday service on Carter Blvd, but was suspended during COVID-19 D1 and D2 serving Glover Park would connect to the D5 and V6.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

But the D1 weekday peak service was also suspended. Increased service on all these bus routes would be useful for meeting anticipated increases. Demand related to the high school opening on MacArthur, especially if connections between the routes are well timed. Bus service on other key roads in the area, which are not currently served by Metro Bus but also be helpful. Mentioned urgently requests that the mayor, the Council, DCPS and will Marta give priority attention to ensuring that needed public transportation is available to the new high school.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And putting the necessary funds into the operating budget by the start of school year 2023-2024 to make additional public transit options available to students and staff at the high school and MacArthur Blvd.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I move regarding improvements to bus transportation to MacArthur High School. Do I have a second second?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

It is moved and seconded that the Commission approves the resolution regarding improvements to bus transportation to MacArthur High School. Is there any debate?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Hearing none.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the resolution regarding improvements to bus transportation to MacArthur High School. All of those in favor say aye aye.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The motion passes via unanimous consent.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I see we have a question in the chat.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

About the link for these resolutions, I'm going to 1st provide a link in the chat just so that everybody can refer to our website and then resolutions after they are voted on and approved will be posted to the website under the documents tab. So that's A and C create.org. The documents tab is where we upload PDF copies of our.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Uh. Passed resolutions and the corresponding folks.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

We now move to our next agenda item, which is hearing from Miss Abigail Demopoulos, the Cleveland Park Smart Rd, but she wanted to speak this evening about the the need for improved bus service on Wisconsin Ave.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I believe I saw missed the mapala.

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Abigail Demopoulos (Guest)

Yeah, but I'm here.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I am going to spotlight you or I leave. Here we are.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

What are you doing?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Let me remove the spotlight on the previous speaker. I believe that stuck up there.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I'm doing this from my phone, so I told you little bit.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Go.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Here with me.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

There we go. That's the monopolis. You can be seen much better here in person now, but please start when you're ready.

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Abigail Demopoulos (Guest)

Great. Thanks very much. I just wanted to bring up an issue that I think should be near and dear to the residents of this A and C.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Umm, which is the the bus service on Wisconsin Ave UM. Many people have probably noticed Rama. Ramada has tremendously reduced service on Wisconsin Ave since the pandemic. We used to have the 30 and the 30 S the 33, the 31 and the 37.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Right now, the only bus line that runs all the way down Wisconsin into downtown is the 33 on that runs seven days a week.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Umm. And the 31 runs UM during the week days with 1/2 an hour headway, but only as far it gets it stopped at Washington Circle and it goes down down South toward Potomac Park, which I'm not quite sure what Potomac Park is, but I've but it's somewhere near the State Department I believe.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Umm. And in the evenings in particular, if you're trying to, Umm, commute uh from downtown, so from, you know, the central area near.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

You know between, say, 17th St or 20 20th St all the way to 10th St the only bus option that you have that would get you all the way home and up Wisconsin is the 33. And I'm speaking from personal experience. I've noticed that the 33 service in the evenings is really quite inconsistent.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Umm you, you know, you don't know if you're going to be waiting 5 minutes or 35 minutes. There is a lot of in splitting up the bus lines where they have the 32 and the 36 stop at Washington Circle.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Umm, it seems like in the evenings those buses, from what I can see are less heavily used going West.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Umm, but the 33 is really the only bus that's that's going West. That's gonna take you all the way up here. And unfortunately, the way we'll mada designed the.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Umm, the stops. There is really no way to make a quick transfer between the 31 and the 33. If if you

wanted to, you would have to. You have to hop off the bus and caught cross a couple of streets and you wouldn't know if you were gonna miss a bus.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

And there's actually also not a particularly good connection between like the N2 and the N 6 that run up and down in Massachusetts for people who might need to go there so effectively. You know, I think that even though this.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Part of Wisconsin Ave doesn't really have great metro connections and is pretty heavily bust dependent, and there's a lot of and the bus corridors have always been really well used by.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Basically everybody. UM, you know, there's, they've. They've just cut the service a lot and I think, UM.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

