### GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF PLANNING



Office of the Director

#### Dear Neighborhood Partner:

During the past year, you participated in the development of a Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) for your neighborhood cluster. Your hard work and input led to specific strategies and action steps to improve and maintain your neighborhood.

Your neighborhood priorities are now shaping the FY03 Budget process. In the first phase of the budget process, District agencies have reviewed your priorities and determined commitments to many of those priorities. These commitments have been included in Mayor Williams' proposed FY2003 budget. The next step is the review and refinement of the proposed FY2003 budget by the Council of the District of Columbia.

The enclosed **Citizen Budget Worksheet** and **FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities** highlights key commitments to your SNAP, as well as the Persistent Problem Areas that have been identified through the Neighborhood Services Initiative. We are providing you this information so that you can use it track how your priorities are faring throughout the budget process and to share with your neighbors.

Beginning the end of March and throughout April, the Executive Office of the Mayor Community Outreach will conduct outreach to neighborhoods across the city regarding their neighborhood priorities and the budget process. District agency officials will attend some of these meetings to discuss the proposed FY2003 budget and to hear from you. I will also attend some of these meetings, as some of the information that defined this year's proposed budget came directly from the SNAP. To learn when and where these meetings will be held, please call (202) 442-8150.

We commend you, your neighbors and stakeholders for the extraordinary level of involvement throughout the planning process. We look forward to working with you in implementing your SNAP and effecting livable, vibrant neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

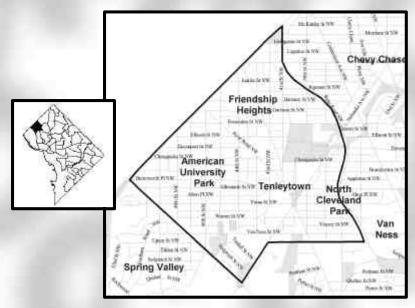
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Enclosure

# Citizen's Guide To Mayor Anthony A. Williams' Proposed FY 2003 Budget

Submitted to the Council of the District of Columbia March 18, 2002

District Agency Commitments to Neighborhood Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives



Cluster 11

American University Park, Friendship Heights, Tenleytown





#### I. Introduction:

Welcome to your *Citizen's Guide to Mayor Anthony A. Williams' Fiscal Year 2003 Proposed Budget* for Neighborhood Cluster 11. This document was prepared for residents, businesses, non-profits, and others, who are interested in learning how neighborhood issues and priorities helped define the proposed FY 2003 budget. In this document, you will find specific commitments District agencies have made from priorities identified through the Neighborhood Planning and Neighborhood Services Initiatives, which are now in the City-Wide Strategic Plan. The city-wide priorities were articulated during the Citizen Summit II and at the neighborhood level through Neighborhood Planning and Neighborhood Service activities.

Linking neighborhood priorities to the District budget was one of the primary goals Mayor Williams' established when he developed the Neighborhood *Action* Initiative. Neighborhood *Action* is designed to give voice to our shared vision for the city and to empower citizens to improve their communities. Neighborhood *Action* coordinates the resources of government, businesses, faith-based organizations, community organizations and residents to shape the future of our city and neighborhoods.

Neighborhood *Action* plays a critical role in the District's strategic management cycle. The two-year cycle enables residents to influence the budget and hold government accountable to public priorities.

#### How did Neighborhood Priorities Become Linked to the Proposed FY 2003 Budget?

This administration developed a two-step process, which took approximately two years to complete:

<u>Step 1</u>: Mayor Williams' created two neighborhood initiatives under the umbrella of Neighborhood *Action* – Neighborhood Planning and Neighborhood Services.

Neighborhood Planning's first task was to work with every neighborhood in the city to develop draft Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans (SNAP). Planning was based on neighborhood clusters – two to three adjacent neighborhoods grouped together for planning purposes. There are a total of 39 neighborhood clusters in the District. With the help of a Neighborhood Planner from the Office of Planning, each neighborhood cluster went through a process to develop their own SNAP. The goal of this planning was to identify the elements (such as recreational opportunities or economic development) that contribute to a successful, healthy neighborhood and then identify which elements each cluster needed work to strengthen. The SNAPs were crafted through a community-driven process, where residents that participated almost completely defined its content.

