

ANC3B Minutes  
December 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Commissioners Cohen, Blumenthal and Theilen; Commissioner Fulwood arrived mid-meeting, as previously arranged. The agenda was approved with no changes.

Chairman Cohen first made a presentation of a plaque to outgoing Commissioner Ben Theilen thanking him for his service to the community. A similar plaque was sent to Howie Kreitzman who retired from his seat earlier this year and moved away. Chairman Cohen introduced the incoming ANC Commissioners, Joe Fiorillo, who will take over SMD 3B-01, and Mary Young, who will represent 3B-04. Chairman Cohen also introduced the new Ward 3 liaison to the Mayor's office, Michael Fabrikant. He can be contacted at 202-297-6566 or at michael.fabrikant@dc.gov.

Sgt. Tolliver of MPD was present but did not have updated crime statistics with him. He reminded people to keep their curtains closed during the holiday season to deter would-be thieves.

Dr. Eric Marshall, his attorney Karen Lovitch, and nurse practitioner Natasha Moore asked the ANC to endorse a required Certificate of Need in support of a Minute Clinic to be operated by Dr. Marshall out of the Wisconsin Avenue CVS. Minute Clinics handle minor health issues ranging from coughs and colds to immunizations to cholesterol and diabetes screenings. Nurse practitioners are on site; a doctor is on call. Minute Clinics take insurance. Two exist already in Ward 3, one in Tenleytown and one on MacArthur Boulevard. Chairman Cohen suggested that the proposed hours of Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., be extended to include weekends and later night hours, times when regular doctors are rarely available. Commissioner Theilen noted that requiring a Certificate of Need seemed to be a barrier to business. Community members in attendance expressed support for the proposal. Commissioners and community members noted the large and growing number of children and seniors in the community, the lack of access to primary care practitioners, and the need for walkable access to primary care because of the lack of metro access in Glover Park. Commissioner Blumenthal moved that the ANC write a letter of support; Chairman Cohen second the motion, which passed 3-0. Chairman Cohen agreed to draft and send the letter.

Commissioner Fulwood joined the meeting at this point.

The ANC took up a proposed resolution to institute one-side Ward 3 Resident-only parking on W Place, Hall Place and the two blocks of Tunlaw Road leading to the dead-end. Residents of this enclosed area of Glover Park have to compete for parking with people who are visiting the commercial area. The resolution as drafted called for the parking restriction to be applied 24-7, but the Commission was advised that maximum enforcement hours are 7 a.m. to midnight, so the resolution was amended. After discussion about the potential effect on local businesses, commissioners noted that there are numerous off-street parking lots that serve the commercial district, but that, patrons often don't take advantage of these spots, in part because of the ease of

visitor parking in residential zones. After many complaints about lack of enforcement, Commissioners agreed it would be a good idea to invite the DPW parking enforcement unit to a meeting in early 2013. Commissioner Cohen noted that the ANC would carefully monitor the results of the change, and consider requesting the expansion of resident-only parking to other parts of ANC 3B. Chairman Cohen moved to approve the resolution with the hours amended and it passed 4-0.

Commissioner Theilen noted that he had scheduled a walk-through with DDOT to expand parking access along Tunlaw Road.

Chairman Cohen began a discussion of the Mason Inn proposal for outdoor seating. Fritz Brogan, managing partner, introduced other partners, David Chung and Kijun Sung, and described the Mason Inn as a neighborhood sports bar with a particular base of Baltimore Ravens fans, which caters to young professionals. He said the outdoor seating would be on the roof, accommodating 48 people either sitting or standing. The Mason Inn has applied for full hours outside (closing time 2 a.m. weeknights, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights) and expects to have TVs on the deck, but no live music or DJs (both of which are permitted inside). Mason Inn is normally open Thursday through Sunday, and is not required to serve food because it has a tavern license.

An architect showed a model of the roof deck plan (drawings are posted at [www.anc3b.org](http://www.anc3b.org)) and explained that while the plan attempts to mitigate noise toward the rear of the Mason Inn, where there are residences, they had not conducted a noise study. Mr. Brogan referenced a letter from a close neighbor on 37th street which offered support for the outside space because District noise ordinances and an amended Voluntary Agreement would likely deal with any potential problems. Commissioner Blumenthal noted that other neighbors on 37th street are forming a group to formally oppose the roof deck. She also explained that the ANC welcomes comments from the community if they are sent to [info@anc3b.org](mailto:info@anc3b.org) and include the sender's address. ANC3B will decide its position on the roof deck at its January 10 meeting.

Andrea Limauro of the DC Office of Planning described proposed changes in the District's zoning code. He explained that the zoning experts were at a previously scheduled meeting, but that he would try to address issues raised. He noted that a formal presentation to Ward 3 residents of the new zoning changes would take place on January 8. He explained that the current zoning code has not been rewritten since 1958 and is complicated, outdated and hard to use. The proposed changes that could affect Glover Park include provisions that allow for corner stores in residential areas, accessory dwelling units built on alleyways, and new transit zones that define parking requirements for new residential development and reduce or eliminate some currently existing required parking minimums. Details about these changes can be found at [www.zoningdc.org](http://www.zoningdc.org).

Chairman Cohen introduced a resolution encouraging the Mayor and DC City Council to "reprogram funds in the current budget(s) for 2012-13 and appropriate funds in future budgets" to allow libraries to increase their open hours to include evenings and weekends. With no questions or concerns from the floor, the resolution was moved, seconded and passed by a vote of 4-0.

A resident asked in the Open Forum section of the agenda why Bourbon had its front patio enclosed with an ugly plastic tent. Commissioner Blumenthal said she would contact the owner to find out why it was there and for how long.

The Commission then approved the financial report by a vote of 4-0. The report showed an opening balance: \$4,666.89, withdrawals of \$181.29 (Check #1203, Charles Fulwood, and \$181.29, Petty Cash), a deposit of \$352.36 (Grant Refund from Hardy PTA) and a closing balance of \$4,837.96. December checks to reimburse Commissioner Cohen for internet fees and plaques for outgoing Commissioners were also approved.

The November minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.