You know that can be a factor if people are deciding whether they're gonna, you know, telecommute, or they're gonna go to work or they gonna spend, you know, are they gonna need to spend extra money on an Uber or a cab? If if they don't wanna wait for the bus? So those are considerations. I think the other thing that's important is on the on the weekends, the bus, because there's only the one bus, it does get really crowded with people trying to, you know, run errands and and do whatever they need to do.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

And then lastly, obviously there's been a lot of new housing and retail constructed right along Wisconsin, where city ridges where the grocery store, the new grocery store, is where the the development right next door, where there's going to be a little, I mean.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Very much in favor of having all of those services there, but I think that, you know, there's gonna be a lot more people living right around there who could probably get along very well without a car.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Umm if the.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

You know could rely on on the bus service and in addition I think you know there's people in other parts of the city who might be, you know, interested in using some of those grocery stores sometimes and it would be easier for them if they knew that it would not be, you know, a 25 minute wait if they needed to bring their groceries home. So essentially, I know from.

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Abigail Demopoulos (Guest)

The past that the ANC did Umm, a few years ago, do a resolution on cutting, you know, trying to protest some of the cuts in the budget. And I just think it might be useful to sort of consider weighing in with the city and Mamata on this a bit and also perhaps asking the neighboring ANC's particularly meet the ones further down Wisconsin where there's really even worse transit connectivity than we have here closer to.

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Abigail Demopoulos (Guest)

The the the red line. UM.

1:15:14.940 --> 1:15:16.870

Abigail Demopoulos (Guest)

So that that's that's the issue.

1:15:17.900 --> 1:15:20.510

Abigail Demopoulos (Guest)

Happy to answer questions. Thank you for your attention.

1:15:21.480 --> 1:15:49.160

Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Thank you, miss Demopoulos. I certainly think that it's a very important issue, especially for, I mean I'm sure it's an important issue for every everybody's single Member District. But in McLean Gardens, you know there's a lot of concern about available street parking. And when I was running to be the Commissioner for this SMB, what I felt very strongly.

1:15:49.270 --> 1:15:50.530

Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Was that?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Bus service is the best approach to conveying to younger abler newer residents that you don't need to own two cars or you don't need to own one car to have a happy life in this neighborhood. I think unfortunately with lots of the cuts that you've described in this Demopolis and a lot of the service issues, there are people who are coming into our neighborhood who probably.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Decide I do need a car to.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Get by to to get down to work or to get out to the store to to have to wait on a bus for 25 minutes.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

That may then not come it. It ends up conveying a sense that our ownership is a necessity in our area. And I think that is a conclusion that we certainly don't want.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

New, able bodied residents to make because it has an aversive have impact on our residents who really do kind of rely on a vehicle or health reasons or you know various reasons where you may decide that you do need a vehicle so it makes life a lot harder for those people when you have somebody who comes along who could have used effective bus service if it existed.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Deciding to.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Own a car or multiple cars? I just wanted this to to say that I have two people who have told me that when they when they took bus downtown, they're waiting for, for the for, you know, plus take them home. They have to wait a long time for operators shortages and that this is one of the things that floats across the top operator shortages. And sometimes you have to lay it out.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Yeah, I I I believe that this is a situation where you know there there have been large public transportation needs in many parts of the city where density has increased significantly and you know, I commendable lotta and other parts of the government for trying to address those those needs.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

But you know it's it's similar to the conversation that Erica Lee was having about having to provide schooling capacity to match the density that we do see in, in, in our boards future and in our Commission area future. And I think the same goes for public transit, we need adequate public transit that grows along with our neighborhoods so that we don't face.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

You know the the, the, the downsides of what I think mounts to poor planning.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Does anybody have any other questions for Mr models? Yeah, I just.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Is napolis councillor from A3.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Ohh three and thank you for coming and presenting tonight. I spoke briefly with Commissioner.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Siddiqui, of three, see about this and indicated that you guys have had a strategy or plan on approaching Ramada. What's the status of that in? Is there anything that we can use to start and about lack of a better term, piggyback on the work you've already done with 3C?

