

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B

GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



ANC3B Minutes October 8, 2015 Public Meeting

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

Chairman Blumenthal presented the proposed agenda, noting that the Commission would be reviewing the quarterly as well as the monthly financial reports and the FY2016 budget. She moved to accept the agenda, the motion was seconded, and the agenda was approved 5-0.

Police Report

A few minutes after the meeting began, Officer Robert Fennell arrived representing the MPD 2nd District and summarized recent crime in PSA 204. He noted thefts from autos were up, and cautioned residents not to leave anything visible in their vehicles. He mentioned a robbery of an Apple device from a young woman walking in front of Pearson's on Wisconsin Avenue. Also in Tenleytown two people were struck by a vehicle as they were trying to cross the street from Best Buy to Whole Foods, in a crosswalk but not with the traffic signal. The motorist as well as both pedestrians were issued tickets. He urged people to follow the traffic signals, even as pedestrians, to halt when they see a red or flashing red signal, and to remember that it is the law to use the pedestrian crosswalks if the corners at both ends of the block are controlled by a traffic signal. Officer Pannell said he had reported the complaints raised by residents at the GPCA meeting about stop sign and speeding violations on 37th Street from Calvert to Reservoir and also on W Street from Observatory between Tunlaw Road and 42nd Street.

Extension of Moratorium on Liquor Licenses in Glover Park

Chairman Blumenthal introduced Sarah Fashbaugh, Community Resource Officer from the DC Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA), who provided background on the moratorium on various types of alcoholic beverage licenses that has been in place since the late 1990s in the commercial district of Glover Park. The latest 3-year renewal will expire in February 2016. Chairman Blumenthal proposed that the Commission recommend that ABRA extend the moratorium for 5 years but only for licenses on taverns, nightclubs, and full service liquor stores. The proposal is to drop the cap on liquor licenses for restaurants in the moratorium area, because there has been one license available in that category that has been unclaimed for the entire 3 years of the most recent moratorium renewal. She announced a 30-day period for comments on the proposal, after which the Commission will vote on the moratorium extension at its November 12 public meeting, prepare a petition describing the reasons for the vote, and send the petition to ABRA. Ms. Fashbaugh said that ABRA would anticipate hearing from the ANC by December so they could provide 30 days notice before a hearing on the subject in January as well as a period for comments to ABRA. Residents are invited to send letters to ABRA about the moratorium renewal. She also explained that all ABRA licenses for

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multipurpose and private clubs were currently up for renewal and license for taverns and nightclubs will all be up for renewal in September 2016. All residents are invited to submit comments to ABRA about license renewals for local establishments during the appropriate renewal period.

Ms. Fashbaugh also mentioned that CM Vincent Orange is proposing changes to the DC noise law, which were scheduled to be the subject of a hearing on October 26. Among other things, the noise proposal would remove the requirement that ABRA representatives go into people's homes to check the level of noise coming from an ABRA licensed establishment, if it is alleged to be disturbing the peace, order, and quiet for residents.

Several neighbors asked about the ABRA license covering the former JP's. Ms. Fashbaugh and Chairman Blumenthal explained that JP's license has been involuntarily transferred to the federal government as a result of the drug-trafficking conviction of one of its owners, and that the license could soon be offered for sale.

Commissioner Young asked if the moratorium would cover licenses for restaurants in apartment buildings in her SMD such as the Westchester. Chairman Blumenthal said that the moratorium does not extend to those buildings, because under ABRA guidelines, a moratorium has to apply in a limited area drawn around a center point, and the Glover Park moratorium area does not extend as far as the apartment buildings in Cathedral Heights/ANC3B04.

Request from Mad Fox Brewing for ABRA License Amendment

Mad Fox Brewing Co., 2218 Wisconsin Avenue NW, is seeking an amendment to its agreement with ANC3B to allow live music or DJ music on six special occasions during the year, including New Year's Eve, Mardi Gras, the establishment's anniversary, Oktoberfest, Halloween, and Thanksgiving Eve. Closing hours would remain the same. Mike Leich, Bar Manager for Mad Fox, appeared at the meeting and made a brief statement, explaining that the basic operations would remain the same on those occasions, hours would remain the same, and Mad Fox had gotten agreement from nearby neighbors for the proposal to offer live music. Commissioner Mladinov asked if the music would be amplified and if the establishment would have to adhere to rules against noise that extends beyond the building. The answer was yes to both questions. Ariadne Henry asked if Mad Fox planned to have dancing at those events and answer was yes, that was the hope. Chairman Blumenthal observed that the ANC had not received any complaints about the proposal but would continue to accept comments through its November 12 public meeting and would vote on the request at that time.

Panel Discussion on Services for Homeless Individuals

Commissioner Brian Turmail introduced a panel to discuss the challenges for homeless people in the area, the services available, and what residents can do to help. Panel members were: Judy Williams, Homeless Services Coordinator, DC Department of Behavioral Health which deals with problems of addiction and mental illness; A. Dallas Williams, Deputy Administrator of Homeless Services for DC Department of Human Services (DHS); Rev. Dottie Yunger, Associate Pastor at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church at New Mexico Avenue and Nebraska Avenue and director of the affiliated St. Luke's Mission Center, 3655 Calvert Street, NW; Jean-Michel Giraud, President and CEO of Friendship Place; and Capt. David Sledge of MPD's 2nd District. They offered clear information about the network of services their organizations can provide, how they work together, and how residents can assist them.

One particular challenge was raised: The 35-bed emergency hypothermia shelter for homeless men that had been open at St. Luke's Mission Center last year will not open this winter, for a variety of reasons. The nearest hypothermia shelter for men that the city plans to operate on

nights when the temperatures get below freezing will be at the Columbia Heights Recreations Center, which is several miles from St. Luke's and will not be easy for homeless men to reach from the neighborhoods in ANC3B. The Commission discussed possible alternatives including transportation from St. Luke's to Columbia Heights and potential locations closer to Ward 3 that might be pressed into service. The members expressed interest in pursuing the questions, to see if other alternatives can be developed before the winter comes. A fuller report of the discussion is provided at the ANC3B website www.anc3b.org

Open Forum No additional comments were offered.

Administrative Matters

Chairman Blumenthal moved to approve the September minutes, the motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes as prepared.

Treasurer Mary Young presented the financial report for September (below):

**September Financial Report
(Approved at October 2015 Meeting)**

Checking Account

Opening Balance: \$8,866.04

Income: DC Allotment 4th Quarter 2015 dated 09/15/15 - \$2,930.71

Checks: #1248 Dated 09/10/2015 in the amount of \$2,500.00
A grant to Iona Senior Services

#1249 Dated 09/10/2015 in the amount of \$47.50
To DLM Web Development

Closing Balance: \$9,249.25

Chairman Blumenthal moved to approve the monthly financial report, the motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the report as prepared.

Commissioner Young presented the quarterly financial report which is posted on the ANC3B website. She moved to approve the quarterly financial report, the motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the budget as prepared.

Treasurer Young noted one expense the Commission had to approve: \$360 for management of the ANC3B website by DLM Management. She moved to approve the \$360 expenditure, the motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve.

Treasurer Young next presented the proposed budget for ANC3B for FY2016. The city has not yet provided the precise figure for the funds to be allocated to the Commission in FY2016, so the budget can't yet be completed, but she noted that Gottlieb Simon has said that the Commission can adjust the budget as the year goes along. She moved that the Commission approve the budget as it has been prepared. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the budget as prepared.

Chairman Blumenthal moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.