Neighborhood Services strives to find permanent cures - not just quick fixes – for persistent problems in every Ward across the District. To this end, the NSI, in partnership with residents and 13 District agencies, has identified Persistent Problem Areas (PPAs) in the community. Whenever the Metropolitan Police Department has an active Police Servicing Area Plan (PSA Plan) or a Capital Community Plan, a PPA workplan was developed. These areas have recurring problems that need the cooperation and coordination of many government agencies to ensure that they become clean, safe and healthy neighborhoods. Through a Core Team approach, 13

government agency representatives come together weekly in each Ward to develop and implement Work Plans in an effort to mobilize, reclaim, revitalize and sustain abatement of the problems in PPAs.

As a result of citizen input and the Neighborhood Action initiative, the government has received direction on how to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods across the city – neighborhood by neighborhood.

<u>Step 2:</u> The administration focused on how District government addresses those issues, which would require changes in policy, a reallocation of staffing resources, and funding. District agencies (and even some non-District agencies) reviewed the neighborhood priorities as they developed their proposed FY 2003 budget. Beginning in October of 2001, over 40 agencies reviewed, recommended actions and developed responses to address neighborhood priorities. They participated in this process four times in an attempt to hone their commitments.

Although resources are limited, agencies used neighborhood priorities as one of the inputs to help define what they should do next year, how they should be doing it, and where they should begin. While not all priority actions can be implemented in this budget cycle, District agencies worked to address as many as possible.

This document provides a line by line detailed list of commitments District agencies have made to your neighborhood – even with the existing financial budget pressures the District faces.

#### Why Do I Have this Document Now?

This is a very crucial time. Finalizing the District's annual budget is a two-step process. In step one, Mayor Williams presented his proposed budget to the Council of the District of Columbia on March 18<sup>th</sup> In step two, the Council will hold a series of hearings with agency directors to review, revise, and ultimately approve the budget. This document allows you to track changes in the budget between the two steps before the budget becomes final.

To inform you of what commitments will be implemented, two sets of documents will be released this Summer:

Agency Commitment Highlights: Enclosed with this document is a one-page summary that highlights some of the key commitments to your neighborhood. This one-pager will be updated and posted on the District website at <a href="https://www.dc.gov">www.dc.gov</a>. Please look for the update in Summer 2002.

Final Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP): Pending the outcome of our work with the Council, the Office of Planning will work with agencies to review and possibly revise their commitments. The Office of Planning will then finalize and distribute the SNAP. The release of this final SNAP will also be Summer 2002.

We look forward to updating you on the progress of our commitments to your priorities.

#### **II. Neighborhood Priorities:**

The work of the Neighborhood Service Coordinators and the Neighborhood Planners over the past two years, helped surface priorities specific to each neighborhood cluster. The following section is a description of the processes used to identify these priorities.

#### Process for Identifying Persistent Problem Areas

Neighborhood Services, in partnership with ANCs, community associations and citizens prioritized Persistent Problem Areas (PPAs) using the following criteria: Level of community concern; synergy with police initiatives and other government initiatives; proximity to schools or senior facilities; and the level of health or safety concern.

During the community-driven assessment process, a number of PPAs were identified in each Ward. To ensure that Neighborhood Services addressed the most immediate needs in each Ward, the community helped prioritize the PPAs. Presently there are 51 active PPAs across the city. In these PPAs, work plans have been developed to solve the root cause of problems identified in these areas.

A number of actions on the following pages focus on addressing these service delivery challenges.

#### Process for Developing your SNAP

Developing your Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) was a citizen-driven process that involved three phases: Visioning & Establishing Neighborhood Essential Ingredients; Action Planning; and Validation. In Phase I, between January and June of 2001, a Visioning and Essential Ingredients Workshop was held in each Neighborhood Cluster. Citizens participated in interactive exercises to establish a Cluster Vision Statement that best described the aspirations and values of its citizens.

Also at this workshop, citizens were asked to create a list of Essential Ingredients for their cluster. Essential Ingredients are characteristics vital to making a neighborhood a place where people and families can live and thrive. Your Cluster identified and ranked six essential ingredients as vital for a livable community:

- 1. Neighborhood Traffic Management and Enforcement
- 2. Commercial Retail Development
- 3. Residential Development Controls, Historic Preservation, Small-Town Character, and Comprehensive Planning
- 4. Trees, Green Space, Parks, and Recreation
- 5. Government Working Better
- 6. Racial Diversity

Citizens worked with their Neighborhood Planner to prioritize the top essential ingredients that were critical to begin addressing in fiscal years 2002-03. Citizens in your neighborhood Cluster identified three priority ingredients:

- 1. Neighborhood Traffic Management and Enforcement
- 2. Commercial and Retail Development
- 3. Residential Development Controls, Historic Preservation, Small-Town Character, and Comprehensive Planning

Over the Summer of 2001, several Action Planning Work sessions were conducted in your Cluster to identify specific actions, or recommendations, for addressing these priorities. In these sessions, detailed priorities, objectives, locations, recommended actions for government, citizens, nonprofits and others were developed. Recognizing that limited resources exist, citizens had to make tough choices about which actions were truly priorities.

