

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



**ANC3B Minutes**  
**February 11, 2016 Public Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jackie Blumenthal (3B02). Commissioners Ann Mladinov (3B01), Abigail Zenner (3B03), Mary Young (3B04) and Brian Turmail (3B05) were also present, which constituted a quorum. (Three of the five members make a quorum.)

Chairman Blumenthal presented the proposed agenda. She moved to accept the agenda, the motion was seconded, and the agenda was approved 5-0.

**Resolution RE Removal of Class A Licenses from the Glover Park Moratorium Renewal**

A group of representatives of Rite Aid attended, including Stephen J. O'Brien of law firm Mallios & O'Brien; Daniel Peña, Rite Aid Regional Vice President (261 stores in DC, Virginia, and parts of Maryland and Delaware); John Watson, District Manager (17 stores); Javed Iqbal, Manager of the new Rite Aid in Glover Park; and Joe Lancaster, Rite Aid's Director of Real Estate in 8 states.

Mr. O'Brien outlined that the landlord of the space formerly leased by Glover Park Hardware had been put out for potential tenants who would take the entire space fronting on the sidewalk at 2251 Wisconsin Avenue, and Rite Aid became aware of it, after the hardware store had given up its lease. After ANC3B recommended extending the Glover Park moratorium on liquor licenses including Class A licenses (full service liquor stores), Rite Aid submitted a request to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to reopen the moratorium and lift the prohibition on new Class A licenses, allowing Rite Aid to apply for a Class A license. (Rite Aid could not apply for Class B license because it is within 400 feet of Whole Foods which has a Class B license.) The moratorium was scheduled to expire on February 21, 2016, but the ABC Board agreed to extend it to allow ANC3B time to review Rite Aid's request. The Board hearing on amending and extending the moratorium is scheduled March 30.

Mr. O'Brien noted that to get a license, Rite Aid would have to go through a formal application process and the ANC could participate and negotiate terms related to hours and deliveries that would not be possible for a drug store that did not request a liquor license. Based on Rite Aid's assessment, he also stated that if Rite Aid were granted a Class A license, no others could be granted along Wisconsin Avenue in the Glover Park commercial district, because no other properties would be the required 400 feet from an existing Class A license holder.

After active discussion and questions from ANC members and neighbors, Chairman Blumenthal proposed a resolution to oppose Rite Aid's request to revise the Glover Park liquor license moratorium by removing the ban on issuing new Class A licenses, based on the comments the Commissioners had received from constituents and the vote not to change the terms of the moratorium at the February meeting of the Glover Park Citizens Association, which is also party to the moratorium.

Chairman Blumenthal made a motion to vote on the resolution, it was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the resolution opposing Rite Aid's request.

### **Police Report**

Lt. Eric Hayes of the MPD Second District gave a brief summary of crime in the surrounding area, PSA 204, for the preceding 30 days. He reported that crime was down in all categories. There were no violent crimes in the area and only one burglary, involving entry at 3800 Cathedral, through an unsecured window at ground level around midnight, when the homeowners were not home. General thefts numbered 11 v. 21 in the comparable period in 2015. There were no stolen autos v. 5 in 2015, but there were 9 thefts from autos.

The Commissioners asked about the recent spate of the apartment laundry break-ins, concerns with response to 911 calls, and complaints about traffic safety at Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenue (Ward Circle).

### **Snow Response**

Chairman Blumenthal noted that she had been in touch with the mayor's office throughout the January storm and had been impressed by the city's response. The snow clearance in the neighborhood was the best she had seen. Other Commissioners echoed the general impression, particularly with the quick clearance of sidewalks at Guy Mason and Stoddert School though walking was difficult at many corners where piles left by snowplows had blocked sidewalks. Several people spoke about alleys that were not cleared. The city does not plow alleys but Commissioner Young commented that when accessory apartments are allowed on alleys, requirements for tenants to have access via the alley could mean someone will have to clear those alleys.