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

I I personally haven't done any work with 3C. It's possible that someone else in the group has. I think he was just sharing information. My understanding was that he had looked into some of these issues a few years ago and there was there was a resolution that was done by three C several years ago about the bus.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Cuts that was shown to me as a model for something that an ANC could do.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Umm.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

But I don't have never met Mr City key in my life.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

OK, well.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

So I can't really speak to you about that.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

All right. I appreciate your efforts and I'll talk back to him, but I hope.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

But Bob Bob has his hand up, so he might wanna come in here.

1:20:14.700 --> 1:20:19.320

Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

OK, Mr Ward, if you'd like to unmute in turn on your video there.

1:20:20.920 --> 1:20:21.510

Bob Ward

Hi.

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Bob Ward

Ohh bad lighting.

1:20:25.270 --> 1:20:29.120

Bob Ward

So I just wanted to respond to Commissioner Miller's comment.

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Bob Ward

And we haven't had a conversation with Commissioner Sadiki, just in the e-mail, back and forth.

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Bob Ward

Explaining what he had done. So I think, you know, he had laid out some contacts and some suggestions and strategies, but other than that e-mail that we haven't taken any action on that. But I think you know there's certainly good direction to do there I mean.

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Bob Ward

Abby mentioned the you know, work, you know, reaching out to maybe A and C3B, which certainly shares the bus needs down Wisconsin Ave.

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Bob Ward

You know, I don't know if you all have thought about, you know, assembling the transportation committee that could maybe or a task force that could work on this and maybe in in, in, in A and C task force that might be able to work on this, but that's, you know, we haven't taken any action on it, but just wanted to put this on your radar, see if there's an appetite for the ANC to weigh in.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Yeah, I I think this is something that we should definitely work with other ANC's on and also with the Council Members office. I know that it is certainly a priority for Council Member Freeman to get us the the public transit that we need up here. I I think it's something that was a part of his, you know, his letter on the budget.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And it's it's it's certainly gonna require buy in from multiple stakeholders. Yeah. Because you know there's.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Are ANC, does the Council members office there are our neighboring agencies which have similar concerns and there's we'll Moana and I think it's going to be something that we're going to have to.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Continue to pay attention to because especially as we do see increased density, you know with city rich, you know building up and with Upton Place nearing completion.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

It will be very important for us to continue to reflect on the stress that that's placing on the transit options. We do have to them so that to to collect that information and to articulate it and to work with Commissioners and the Council and the Mayor's office to say, here's the data we have, the data, this is justification for putting better service in our neighborhood and in our ward. I think that's going to be an ongoing process and I think we all look forward to working with.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

A&C's across the board to to pursue the goal of improving public transit to to help make sure that we are growing smartly for lack of a better word.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

That's what you said.

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Abigail Demopoulos (Guest)

Can I just make a point here? I mean, this is partly about growing, but this is actually about just recovering service that used to exist, I mean.

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Abigail Demopoulos (Guest)

The the neighborhood had better bus service before the pandemic.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Yeah.

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Abigail Demopoulos (Guest)

And we have worse service now and we have new housing being constructed. So I I think it's important.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

It's part of it is about.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Umm.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

The future, but it's also about reminding Ramada that, in fact, they used to have more buses running on these on these routes and.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

If there's not, there's a precedent for this quarter having very heavy public transit use.

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Abigail Demopulos (Guest)

Thank you.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Absolutely.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I just going to say.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

That that I come from A and C3B where we worked really hard for years of with llamada. We actually were quite successful at saving all of our bus routes, even the ones that they had proposed to discontinue.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Just at the beginning of COVID.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

So the board agreed to preserve all our service in March of 2020 and then they immediately suspended virtually everything. We do have good fortune of being part of the priority transit corridor network that Armada has established in the city is supporting so the Wisconsin Ave area has.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The most frequent.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Service of all of the categories of bus lines.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Umm, but as Abigail said, they have removed the crosstown, 30 N and 30 S that we used to rely on the get all the way downtown to Capitol Hill to southwest and on to southeast. And far SE just at the moment when we have so many employees in our businesses here on Wisconsin Ave or coming along long way for their jobs and back home again, often late at night. And those 30 and at 30 S buses were essential.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Parts, they are less expensive for each traveler and they don't require a transfer, and we fought so hard we got 400 signatures on petition jointly with the Southeast and season with our NC.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And got the board to agree and now that work is all lost because they have discontinued that post. But we have a good formula working at the AMC working with LABATO. We know the schedule. This doesn't happen to be a budget year when they are considering network changes, but next year will be and we need to figure out the the points where we have an end to get to Amata. We were able to get WMATA to come to our meeting and work closely with D dot and with the Council members and with the board members for the district.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