And finally in Phase III, a final Neighborhood Cluster Steering meeting was held to review and validate the draft plan. The final draft was also sent out to the entire Cluster 11 email user group who were asked to review, comment, and validate the document. Below is a snapshot of Cluster 11 priority issues. In the Mayor's Budget Commitments section of this document, you will be able to see how agencies have responded to these issues.

#### Summary of Priorities:

**Neighborhood Traffic Management and Enforcement:** Residents highlighted that keeping neighborhoods free from commuter and cutthrough traffic and reducing vehicle speed and other traffic violations is key to maintaining the quality of life for residents of Cluster 11. This is especially true in the Friendship Heights area of the Cluster, where proposed developments on both sides of the Maryland-District line threaten to compound this issue. To address these issues, residents recommended traffic studies be conducted and traffic calming measures be installed.

Commercial and Retail Development: Residents shared their concern with commercial and retail development along the upper-Wisconsin Avenue corridor. In Tenleytown, the concern is attracting neighborhood-oriented retail, replacing the "retail-hole" that was created when Hechingers closed, and improving the overall appearance and image of the commercial area. In Friendship Heights, the concern is for the increased congestion and parking needs that proposed developments will bring. Residents in Friendship Heights are also concerned about the lack of neighborhood-serving retail in their commercial area.

Residential Development Controls, Historic Preservation, Small-Town Character, and Comprehensive Planning: The final top priority that residents highlighted is improving and strengthening residential development controls through comprehensive planning. By evaluating existing conditions and recommending appropriate development, this type of broad proactive planning would preserve the existing character and maintain the stable nature of their neighborhoods. This is especially true in the historic parts of Tenleytown, which are threatened by the possibility of redevelopment.

A number of the actions on the following pages, came directly from this SNAP process.

### **III. Mayor's Budget Commitments**

This section on the following pages includes agency commitments for your cluster. Note that even actions that start or have started in FY 2002, they may have budget implications in FY 2003. The information is organized to include the action (which came from SNAP planning or PPA work), the responsible or implementing District agency, and the agency commitment to the action.

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



#### Cluster Priority: NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & ENFORCEMENT

**Objective: Reduce Speeding on Arterial Streets** 

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Conduct spot traffic enforcement. Coordinate with ANCs for suggested locations.	Cluster-wide	MPD	The MPD has already established a highly publicized photo speed enforcement program. The speed enforcement cameras are mobile, and can be utilized in this cluster. The program will be implemented in this cluster immediately.	174
Install well-publicized Automatic Speed Equipment (ASE -radar or laser) to catch violators and encourage compliance with posted speed limits.	Cluster-wide	MPD	The MPD has already established a highly publicized photo speed enforcement program. The speed enforcement cameras are mobile, and can be utilized in this cluster. The program can be implemented in this cluster immediately.	1680
At particular trouble spots, installation of electronic signs with radar that say "speed limit 25 MPH, your speed XX MPH." Coordinate with ANCs for suggested locations.	Cluster-wide	MPD	Operations Command is currently in the process of purchasing smart machines for each district. As soon as the equipment becomes available it can be utilized in this cluster.	1682

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



#### Cluster Priority: NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & ENFORCEMENT

Objective: Reduce Speeding and Cut-Through Traffic on Neighborhood Streets and Alleys.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Develop a comprehensive traffic calming plan for Cluster 11 in conjunction with DDOT and ANC based on problems identified in Action Step a.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT in partnership with Howard University is developing criteria to be used for implementing traffic calming measures. Criteria will be developed in Q4-02. Implementation in Q2-03. DDOT will work w/ANC and commnunity to develop a plan in Q2-03 based on traffic calming measures.	175
Undertake a traffic management/ calming study in Friendship Heights, especially east of Wisconsin Ave.	Friendship Heights, along 43rd St and adjoining streets	DDOT	DDOT will be conducting a Friendship Heights Traffic Study in FY 02. In addition, DDOT in partnership with Howard University is designing criteria for traffic calming measures during FY 02 and implementing during out years. The results from the Howard University Study will be used citywide to address traffic calming issues.	1679

