

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



ANC3B Minutes
May 8, 2014 Public Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal, 3B02. Commissioner Mary C Young, 3B04 and Commissioner Joe Fiorillo, 3B01, were present.

Commissioner Blumenthal presented the meeting agenda, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Fulwood, 3B03, arrived at 7:05 PM

Chairman Brian Cohen arrived at 7:13 PM and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Officer Bryant, Second Police District, presented a police report for the last 30 days, 04/05/2014 to 05/05/14. The following are significant to report: 1- Robbery with Gun, 3 – Burglary, 19 – Theft, 14 – Theft from auto, 2 – Stolen auto. There was a 74% increase in the total crime from the same period last year. Officer Bryant stated that packages being left on porches are contributing to the increase in thefts. Likewise he stated that if you leave visible items, cell-phones, laptops, packages, GPS, inside your car you are inviting someone to break-in. Officer Bryant told all present that the change to milder weather promotes crime. He stressed that awareness is a big deterrent to crime and that walking or jogging with headphones on is asking for trouble. When questioned about an assault at Albemarle and Wisconsin Avenue and a sexual assault in Glover Archbold Park, he stated that these cases were at the detective level and he could not provide comment at this time. When questioned about the stop sign camera east of the Calvert and 39th Street intersection, he responded that this is a “dummy” camera and is not recording violators nor issuing electronic citations. Officer Bryant provided information about his traffic control assignment at 42nd and Davis where drivers were ticketed for running the stop sign and some were ticketed for the same violation on consecutive days.

James Hamre, Director, Office of Bus Planning and Bryant K. McClary, Bus Operations Specialist, Office of Bus Planning, representing Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) presented information in regards to Wisconsin Ave. bus stop consolidation. WMATA has been engaged in a six year study to improve bus services throughout the city. In December 2013 WMATA added new routes and adjusted run times. WMATA is looking at bus stops on routes with more than 5 stops per mile. Currently most of the 30's routes have 7 stops per mile. WMATA's general policy is not to remove bus stops adjacent to schools, places of worship or recreation centers. WMATA is looking at 155 30's bus stops and evaluating them based on total ridership. WMATA is considering eliminating stops in the Glover Park-Cathedral Heights neighborhoods along Wisconsin Avenue. The evaluation of total ridership at specific bus tops is a part of WMATA's Less Stop-More Go initiative.

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Residents will get a chance to weigh in. By early June signs will be posted at stops slated for elimination asking residents to comment and telling them how.

WMATA has already agreed to move the Fulton Street bus stop to Garfield Street because there is a traffic signal at Garfield to aid in safe crossing by pedestrians. Once the Garfield stop is initiated the northbound stop just before Massachusetts Ave. is proposed for elimination. WMATA is also considering eliminating bus stops at Wisconsin Avenue and W Place.

ANC3B commissioners noted their general support for elimination of stops to speed up service, and suggested that WMATA should consider elimination of the southbound stop at Wisconsin Avenue and 35th Street, NW, instead of the one at W Place. ANC 3B will continue to seek community input and will wait for additional information before considering a resolution on bus stop consolidation.

In the August time frame 30s lines on Wisconsin Avenue will change to shorten routes to downtown from both northwest and southwest. The 31 will run from Friendship Heights to Potomac Park. The 32 and 36 will be combined into the 33 which will run from Friendship Heights to the Archives. The 30N will run from Friendship Heights to Naylor Road and the 30S will run to Southern Avenue. These two lines will only run once an hour. New even numbered lines will run southwest from the Archives and Potomac Park.

Questions from the floor were in regards to dual entry buses or controlling bus entrance from the front and exit from the back. WMATA stated they were implementing, on a trial basis, a totally new electronic pay entry program to speed up payment and facilitate entering and exiting the buses. Chairman Cohen stated that WMATA should interface with DDOT to ensure that consolidation and/or eliminating bus stops is supported by existing traffic controls and existing locations that have bus shelters. For more information in regards to bus routes and stops consolidation and changes, go to www.wmata.co.

Martin P. Sullivan, attorney for the law firm Sullivan & Barros, LLP appeared before the ANC requesting Zoning Exception Approval for new construction at 3915 and 3919 Fulton Street, NW. The exception was needed in relation to redevelopment of the existing single family homes into 6-unit apartment buildings to allow 45% development of the existing property at these two locations. Mr. Sullivan introduced Guy Prudhomme who is the developer of these two properties along with his architect from the WHA Architectural and Planning firm. Plans and property layouts were introduced and provided. Local neighbors in attendance were concerned that construction at these properties would be eternally on-going like similar properties at 3921 and 3925 Fulton Street. Mr. Prudhomme stated that once they were given the go-ahead to begin construction he anticipated a six month completion barring any unusual weather patterns. When questioned about the use of heavy equipment, Mr. Prudhomme stated that it would take about one month to remove the foundations at both properties which require the use of heavy equipment. The ANC questioned the removal of existing trees to support construction and the replanting of new trees along with the implementation of green technology that has less impact on the environment. The ANC as a whole felt that the design was out of character for the existing brick row-house and single family home neighborhood. The ANC was particularly concerned about the white stairwell-entrance ways that seem to overwhelm the design of adjacent buildings. After discussion with the developer and architect, the ANC by unanimous vote, 5-0, gave contingent approval of the Zoning Exception if the developer and

architect would forward to the ANC a revised approach to the stairwell color and the developer's plans for tree removal and re-planting.

Chairman Brian Cohen presented a Resolution on Maintaining Matter-of-Right Neighborhood Schools. The resolution affirms that the normal feeder pattern for our ANC3B students should be Stoddert Elementary School, Hardy Middle School and Woodrow Wilson High School. It opposes proposals put forward by the Deputy Mayor for Education to eliminate or modify by-right schools and neighborhood feeder patterns. There was discussion about the number of Bolling Air Force Base children that attend Stoddert Elementary and talk about the construction of another high school in Ward 3. After discussion, ANC3B passed by a unanimous vote, 5-0, the Resolution on Maintaining Matter-Of-Right Neighborhood Schools.

Open Forum:

No items presented at the open forum.

Minutes of the April 2014 meeting were presented. Motion was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote to accept the minutes of the April 2014, ANC3B Public Meeting.

2014 April Financial Report was presented. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the ANC3B April 2014 Financial Report provided below.

ANC3B – April 2014 Financial Report (Approved at May 2014 Meeting)

Checking Account

Opening Balance: \$3656.40

Checks: #1223 – 01/09/2014, \$25.00 ANC3B Security Bond, #1228 – 4/10/2014, \$45.00 DLM, Website Update, #1230 – 4/11/2014, \$1050.00 Grant to Iona Senior Services, #1231 – 4/11/2014, \$158.00 Rental of USPS Box for ANC3B

Withdrawals: 0

Deposits: 0

Closing Balance: \$2,283.40

Next meeting was stated as being June 12, 2014 at 7:00PM

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM and was approved by unanimous vote.