What model board it is possible to do this so?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

We do need to pay attention to the faxes that he has will say, and the hopes for the future and I think there is support within Ramada.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The budget, that's a huge obstacle. It's going to be very tight, but again, we're a priority transit corridor, so we need to work on it. Thank you, Abigail. Thank you, everybody.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Thank you. Is this the time that we are?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I think about setting up a transportation committee. I think it's definitely something that we should start to discuss now. Remind me, Commissioner.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

In terms of establishing the task force, I don't believe that necessarily requires a resolution. Is that correct, or does it? We don't have any.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Pacific language in our bylaws other than.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Special committees or committees. But I think if you looked at a definition of committee and then probably include.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

What we're talking about?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

We don't have any specific language about task forces that span communities and span and seeds. It is possible for entity to participate informally and that kind of thing, and there are precedents with that also.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I certainly think it's something that we do need to explore.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I think these are issues that we're reporting to all of us and every SMD.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And and it will certainly take by and for multiple entities to really grab the a comprehensive approach.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

So can we have a vote on them or talk about it? Or or should we, you know, I'm close to add too much to the agenda at the moment. I I can think that it is something that we should certainly.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Prepare for a discussion at I would say in our next meeting.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Speaking of our agenda, the next item that we have is Commissioner updates. Do we have any Commissioner updates, you know? Yeah, yeah, two. I'm just gonna make sure you have as well. All right.

I'll start at the end of the table. Sure. Thanks. So, as far as for 303, see, I got it at that time for three. A 303, though. A couple concerns when we already talked about with the captain about the.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Cross the police station.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Others just quickly councilmember grooming came and walked first park with us on January 29th. That's related to the PP RDGS trying to save the few remaining heritage tool of trees and weren't killed, but instruction that was great. I think the comics training Sunday, I thought he might cancel. Not only did you show up, you were the bike to the to the event or to the meeting and he is now monitoring that. We submitted some questions when she's going.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Bring it up with the BGS, with me to them about number of things. You know, the other thing I would point out is the Brooks is having a fundraiser. Actually, it's a friendship. Heights. As beneficiary of a fundraiser April 1st. If people wanted to start.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Saving the date on that, it's actually at the United Methodist Church.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And Nebraska and New Mexico more informational, refillable shortly knows many people in the SMB's are interested in supporting and helping the proxies that they can light of the time. That's all all give you all Paul share. Great. I just want to mention the Community that American University is gonna have a partnership meeting next Thursday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM. It's a forum to go over the.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

We're going to discuss the discussion of the uh Meltzer Center, which is their athletic and performance center. They're going to be developing on the existing tennis courts and basketball courts. If you go to the American University website and you click on Community relations, you'll be able to see like the full link down the information form. And you do have to register to attend. But it's at 6:00 PM on East Campus, which East Campus is on Nebraska on, you know, if you're heading out of the city.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

On the left hand side, on Nebraska or on the West side of Nebraska.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Yes, I was going to mention you heard about MacArthur High School, which is scheduled to open at August 2023. The new principal of that school, Doctor, Harold McRae, will be having a forum for

community members who are interested in the high school tomorrow at Palisades Library, down on McArthur from 5 until 6:30.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

This is part of their outreach. They're really trying to reach parents and students and communities.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

As they prepare for that first year, so he'll be available to talk about the program and the plans. We don't know if they'll have any information on transportation, but that is a subject that could come up.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And encourage people to go. The other thing is that Captain Savoy encourage us to be in touch about areas of our and see where there are traffic issues. And we all know.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