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



#### Cluster Priority: NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & ENFORCEMENT

**Objective: Improve Pedestrian Safety.** 

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Install traffic signal at intersection of Nebraska and Chesapeake, near Wilson H.S.	Nebraska and Chesapeake Sts.	DDOT	DDOT concurs that a traffic signal is warranted and will be installed in FY 03. Currently in design	173
Recommend to DDOT that "Yield to Pedestrian Signs - DC Law" be placed in center of unsignalized crosswalks on Wisconsin, Nebraska, Western, & Massachusetts Aves., Reno Road, and other high volume streets.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT concurs and is awaiting delivery of pedestrian safety markers for installation. DDOT will work w/ANC on placement of markers in this Cluster	176
Conduct spot enforcement of pedestrian right-of-way laws at crosswalks.	Cluster-wide	MPD	2D can immediately begin conducting enforcement of pedestrian violations.	1685
Work with ANC to locate damaged sidewalks and make necessary repairs. Also see Objective 6, Action Step a.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	Community should contact 727-1000 to report street maintenance issues and problems so that they can be forwarded to VMS.	1688

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



#### Cluster Priority: NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & ENFORCEMENT

Objective: Manage the On-Street Parking to Ensure Availability for Residents

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Develop a comprehensive parking management plan (CPMP) for the Cluster, to include some of the following elements (Action Steps b - d):	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT will explore residential parking strategies to increase parking in residential neighborhoods. Parking studies will be performed during FY 03. The results from the studies will be used citywide.	1690
Ensure that adequate amount of paid parking be provided by new developments especially around Metro stations.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT will explore residential parking stratgies to increase parking in residential neighborhoods. Parking studies will be performed during FY 03. The results from the studies will be used citywide.	1691
Ensure that all non-residential on-street parking is metered; evaluate extended metering times to include weekends and evenings.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT will explore residential parking strategies to increase parking in residential neighborhoods. Parking studies will be performed during FY 03. The results from the studies will be used citywide.	1692

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



#### Cluster Priority: NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & ENFORCEMENT

Objective: Improve Signage and Streetscape Appearance

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Remove and replace all light blue trash barrels; Western Ave., 40th Street. Other locations as identified.	Cluster-wide	DPW	DPW has 500 new and replacement litter cans on order. The first 320 will be used to replace obsolete blue litter cans.	179
Identify and replace missing signs. Already identified: a) Street signs - Brandywine Street at 42nd, 45th, 46th, 47th, and 48th Streets; Albemarle Street at 44th Street; Van Ness Street at Wisconsin Ave. b) Other - "Stop Here for Red Light" on westbound Albemarle at 39th Street.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT is currently conducting an inventory of street signs in Wards One through Four. Repairs and replacements will be made during FY 03. Residents may also call 727-1000 to report missing street signs.	1693
Identify and replace damaged and faded signs that can not be read.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT is currently conducting an inventory of street signs in Wards One through Four. Repairs and replacements will be made during FY 03.	1694
Identify and remove signs that are not longer needed such as "Stop Trashing DC" signs that can no longer be read; Georgetown University Hospital directional sign in Tenley Circle pointing down Nebraska Avenue; "Snow Emergency No Parking" signs where parking is already prohibited.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT is currently conducting an inventory of street signs in Wards One through Four. Repairs and replacements wil be made during FY 03.	1695

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



#### Cluster Priority: NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & ENFORCEMENT

Objective: Improve Public Transit Service and Encourage Alternative Transportation Methods

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Conduct a study (adherence checks) of the Number 30 Buses on Wisconsin Avenue which are consistently off schedule and develop a solution to the problem.	Wisconsin Avenue	WMATA	WMATA is presently undertaking a Regional Bus Study that is looking to improve bus service on every route through the region. Several measures have been proposed that will improve bus operating performances on major corridors. *** WMATA will assess the scheduling adherence problem of the 30 Route and provide recommendations to DDOT.	1700
		DDOT	DDOT and WMATA are studing transit alternatives in a Regional Bus Study. The study wil be completed in FY 03. DDOT and WMATA will complete the Regional Bus Study in FY 03. The results of the study will be used citywide.	1700
Study the possibility of improved cross-town bus service and circulator bus service within Ward 3 for Friendship Heights Metro station.	Ward-wide	WMATA	The Regional Bus Study mentioned above will propose new and enhanced cross-town service as well as new and enhanced neighborhood circulation service. Service enhancements have been identified in the Regional Bus Study. The WMATA Board will approve recommendations as part of the FY 2004 budget process. The District of Columbia must agree to subsudize the additional bus service.	1701
		DDOT	DDOT and WMATA are studing transit alternatives in a Regional Bus Study. The study wil be completed in FY 03.	1701

