

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



ANC3B Minutes
February 18, 2014 Public Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Chairman Brian Cohen. All ANC3B commissioners were present. This meeting was rescheduled from February 13, 2014, due to the inclement weather (snow) that occurred on that date and caused the closure of Stoddert Elementary School-Glover Park Community Center.

Chairman Brian Cohen presented the meeting agenda, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Chairman Brian Cohen presented ANC3B Resolution Supporting Speed Cameras, Bus Stop Changes and Additional Features to Improve Pedestrian Safety on Wisconsin Avenue. The resolution, which was based on ANC findings from a community survey of the Wisconsin Avenue streetscape and discussion with DDOT and neighboring ANCs, supports the return of the six-lane traffic pattern on Wisconsin Avenue in Glover Park, contingent upon the use of smart-signs/speed cameras, crosswalk cameras, HAWK signals, rumble strips and stop sign cameras to enhance pedestrian safety. Additionally moving the bus stop from Wisconsin Avenue and Fulton, which is not a signalized intersection, to Wisconsin Avenue and Garfield, locates the bus stop at a signalized intersection while improving bus stop access and enhancing pedestrian safety. (The definition of HAWK traffic control measures was asked by one attendee. HAWK is an acronym for **H**igh intensity **A**ctivated cross **W**alk. The HAWK is technically a “beacon” in that it remains dark for traffic unless a pedestrian activates the pushbutton. When the pedestrian presses the button, approaching drivers will see a FLASHING YELLOW for a few second, indicating that they should reduce speed and be prepared to stop for a pedestrian in the crosswalk). There was discussion by some in attendance of the conversion of 35th Street between Whitehaven and Wisconsin Avenue to two way traffic and concerns about pedestrian safety and traffic signal locations. Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal, 3B02, clearly explained to all the proposed positive efforts at the Wisconsin Avenue 35th Street and Whitehaven intersections. Motion was made and seconded to approve ANC3B Resolution Supporting Speed Cameras, Bus Stop Changes and Additional Features to Improve Pedestrian Safety on Wisconsin Avenue. The resolution was approved by a unanimous, 5-0 vote.

Chairman Brian Cohen presented ANC3B Resolution Supporting Eliminating Left Turn Restrictions from Massachusetts Ave. onto Observatory Circle. This elimination of the restriction is recommended in the 2006 Glover Park Transportation Study. Observatory Circle is designated as a connector street but the current left –turn restriction during rush hour forces northbound commuters to turn left onto neighborhood streets and weave their way through Massachusetts Avenue Heights to Wisconsin Avenue. This additional traffic flow on neighborhood streets is hazardous to pedestrians. This resolution will make access to southbound Wisconsin Avenue and Glover Park from westbound traffic on Massachusetts Ave. via Observatory more fluid and will foster

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pedestrian safety in the surrounding neighborhoods. Motion was made and seconded to approve ANC3B Resolution Supporting Eliminating Left Turn Restrictions from Massachusetts Ave. onto Observatory. The resolution was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Charles Fulwood, 3B03, presented ANC3B Resolution Supporting Installation of Traffic Cameras on 42nd St. Commissioner Fulwood reported speeding and running stop signs on 42nd St. between Beecher St and New Mexico Ave. is chronic and becoming increasingly dangerous to pedestrians and other motorists. Many motorists have been observed ignoring stop signs which is extremely hazardous to young children and senior citizens. Periodic police pressure by MPD 2nd District has not deterred the dangerous actions of drivers in this area. This resolution seeks DDOT and MPDS action to expeditiously install speed and stop sign cameras as well as other traffic calming technology on 42nd St. between Beecher St. and New Mexico Ave. One individual in attendance questioned if these deterrents would improve the safety of motorists and pedestrians on this stretch of 42nd St and if similar measures had thwarted unsafe driving practices on other streets in the District of Columbia, and raised the question about whether the cameras would be invasive or disruptive. Motion was made and seconded to approve ANC3B Resolution Supporting Installation of Traffic Cameras on 42nd St. The resolution was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal, 3B02, presented an update on the ANC's protest of Good Guys' license renewal. Commissioner Blumenthal explained that rather than proceed with the protest, which argues that nude dancing establishments are inappropriate in a family neighborhood like Glover Park, the ANC offered to settle the matter to protect the neighborhood from the potential of any ownership change Good Guys' might have to create a new set of problems as has happened with JP's new owners. She introduced a resolution in favor of a Settlement Agreement in which Good Guys' has agreed to (1) not allow nude performances for 1 or 2 patrons, unless the law changes or JP's is permitted to do so (2) encourage entertainment personnel to enter and exit via the rear entrance of the building and (3) put a security camera outside the front entrance. This agreement will be part of the liquor license no matter who owns Good Guys. After seeking comment from the floor, ANC3B passed the resolution in support of the settlement resolution by a unanimous vote 5-0.

Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal, 3B02, provided an update from the February community-wide meeting about the renovation of the playground area adjacent to the Guy Mason Community Center. During the course of this meeting three conceptual designs were presented. In addition to comment on each themed design, there were questions in regards to what age group the playground was being designed to attract, what existing equipment would be reused, how many trees may need to be removed or relocated, utilization by the co-op children that utilize the Guy Mason Community Center and the timetable to accomplish the renovation. Commissioner Blumenthal reported that DPR and the playground design were open and responsive to all comments and suggestions and would come back with a final decision incorporating community comments in March. The renovation is scheduled to begin immediately after Glover Park Day in June 7, 2014. The final community meeting is scheduled for March 2014.

Commissioner Brian Cohen briefed all in attendance of the hazardous condition of the playground area on the west side of Stoddert Elementary School. Since the renovation of the school and playground area, lack of drainage has been a consistent problem with glass and metal chards and debris rising to the surface of the soil. There is a plan developed by the Stoddert PTA and paid for by DCPS to renovate the playground beginning in the March – April time frame, but no contract is in

place at this time. Plans are to cover the play area, after the hazards are removed, with a suitable artificial surface. In addition to renovation of the playground a formal path from Davis Place to the west side of the playground will be installed, without causing the loss of any trees. Some of the enhancements to the playground area will be funded by the Stoddert PTA.

There was no one in attendance from 2nd District MPD, so there is no police report.

Open Discussion:

Commissioner Joe Fiorillo, 3B01, reported that an agreement with DCPS has confirmed that June 7, 2014 will be the 25th Annual Glover Park Day celebration. Renovation to the playground area at Guy Mason will not begin until after that date.

Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal has reported to ABRA that JPs has rented out their facility to host a so-called "swingers" club the second Saturday of every month, during which only couples and single women can patronize JP's. This may be a violation of their liquor license and she has asked ABRA to investigate.

Commissioner Mary C. Young, 3B04, reported on the success of the Celebrating Seniors event held at the Annunciation Hall on Wednesday February 12, 2014.

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

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

ANC3B – January 2014 Financial Report
(Approved at February 2014 Meeting)
Checking Account

Opening Balance: \$8370.96

Withdrawals: Check #1224 – 01/09/2014, \$2500, Grant Hardy Middle School PTO, Check #1225 - 01/09/2014, \$2027.26, Grant Friends of Glover Park, Check #1226 – 01/09/2014, \$315 DLM Web Management

Deposits: \$32.70 Reimbursed unused grant money Friends of Glover Park

Closing Balance: \$3561.40

Motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Next meeting was stated as being 13 March, 2014 at 7:00PM