That we all have though, so I would suggest that maybe if people wanted to cool.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Are requests could be in touch with me or with the ANC in general?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Uh, and get a list so that we just don't have, say, scattershot request to captains of boy, but they have excellent Traffic Safety officers and MPD. We haven't gotten full advantage of their service, but I know fancy 3D has done that and it's really been helpful. They'll have watches and ticketing where there are lots of problems with violations and they give advice on improvement. So it really would be something that we should follow through on.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Thank you.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

If I could just add something about the growth, I wonder if we could have someone from the coach come and talk to us before it's fundraising. You know, they a lot of money was raised, \$100,000 was raised, and then they didn't spend it because the British didn't spend it. Now, partly it was because of the of the pandemic. And they said people couldn't read, you know, couldn't come in and they couldn't use it the way they want it to be used. But they've been problems with hardly any families being there.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And they're also have been problems with the not spending the money that the people have already

raised for just the Brooks, not for the whole friendship wise, but for just the Brooks. And I think it might be interesting and important to have somebody from the Brooks and the city if we can get them to talk to us about what's actually going on there.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I think that's a great suggestion, particular Brooks. More than the city of maybe even Brooks without the city could be more.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Frenchman felony from friendship.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The lady from friendship, friendship, place.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I actually so right now I mean I can I can speak a little to some things going on at the roads. I did recently meet with the Vice President, one of the vice presidents from Friendship Place who is kind of managing the process at the moment because they're in between executive directors. His name is Sean Reed. I would very much like to reach out to him about coming to one of our meetings or having somebody from friendship place attend one of our meetings.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Because I do think it would be great to get some more information about what's going on and and and how we can help out.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Right terms of.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Furthering their their purpose.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

If there are no other Commissioner updates, I'm now going to move us to the Community announcements portion.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

We are expecting.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Uh.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

A short presentation from the Office of Campaign Finance Miss.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Will Linda Perry? I don't see you on the list of attendees. Perhaps you are attending by phone. If you are a, I would ask that you raise your hand.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

In teams.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

So that I can make sure that I am unmuting the correct attendee.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

It's somebody else.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Yes, if you were, if you were attending, then you have somebody else's name listed as your own. You should be able to unmute yourself at turn on your camera. At this time, I I think it's only gonna attendees who can. I'm gonna. I'm gonna go. Actually. I'm not sure if phone attendees can.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Uh, raise their hands because they may only be attending by phone so.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I don't see a response in a chat.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to apologize if any of these phones are like brothers because.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Because I I don't have any capability to manage them otherwise, I can obviously quickly mute them if something inappropriate arises. But.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
This is the world we live in.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
But so I'm just going to unmute.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
One by one, I'm just going to ask if you are Miss Linda Perry to just say that you are when I allow your mic, the first one that I'm going to be allowing is 2024970521.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
If you are miscarry.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
Speak now or forever hold your.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
Then we would just overall.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
OK, fair enough.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
So the one by one I will I will do that.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
That's.

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OK.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
In this period.

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Hello. Good afternoon. Good evening, is it?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Yes.

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OK, for me to proceed with the presentation at this time.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Dear Miss Perry, thank you.

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OK. It's just a little challenging not being able to see you and I do apologize, I have been registered, but I'm not sure what the technical difficulties are. But I do wanna just say thank you so much for inviting me and I'm going to make a thorough presentation, but I will make it quick and the interest of conserving your time. I know you've had a very robust meeting tonight and I do just wanna tell you that.

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A brief overview was that the Office of Campaign Finance launched its first public voluntary campaign finance program in 2018. At that time, before actually going live, the office went to different parts of the country, mirrored very robust programs, and took some of their best features and put it together. And we now, as a result, have a very, very, very flourishing.

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Public finance program and it's called the Fair Elections program. So it is a voluntary public financing program for local political campaigns in the District of Columbia and have a combination of matching funds and a lump sum based amount. And the way it works is that the participation is available to candidates that are running for the office of Mayor, Attorney General, Council member, chairman at large and ward and the State Board of Education at large.

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And for the word sake and the way the program is designed that it's conducted to.