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



#### Cluster Priority: NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & ENFORCEMENT

Objective: Improve Public Transit Service and Encourage Alternative Transportation Methods

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Develop a plan that would encourage development of bicycle lanes on streets and explore separate bicycle paths where possible.	City-wide	DDOT	DDOT is working with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to inform and encourage city residents to use bicycles as an alternative means of transportation. Also DDOT will be conducting a District-wide Bicycle Plan beginning in FY 02 with completion in FY 03. Contact the Bicycle Program Manager for further information at (202) 671-2331.	1703

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



#### Cluster Priority: NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & ENFORCEMENT

Objective: Ensure that Cluster 11 Transportation Action Plan is Current, Comprehensive, and Implemented.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Conduct a traffic impact study for all of Ward 3 to include near and long term forecasts of traffic growth due to the many developments proposed and underway in Ward 3 and nearby Maryland.	Ward-wide	DDOT	DDOT will be conducting the following traffic studies in Ward 3 in FY02; Palisades, Connecticut Avenue, and Friendship Heights.	1706
The City, in cooperation with the ANCs should develop a comprehensive land-use and transportation plan to address development and traffic issues in Ward 3, & city-wide.	Ward-wide, City-wide	DDOT	DDOT is already working with the Ward 3 Traffic Policy Committee on Ward 3 traffic issues and will be conducting Traffic Studies in Friendship Heights, Connecticut Avenue, and Palisades.	1707

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



**Cluster Priority: COMMERCIAL & RETAIL DEVELOPMENT** 

Objective: Encourage a better mix of land uses (housing, commercial, retail, and open space) along Wisconsin

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Conduct a Small Area Plan process for the Tenleytown commercial area focused redevelopment opportunities, possible rezoning, encouragement of mix-uses such as housing, and discouragement of inappropriate uses like tech hotels cell towers.	Tenleytown commercial area	OP	The Office of Planning will issue a Request for Proposal in 2002 to secure technical consulting services in preparing a Strategic Development Plan jointly for the Tenleytown and Friendship Heights commercial areas. The scope of work will address related concerns in these adjacent communities. The outcome of the combined scope will be a comprehensive market assessment leading to strategies with specific action items in the following areas: preferred land use patterns; existing retail enhancement; preferred locations for new mixed use (retail and housing) development on the corridor; define the Tenleytown Housing Opportunity Area; zoning and other regulatory changes; transportation improvement & traffic mitigation; connectivity to regional market centers; strategic municipal and private parking; streetscape enhancements; and design standards.	181

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



**Cluster Priority: COMMERCIAL & RETAIL DEVELOPMENT** 

Objective: Encourage a better mix of land uses (housing, commercial, retail, and open space) along Wisconsin

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Conduct a Small Area Plan process for the Friendship Heights commercial area focused on transportation related issues and possible redevelopment opportunities for residential and retail uses.	Friendship Heights commercial area	OP	The Office of Planning will issue a Request for Proposal in 2002 to secure technical consulting services in preparing a Strategic Development Plan jointly for the Friendship Heights and Tenleytown commercial areas. The scope of work will address related concerns in these adjacent communities. The outcome of the combined scope will be a comprehensive market assessment leading to strategies with specific action items in the following areas: preferred land use patterns; existing retail enhancement; preferred locations for new mixed use (retail and housing) development on the corridor; zoning and other regulatory changes; transportation improvement & traffic mitigation; connectivity to regional market centers; strategic municipal and private parking; streetscape enhancements; and design standards.	182
Working group to work with Office of Planning to clearly define Tenleytown Housing Opportunity Area.	Tenleytown commercial area	OP	The Office of Planning will provide technical assistance and other support to Working Group to develop a clear defenition of the Tenleytown Housing Opportunity Area. This should occur in conjunction with the Strategic Development Plan for the Tenleytown and Friendship Heights Commercial Areas.	183

