

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



ANC3B Public Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2017

Commissioner Melissa Lane (3B03) called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, acting in place of Chairman Jackie Blumenthal (3B02) and Vice Chairman Brian Turmail (3B05) who were not able to participate. Commissioners Ann Mladinov (3B01) and Mary Young (3B04) were also present, which constituted a quorum. (Three of the five Commissioners make a quorum.)

Commissioner Lane presented the proposed agenda for the meeting, and made a motion to vote on agenda. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the agenda.

Police Report

MPD Captain Michelle Williams (Police Service Areas 201-205) attended the meeting and reported briefly on crime statistics in PSA 204, which includes ANC3B. Capt. Williams reported that crime in PSA 204 for the last 30 days had dropped significantly compared to the same time period in 2016. Violent crimes were down 75%, with no assaults or robberies with a deadly weapon. There were no burglaries but thefts from autos doubled from 8 to 16, and non-vehicle thefts went up from 18 to 22, for an overall increase in property crimes of 28%, from 32 to 41. Capt. Williams reminded everyone not to leave vehicles unlocked or leave anything visible in the car such as laptops or packages, especially as the holidays are coming.

Commissioner Young asked about the number of young people reported missing on MPD's website. Capt. Williams explained that MPD has changed its reporting practices and is now posting every missing child or teenager as soon as possible, to help create greater awareness and attention to ensuring they are found. She reported that the majority of cases are closed within a few days, so the numbers listed as missing are not an indication of the numbers never found.

A resident asked about MPD's sensitivity to homeless people. Capt. Williams responded that her officers receive training, and very sensitive to individuals who are homeless, and coordinate with service agencies to ensure that the appropriate organizations and services are engaged. She provided her contact information 202-437-8012 Michelle.Williams3@dc.gov and encouraged people to be in touch with her if they have questions or concerns.

Discussion Regarding Liquor License Application for Trader Joe's

Perry Zettersten, Regional Vice President of Trader Joe's, attended the meeting to present Domino's request for a Class B (retail, beer and wine only) liquor license for its new location on what was previously the site of the Holiday Inn, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue NW. He was accompanied by Steve O'Brien, outside counsel for Trader Joe's in its application to the city's Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA). Commissioner Lane announced that the Commission was opening a public comment period to hear from the community on the application, and planned to take up the Trader Joe's request at the next ANC3B public meeting on November 2.

John Green and Jim Lang, residents of The Observatory of Georgetown condominiums at 2111 Wisconsin Avenue NW, next door to the Trader Joe's, presented questions related to deliveries, trash disposal, pest control, noise, and plans for alcohol sales. Mr Zettersten outlined the location of the loading dock inside the development and the size, hours, and number of delivery trucks expected each week. He said the trucks delivering to Trader Joe's would not park along Wisconsin Avenue to unload but would enter via Whitehaven Street, turning north on the street at the back of the development and then left into the drive along the Trader Joe's site, to back into the loading dock. Trader Joe's own deliveries are planned twice a day (dry groceries in the early morning, after 7 am, and refrigerated products in the evening, after 8 pm) in 55 foot trailers. He estimated that unloading would take an hour or less. Only refrigerated trucks would keep the engine running, to power the refrigeration units. Trash containers will also be inside the site, at the base of the loading docks, and will be kept closed and secured. Trash pick-up will likely be every day, even on weekends if needed. The store will check for cleanliness and pests every week. No alcohol consumption would be allowed outside the store or on-site, except for occasional wine tastings. The hours planned for beer and wine are proposed to be 8 am-10 pm, the same as the store hours. Mr. Zettersten explained that the Glover Park store will be the 5th location in the city for Trader Joe's, which has already successfully worked out arrangements to accommodate the Foggy Bottom neighborhood at the store there. Commissioner Lane encouraged residents to submit comments to the ANC email info@anc3b.org by November 2.

Zoning Application for Domino's at 2330 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Continuing the public comment period opened at the ANC3B September meeting, the Commission announced that it would not take a vote on the zoning application for the proposed Domino's in Glover Park until the ANC3B public meeting on November 2, because the hearing on the case before the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) is not scheduled until November 8 (BZA Case 19600). Domino's seeks to occupy the southern half of the now-vacant space at the Calvert Center that was previously used by the El Salvador consulate. The Domino's proposal requires a special exception (allowed for a fast food establishment in the Wisconsin Avenue commercial area) and two variances for specific aspects of the location.

Susan Fulton, Marketing Director for Domino's Team Washington, attended the meeting along with Robert Donner, Regional Vice President for Operations of Domino's Team Washington; Richard Isen, the landlord for the proposed site at Calvert Center; and land use lawyer Zachary Williams. At the ANC3B September meeting, Ms. Fulton and Mr. Williams explained plans for an eat-in, carry-out and delivery operation. Ms. Fulton said the Domino's will have 8 seats for dining in plus some bar-type stools along the front windows.

Residents asked questions about deliveries, noise, and traffic that could result if trucks or pizza delivery vehicles double park on Wisconsin Avenue or drive rapidly and carelessly on 37th Street and in the parking lot behind the Calvert Center. Mr. Donner explained that the Domino's would get only one major delivery each week of products from the regional center, and that all Domino's pizza delivery drivers have a background check and are monitored regularly for any traffic infractions. He said only a few delivery drivers would be working after 11 pm and they would not be parked in the rear parking area talking and waiting for calls at late night hours. In response to questions about hours of operation. Ms. Fulton reported that the Domino's proposes to open at 10 am, and the current store in Georgetown closes at 3 am Friday and Saturday, 2 am all other nights. She said the Domino's would have wide trash bins at the front and back of the store to accommodate pizza boxes, and employees will monitor the trash receptacles throughout store hours. The city's Glover Park Clean Team will also be on duty early in the mornings to pick up trash left on the sidewalk.

The landlord noted that trash disposal arrangements have been improved at the Calvert Center, parking spaces have been more clearly designated, and in contrast to the days of the consulate, the number of vehicles using the parking lot will be reduced and vehicles will not be forced to park on the grass or outside the borders of the lot.

Mr. Williams reported that Domino's has been working with ANC3B Chairman Jackie Blumenthal to develop written conditions that could be attached to Domino's zoning request to address neighborhood concerns including use of delivery vehicles and the parking

Commissioner Lane encouraged residents to submit comments to the ANC, and noted that the Commission would continue to work on the matter and review all comments on the matter before the planned vote at the November 2 meeting.

Resolutions Regarding Pedestrian/Vehicle Safety at W Place, Fulton Street, and Davis Place

Commissioner Lane introduced resolutions urging the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) to initiate traffic investigations at three intersections in ANC3B and take steps to improve safety:

1 - to address traffic speed and parking congestion at the intersection of W Place and Wisconsin Avenue, by adjusting the timing of traffic signals on Wisconsin, removing one or two parking spaces on the south side W Place at the intersection with Wisconsin, and possibly marking more effectively the "No Parking" zone on the north side of W Place to avert illegal parking.

2 - to investigate the intersection of Davis Place and Tunlaw Road and take steps to improve pedestrian safety such as by creating a lighted crosswalk or by removing one or two parking spaces on Tunlaw to improve visibility for approaching vehicles coming around the blind curve on southbound Tunlaw.

3 - to formalize a previous request to DDOT to remove one or two parking spots on southbound Wisconsin Avenue north of Fulton Street to improve sight lines for vehicles approaching Wisconsin Avenue from the west.

Phil Thomas, Ward 3 liaison from the Mayor's office, said the city would be doing a walk-through in October with ANC3B Chairman Jackie Blumenthal to look at the intersection of W Place and Wisconsin Avenue, and he was also working with DDOT to deal with the intersection of Fulton and Wisconsin. He committed to looking into Davis Place and Tunlaw Road.

Commissioner Mladinov made a motion to vote on the three resolutions. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the resolutions as presented.

Updates

Commissioner Young mentioned that she had talked to Aaron Rhones, community liaison for DDOT, to ask about progress on the ANC3B resolution adopted in July requesting that DDOT install additional stop signs and restripe crosswalks on Cathedral Avenue between 39th Street and Glover-Archbold Park. She said she is watching for a response and would share any updates at a future meeting.

Commissioner Mladinov urged everyone to read the city's recent mailings to residents:

1 - DPW's new residential recycling rule, including a list of new items that can be recycled as well as prohibition on putting plastic bags or plastic wrap in recycling or using plastic trash bags to hold other recyclable items when they are put in residential recycling bins. DPW has found that the plastic is becoming caught in the sorting and processing machines at the transfer station and adding to maintenance requirements, costs and down time. Residents are urged to take used plastic bags to the designated plastic collection bins at local grocery stores.

2 - DC Water's 4-page newsletter summarizing the city's progress on its Clean Rivers Project including major storage tunnels and green infrastructure as part of the plan to clean up the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers by averting over 96% of the outflows of sewage into the Combined Storm Sewers and into the river system

Open Forum

One resident asked if the Commission would be discussing speeding on Davis Place, which was on the agenda as part of the Police Report. That item was not raised when Capt. Williams was at the meeting from MPD, so Commissioner Lane said it would be discussed at a future meeting.

A representative of the Friends of Guy Mason announced they are interested in donating pieces of adult exercise equipment for the Recreation Center and are asking for neighbors' comments on their recommendations on what equipment would be most useful.

Matt Wexler, principal and managing partner of Foxhall Partners which owns the Kimpton Glover Park Hotel at 2505 Wisconsin Avenue, announced that the hotel was having several additional open houses to show neighbors the rooftop and get their comments on possible uses of the space for food and drink. He said the hotel is hoping to deal with any issues over hours, noise, and trash before going to the city for approval of any plans for the rooftop. Commissioner Lane noted that the hotel is in ANC3C, so ABRA would probably be looking primarily for comments from that commission, rather than ANC3B. Mr. Wexler also spoke about the food and delivery options that the Casolare restaurant offers at the hotel, shared his concerns about the proposed Domino's and asked others at the meeting to talk to him about it after the meeting.

Administrative Matters

Commissioner Lane introduced the minutes of the Commission's September public meeting and Commissioner Mladinov made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes as prepared.

Treasurer Mary Young presented the monthly financial report for September.

ANC3B September 2017 Financial Report

OPENING BALANCE: \$10,125.97

Income: \$0.00

Total Income: \$0.00

**Outgoing: Check #1275 – \$2,465.00 Grant to Community Foodworks for materials serving the Glover Park-Burleith Farmers' Market
Check #1276 – \$366.23 Grant to Iona Senior Services for whiteboards in activity/meeting rooms at Senior Center in Tenleytown**

Total Outgoing: \$2,831.23

CLOSING BALANCE \$7,294.74

Commissioner Lane made a motion to approve the ANC3B monthly financial report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the monthly financial report as presented.

Commissioner Young presented the ANC3B Financial Report for the Fourth Quarter of FY 2017.. Commissioner Lane made a motion to approve the quarterly financial report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the quarterly financial report as presented.

Commissioner Young also presented the proposed ANC3B budget for FY2018 as presented at the September meeting. Commissioner Lane made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the budget as proposed.

Commissioner Lane announced the next public meeting of the Commission would be Thursday, November 2, 2017 (the first Thursday of the month rather than the usual second Thursday).

Commissioner Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 3-0 to approve.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.