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Take out large money, dark money from corporate entities, from PACs and to foster a level playing field so individuals can be represented more in the community. So it's just not special money interest groups that have a fair chance at becoming part of the leadership teams in their neighborhood and and furthermore, so people can be involved in the local politics and share the thoughts in advance the ideas of.

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Their constituents, who reside in their communities, so in order to do that, to accomplish that, the program is designed to lower the contribution limits for individuals, then those that apply for nonparticipating candidates. So there's a ban, as I said, on corporate and business entities and traditional PAC contributions. And then the restrictions on the amount of candidates and the Members that their family may contribute to the program as well. And another key factor is that the.

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Individual that participates in this program must partake in debates, and debates are mandatory when they are are contested races. So if anyone is uncontested, they can get away or they don't have to have a debate because there's no one who debate. But if they're working as part of the public service program, they are subject to debate. Therefore, you again have the opportunity to know who they are and for them to advance their agenda.

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Into the community for praise them up from come having fundraisers and it frees them up from chasing up their money and gives them this pocket of money. So the way it works is that if they have a they meet a threshold which is a dollar amount and a person contribution amount, then they're eligible for a lump sum payment and that lump sum payment again will be very helpful for that individual to jumpstart their campaign.

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And be competitive in the race after they reached that threshold amount, every dollar that they make, they get a matching fund of \$5 for every \$1.00. So the mayor, for instance, I'm just gonna give you a small overview of the.

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Contribution limits and requirements. So the mayor.

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Umm have limitations of \$200 for contributions? The Attorney General 200 Council Chair, 200 and at large 100 and award member contributions are limited to \$50.00 and the word Board of Education is \$20. Once these qualifications are still X amount of people.

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So the mayor must get 1000 people to give \$200.00, and then the Attorney General 500 people to give \$200.00 Council chair \$300.00 and down to 250 for the at large and 150 for the ward and 50 for the state one state.

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Reached that threshold then they are given automatically if they are running into contested race only. They're given a lump sum in the amount of \$40,000 for the mayor and \$20,000 for the Attorney general, 15,000 for the council chair and \$12.00.

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For the Council members also, that minimum, those are the minimum amounts and in addition there are maximum contributions. So once an individual person that's running in the fair elections program gets a certain amount of contributions, it does Max out. It levels off. So it's not an ad infinitum amount of money that's given because keep in mind is that these are public funds that are given.

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Through the communities taxpaying dollars, basically. So it's tops out for the mayor and it goes it's generated by cycle. So the last election cycle in total was 2022 and the mayor payout was 3,544,000. The Council chair was 600 roughly 600,000 ton of attorney general was roughly 800,000 and the at large council members was.

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333 some odd thousand in the ward braces with two hundred 32133. So my \$1000 and that amount is calculated with based on a certain formula of an average of expenditures based on 110% of that amount. And so it's a fixed amount by statute.

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In addition, the key factor that's very.

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Important for the public to know is that there is a very robust transparency audit component to this program. So each election cycle that is, that is under that is held has each candidate has to have a full and complete audit. Unlike the traditional program where an audit is only conducted on a random basis ad hoc.

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Basis this audit is conducted for every single candidate, and so you also know that candidate has public filings that are.

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Illustrated and published on the website. And so at anytime the public can go see who gets paid, what amount. They also are entitled to the filings of that candidate. So every time they file requesting contribution matches, that information is posted on the website. The Office of Campaign Finance is a very.

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Friendly program for the campaign committee. Individuals and committees offers interpretive opinions in case there are some questions about the law, and so we have a very open door policy.

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And I think the public has been very, very, very pleased with the outcome and the administration of the program to date. So I invite you all to if you have any questions to contact us on the website or contact me and I will make every effort to get any questions that you do have. And one last thing, just so you know there are mandatory filing deadlines for all participants in the public program as well as traditional.