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



**Cluster Priority: COMMERCIAL & RETAIL DEVELOPMENT** 

Objective: Encourage a better mix of land uses (housing, commercial, retail, and open space) along Wisconsin

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Establish a working group or task force focused on improving the Tenleytown commercial area. The working group should include representatives from citizen groups, ANC's, commercial tenants and property owners, and appropriate government staff.	Tenleytown commercial area	OP	The Office of Planning will lead the effort to establish a Tenleytown Commercial Area working group. Once established the working group will help support the Strategic Development Planning effort for the Tenleytown Commercial Area.	1709
Establish a citizen group to coordinate with the Chevy Chase Shopping District Association on issues in Friendship Heights.	Friendship Heights commercial area	OP	The Office of Planning will lead the effort to establish a Friendship Heights Commercial Area citizen group.	1710
Working group to work with the property-owners of the Hechinger's building to discuss the various option for redevelopment including residential uses, additional parking, and a possible roof top garden.	Tenleytown commercial area	OP	Once the Tenleytown Commercial Area working group is established, OP and DMPED will host a meeting with the property owners of the Hechinger's building to discuss the current status of the redevelopment plans for the site.	
Working group to meet with appropriate staff to understand current zoning along the Wisconsin Avenue Corridor and consider zoning changes and/or zoning overlay to encourage mixed use buildings and discourages tech hotels and towers at street level.	Tenleytown commercial area	DCRA	Working Group can contact Gregory Love, Administrator, Building and Land Regulation Administration, to schedule a meeting. Mr. Love can be reached on 442-4455.	1713

## Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives



**Cluster Priority: COMMERCIAL & RETAIL DEVELOPMENT** 

Objective: Encourage a better mix of land uses (housing, commercial, retail, and open space) along Wisconsin

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Working group to investigate (as part of small area plan) feasibility of constructing a mixed use building over the Tenleytown Metro entrance on the east-side of Wisconsin Avenue and possibly combine with vacant adjoining property.	Tenleytown commercial area	OP	The Office of Planning will issue a Request for Proposal in 2002 to secure technical consulting services in preparing a Strategic Development Plan jointly for the Friendship Heights and Tenleytown commercial areas and will coordinate with the working group to make sure that this request is part of the scope of work.	1714
		WMATA	WMATA will continue to work with the District Government to explore joint development opportuinites at Metrorail stations in the District of Columbia.	1714

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



Cluster Priority: COMMERCIAL & RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Improve sanitation in commercial areas.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Designate the Bureau of Rodent Control to serve as "Rat Central" - keeping a database of all calls/reports of rodent activity, plus registry information about private baiting efforts	citywide	DOH	DOH does track performance of the rodent control program. However it does not have the legal authority to require private businesses to report on its baiting efforts, nor does DOH feel that it is necessary. DOH will continue to address needs of the community and complaints as they arrive.	1678
		DPW	Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP) inspectors who come across rodent activity will report to DOH or enter in Hansen System.	1678
Develop a comprehensive rat abatement program for the Tenleytown commercial area.	Tenleytown commercial area	DOH	To support this effort, DOH will continue to enforce the Rodent Control Act of 2000 which allows it to increase existing fines, establish new fines with regards to various aspects of rodent control, including trash and litter. DOH does not hire staff to work specific wards; however staff is deployed based upon a specific formula. High priority areas are determined by an assessment of the rodent population's distribution throughout the city. Resources are then distributed based upon need. The rodent control program's telephone number is (202) 535-1954.	1718

## **Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



Cluster Priority: RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, SMALL-TOWN CHARACTER,

AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Objective: Discourage inappropriate residential development.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Create a building and land regulation task force comprised of appropriate City staff from DCRA, OP, and OCC and community including ANC to undertake a complete review of the land development review process within the City. Possible changes to the zoning code should be considered with special attention to height, setback, lot size, and footprints of impermeable surfaces to prevent overbuilding and overdevelopment in both residential and commercial zones.	Ward-wide	OP	OP is currently working with the interagency regulatory reform committee which includes review of the the development process. A Ward 3 land use task force will be formed similar to the transportation task force and will be led by the neighborhood planning and service coordinators.	185
		DCRA	DCRA will review recommendations made by the ANC and other interested groups regarding changes to the land development review process and provide response. *** DCRA will also assign an individual to serve on the proposed task force.	185
		DOH	DOH currently has a presence at the Permit Processing Center at DCRA where it reviews and approves plans for building permits and EISF screening. It reviews for environmental quality issues. When the building and land regulation task force is developed, the DOH will participate.	185
		OCC	OCC can provide legal advice to meet desired time frame. OCC will provide legal service support within client agency's time frame.	185

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Cluster Priority: RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, SMALL-TOWN CHARACTER,

AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Objective: Discourage inappropriate residential development.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Clearly define Tenleytown Housing Opportunity Area (Action Step also included as Priority 2, Objective 1, Action Step h).	Tenleytown commercial area	OP	OP intends to discuss this during the Strategic Development Plan for the Tenleytown and Friendship Heights area and address it during the next series of Comprehensive Plan amendments.	1719

## Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives



Cluster Priority: RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, SMALL-TOWN CHARACTER,

AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Objective: Protect Cluster 11's existing historic features from incompatible development.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Monitor development proposals and construction permits to ensure preservation of the integrity Cluster 11's historic resources. ANC should work with the City, especially the Office of Planning.	Cluster-wide	DCRA	Applications for construction and development are carefully scrutinized by DCRA to ensure that they have been approved by the Historic Preservation Review Board. Further, all razes Public Notices are posted every Thursday and (per the law) mailed via US Post to the ANCs.	1723
		OP	One of the primary purposes of the Historic Preservation Office and Historic Preservation Review Board is reviewing renovation and new construction projects to ensure compatibility of development in historic districts. Projects are reviewed on an ongoing basis, with HPO staff coordinating review with community organizations and ANCs, and presented for final review and approval by the HPRB at a regularly scheduled, monthly public meeting.	1723

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Cluster Priority: RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, SMALL-TOWN CHARACTER,

AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Objective: Foster broad community participation in historic preservation, and increase awareness of the Cluster

11's history and historic resources.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Educate residents about the formal process of historic designation of individual houses, groups of houses, and districts to reduce misunderstanding and fear of the implications of having one's property designated historic. The Historic Preservation Office needs to conduct a public forums to address the questions of property owners, and consider using local media (such as the Northwest Current) to clearly explain the process.	Cluster-wide	OP	The HPO will use federal grant funds to hire a community outreach and education coordinator to help raise awareness of historic resources and build support for neighborhood preservation.	1725
Encourage the HP Office to develop historic preservation literature that is comprehensive but easy to understand.	City-wide	OP	The HPO will revise, update, and reprint its existing publications, and identify any needs for new publications. The HPO will also update its website.	1726

## Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives



Cluster Priority: RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, SMALL-TOWN CHARACTER,

AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

**Objective: Foster Heritage Tourism in Cluster 11.** 

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Protect historic and natural resources near Metro stations in order to preserve gateway properties that are unique or reflect the neighborhood's character.	Cluster-wide	OP	The HPO and HPRB are currently reviewing plans for rehabilitation of the historic Sears building, with community participation in the process. The HPRB will consider the Grant Road historic district application that is currently on file. The HPO will also consider applications for grant funding for additional survey to identify historic resources in the Tenleytown area.	1728

### **Agency Abbreviations Guide**

<b>Abbreviation</b>	Agency
ABRA	Alcoholic Beverage Regulation
	Administration
CAH	Commission on Arts and Humanities
CBO	Community Based Organizations
CFSA	Child and Family Services Administration
DBFI	Department of Banking & Financial Institutions
DCHA	D.C. Housing Administration
DCHFA	D.C. Housing Finance Authority
DCOA	D.C. Office of Aging
DCOP	D.C. Office of Personnel
DCPL	D.C. Public Libraries
DCPS	D.C. Public Schools
DCRA	Dept. of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs
DDOT	District Division of Transportation
DHCD	Dept. of Housing and Community Development
DHS	Dept. of Human Services
DISR	Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation
DMCYF	Deputy Mayor, Children Youth & Families
DMH	Dept. of Mental Health
DMPED	Deputy Mayor, Planning & Economic Development
DMPSJ	Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice
DMV	Dept. of Motor Vehicles
DOC	Dept. of Corrections
DOES	Dept. of Employment Services

Abbreviation	Agency
DOH	Dept. of Health
DPR	Dept. of Parks and Recreation
DPW	Dept. of Public Works
EMA	Emergency Management Agency
EOM	Executive Office of the Mayor
FEMS	Fire and Emergency Medical Services
IGO	Inspector General's Office
MPD	Metropolitan Police Dept.
NCRC	National Capital Revitalization Corporation
NSI	Neighborhood Services Initiative
NTHP	National Trust for Historic Preservation
OCA	Office of the City Administrator
OCC	Office of Corporation Counsel
OCCC	Office of the Clean City Coordinator
OCFO	Chief Financial Officer
OCP	Office of Contracting and Procurement
ОСТО	Office of the Chief Technology Officer
OLBD	Office of Local Business Development
OP	Office of Planning
OPM	Office of Property Management
OTR	Office of Tax and Revenue
OZ	Office of Zoning
TCC	Taxi Cab Commission
UDC	University of the District of Columbia
WASA	DC Water and Sewer Authority
WCCA	Washington Convention Center Authority
WMATA	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority



### Cluster 11 Ward 3

# American University Park, Friendship Heights, and Tenleytown

March 18, 2002

#### **Citizen Budget Worksheet**

For the last two years, the Williams' administration has been working with residents to identify the top issues or projects that are most important in their neighborhoods and across the city. This worksheet is a snapshot of key commitments to neighborhoods that are funded in Mayor Williams' proposed FY 2003 budget. Mayor Williams will deliver this budget to the Council of the District of Columbia on March 18th. Citizens may use this worksheet to track how District agencies' commitments to neighborhood priorities are faring in the budget process. In order to execute these commitments, agency budgets must be fully funded. Agency budget hearings begin on March 20th and testimony from the public is part of the hearings. To learn when specific agencies are before the Council, please visit the Council website at <a href="https://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us">www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us</a>. Finalizing the FY 2003 budget is a several month process. We encourage you to review the outcome of these commitments at <a href="https://www.dc.gov">www.dc.gov</a> in Summer 2002.

If you are interested in reviewing the complete list of commitments for this cluster, which include responses to recommendations made by citizens through the Strategic Neighborhood Action Planning process, please call 202-727-0882 to have a copy mailed to you.

#### **Highlights of Key Commitments In Mayor's Budget**

	Mayoral <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>
Address Traffic and Transportation		
District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will be conducting a traffic study of the Friendship Heights area and will work with ANC 3E to develop a scope of work and boundaries of the study.	$\checkmark$	
■ DDOT, in partnership with Howard University, is developing criteria to be used for implementing traffic calming measures. DDOT will then work with community to develop a plan and implement traffic calming measures.	$\checkmark$	
■ DDOT will install a traffic signal at Nebraska Avenue and Chesapeake Street (near Wilson High School).	$\checkmark$	
■ DDOT will be completing a District-wide Bicycle Plan.	$\checkmark$	
■ DDOT will work with the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) to study the City's parking policies and determine the possibility of establishing municipal parking lots. DDOT will then conduct parking studies.	<b>√</b>	
■ DDOT will make repairs of street signs in Wards 1 through 4, as a result of the inventory currently being conducted.	$\checkmark$	
■ DDOT and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will be completing a Regional Bus Study. The buses on Wisconsin Avenue and possible circulator buses will be a part of the study.	$\checkmark$	



### **Highlights of Key Commitments, cont. for Cluster 11**

#### **Strengthen Residential Development Controls**

- A Ward 3 building and land regulation task force will be formed to deal with the many issues in the subject area. The task force will include the ANC and the following agencies: Office of Planning (OP), Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Office of Zoning (OZ), Department of Health (DOH), and Office of the Corporation Counsel (OCC).
- The Office of Planning's Historic Preservation Office (OP/HPO) will hire one additional staff person and will increase its community outreach and education to help raise awareness of historic resources and build support for neighborhood preservation.
- The Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department will hire one additional fire inspector for Ward 3.

#### **Support Appropriate Commercial/Retail Development**

- OP will preparing a Strategic Development Plan for the Tenleytown and Friendship Heights Commercial Areas.
- The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) has budgeted \$7 million in local funds for the *ReStore DC* neighborhood commercial revitalization program. A multi-year package of grants and technical assistance will be awarded on a competitive basis to approximately 5 neighborhood business districts per year. Other business districts can apply on a competitive basis for matching grants for short term, specific projects such as a market study. Funding will also be provided to support neighborhood business resource centers.
- DDOT will investigate and meet with ANC 3E and other community partners to determine the needs and desires for a Tenleytown commercial area streetscape and beautification plan.
- District of Columbia Public Libraries (DCPL) has budgeted \$830,000 in FY 2003 and \$1.8 Million in FY04 for the construction of a new Tenleytown branch.

### Mayoral Final Budget