### **Updates**

Vacancy in ANC3B03: Commissioner Zenner announced that she had gotten a new position at the Washington area Council of Governments, which does not allow employees to hold elected office or advocate on any transportation issue, so she would be resigning her position as Commissioner in ANC3B03 as of March 1. Gottlieb Simon, Director of the city's office of ANCs said the Board of Elections would announce the vacancy in the DC Register, individuals interested in running would then be able to pick up petitions, and they would have 3 weeks to collect 25 signatures of residents in ANC3B03.

DC Water Green Infrastructure Plans: Commissioner Turmail reported on a meeting with DC Water's Green Infrastructure team on their plans for dealing with stormwater run-off in the

eastern half of the neighborhood. He explained that the area, including most of his Single Member District, ANC3B05, was built early enough that it only has a Combined Sewer handling both stormwater and sewage, so when there's a storm, the overflow means sewage goes into the streams and rivers. In addition to other large-scale projects to separate and control stormwater, DC Water is also testing the efficiency of Green Infrastructure to temporarily contain stormwater and prevent it from overrunning the shared sewer system. They are looking at 3 approaches, including permeable pavement in the alleys, permeable pavement in parking lanes, and permeable tree boxes. In areas where permeable pavement is put in alleys or parking lanes and streets, the neighborhood would get new alleys and streets that would look much the same as today but would allow the water to drain into the ground instead of into the storm drains. Chairman Blumenthal said residents in the project area should have received information from DC Water, hung on their doorknobs, announcing the plan for doing soil borings in coming weeks. DC Water is also hoping residents will provide information on any areas where stormwater collects in paved areas backs up into yards or homes.

Mayor's Walk-Through in Glover Park Commercial Area: Chairman Blumenthal reported that Mayor Bowser visited the area and walked through the commercial area with neighborhood leaders on Tuesday, February 9, accompanied by all the directors of city agencies and a crew of workers, who immediately started taking care of issues such as picking up leaves at Guy Mason. The team noted street lights that were out, problems with trash collection, tree boxes, and signage, curb and alley conditions, and put orders in for repairs.

Proposed Shelter for Homeless Families: Along with other ANCs, Chairman Blumenthal was included in a meeting on Monday, February 8, about the mayor's plans for closing the emergency shelter at DC General and replacing it with new shelters around the cities, including a proposed transitional shelter for homeless families at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Edmunds Street. During the ANC meeting, the city was holding an initial community meeting at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church to talk about the plan. Chairman Blumenthal presented basic information from the preliminary meeting. Every ward will be the site of an emergency shelter, mostly brand new buildings. The Ward 3 shelter is proposed to provide units for 38 families at a time. The facility is designed to look like townhouses, with lawn and some parking behind. The city indicated that most of the families are headed by a young mother with children. The hope is that families would stay at the shelter 60-90 days, where they would get wrap-around services including links to jobs and permanent housing. According to the city, most families in shelters now choose to stay in their own schools rather than shift to a school near the shelter, which would be helpful since Stoddert is over capacity. The site will require a zoning variance since it is in a single family residential zone. The city had told the ANCs it would be providing more information and looking for community support. Several residents and ANC members said they support the program and will try to get additional background, comments, and assurances about services that will be provided.

Zika virus: Commissioner Turmail has contacted city health officials about advice to deal with mosquitoes that carry Zika virus. The ANC will share any recommendations at future meetings.

**Open Forum**

The Chairman asked if there were any other questions or comments, and there were none.

**Administrative Matters**

Chairman Blumenthal presented the minutes of the ANC's January meeting, and moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.

Treasurer Mary Young presented the January Financial Report.

**ANC3B - January 2016 Financial Report  
(Approved at February 2016 Meeting)**

**Checking Account**

**Opening Balance:     \$11,629.25**

**Expenses:            Check #1252 In the Amount of \$202.50 to DLM Web Management**

**Check #1254 in the Amount of \$2500.00 Grant to Friendship Place**

**Uncleared Check #1253 in the Amount of \$25.00 ANC3B Security Fund**

**Closing Balance:     \$8,926.67**

Chairman Blumenthal moved to approve the January Financial Report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.

Chairman Blumenthal announced that instead of the second Thursday of the month, the next meeting of ANC3B would be Thursday, March 17, 2016, at 7 pm.

Chairman Blumenthal moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.