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Participants and there are also optional days and there are very plentiful. So they're constant filings and those filings are also made available to the public. So I hope I have covered. I know it's a lot of information, but I hope I have been thorough and covered giving you a a working knowledge of how the program works and if there are any questions, I'd be very happy to answer them for you.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Thank you. Thank you, Miss Berry. We we do appreciate your time and explaining the fair elections program and certainly very important. And I I know it you know it it was very heavily used in the most recent election cycle and I'm not sure it will continue to be used heavily by candidates for office across the city and the next election cycle. And it's it's extremely important that constituents understand how that program works and and you know the the.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The role that our tax dollars are playing in, like you said, keeping our elections above board and in good repute.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

We will make sure to share OCFC information so that our our constituents can can get that information and reach out to the Office of Campaign Finance. If you do have questions or if they are looking for clarification on the fair elections program.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Thank you very much, Perry. Miss Perry in, in the interest of getting to our final items, but first we must

move to open form. So I'm gonna move us from the community and Athens to open form. So I will give you 2 minutes. Matthew, I'm afraid that's the.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

That.

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OK. Goodnight everyone. Thank you.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Thank you.

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OK, bye.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I'll be super quick, Matthew Barclay, mayor talk community relations and services.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

That has my contact information. There are two events happening this week. There is any cut the arts and cultural event for Black History Month and.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

1234 Good Hope.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Yeah, Rd in southeast. They'll be like, go, go music. This would be logo, music, mural painting and spoken word. Third Thursday this Thursday at 11:00 AM. Please come out. There's also going to be a LGBTQ I toast elder Miss Earlene Bud February 22nd tomorrow, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the hours performing center.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

And then that's all for me this week. Thank you, guys. Thank you so much, Mr Barclay.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I'm going to open it up to open forum. We are nearing 9:00 o'clock, so I will be.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Right about timing, but we must have comments for probably from the community. Do I have any comments or questions in the room?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I do have one individual with a hand raised in.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Teams. So this I believe it's Miss Cory Peterson. If you could unmute yourself and turn on your video.

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Cory Peterson

Mr thank you. I appreciate it.

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Cory Peterson

I'm the lead. Got a little buried, commissioner. The more you were. You already stole the show there. I'm our new assistant vice president for Community government relations at American. Just wanted to say hello and invite you all to our Community information forum. Coming up on March 2nd, I'll drop the link in the chat. It's for our new Meltzer scans Sports Center complex and we're pretty excited about it. We filed our notice of intent back in January and we're coming up on our further processing application that we hope to file an early April and we'll be back next month with some detailed renderings for the AMC.

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Cory Peterson

At your next meeting.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Wonderful. Well, thank you so much, Mr Peterson. We appreciate it.

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Cory Peterson

Thanks. We'll see you soon.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Yes, alright, seeing no more hands either here in person or in the meeting, we will move to the three quick administrator votes that we have before us. The first of all is a I'm going to move to approve our anti 3A budget for fiscal year 2024. The final will be of the the final version of that budget is going to be available online of course for everyone to review. We did make some revisions.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I have a second, Commissioner, Miller. The motion is moved and seconded that the Commission approves A and C3 a budget for FY20 24. Is there any debate hearing? None of the question is on the

adoption of the motion to approve the budget for our FY20 24. All those in favor say aye. Aye. The motion is passed via unanimous consent that the 2nd I'm going to move that we approve the January 26th meeting minutes. Is there a second here?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I have a second from Commissioner Admin.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Is there any debate?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Those minutes have been shared electronically and are available. Review on the Anti 3A website. The question is on the adoption of the January 26 meeting minutes. All of those in favor say aye aye. The motion passes via unanimous consent and finally I'm going to move to approve the February 13 meeting minutes. Is there a second? Second Commissioner, Adam in seconds is moved and seconded to approve the cover 13 meeting maps. Those also were shared electronically and are available for review on our and C3 website.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Are there any corrections?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

You know.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Hearing none, the question is on the adoption of the February 13th meeting minutes. All those in favor say aye aye.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

The motion passes being unanimous consent. That is the last item on our agenda. Our next meeting is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 PM additional details on that meeting will be announced.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Do you hear that correct? It is. Yeah, it will be here. That is correct.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

I'd be the additional details are we may or may not be using zoom instead of things, right?

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Better to be the kind of person with you at the end. Person will be here and national President Syrian.

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Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

With all items having being addressed, I'm going to motion to adjourn second, second it move to adjourn. All those in favor say aye. Aye. Unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned.