

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



ANC3B Minutes  
March 13, 2014 Public Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Chairman Brian Cohen. Commissioner Charles Fulwood, 3B03, was absent, all other commissioners were present.

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

Officer A. Bryant, Second Police District, PSA 204 presented a police report for the last 30 days, 02/11/2014 to 03/13/14. The following are significant to report: 2- Robbery excluding Gun, 2 – Burglary, 9 – Theft, 17 – Theft from auto, 3 – Stolen auto. There was a 22% decrease in the total crime from the same period last year. Officer Bryant, in response to a question from the floor, provided additional information in regards to a pick-up truck that collided with 10 parked vehicles late at night, weekend of March 8-9, on the 4100-4200 blocks of Cathedral Avenue. The driver of the pick-up truck was taken into custody. Officer Bryant told all in attendance that MPD does often monitor Cathedral Avenue with radar to thwart speeders and those running stop signs. He also stated that most people apprehended for speeding or rolling through stop signs live in the neighborhood.

Myra Maultsby, Project Manager from DP Consultants, Inc. introduced Bethany Bezak, Green Infrastructure Planning Coordinator and Seth Charde, Green Infrastructure Planning Coordinator, who represented DC Water and provided the presentation on the Green Infrastructure Plan. The infrastructure planning coordinators explained that most urban environments have 75%-100% impervious ground cover which promotes run-off and thwarts evaporation/transpiration. The planning coordinators also explained that 33% of the DC sewer system is a combined system, meaning that both sanitary waste and storm water (run-off) are carried to the treatment facility in a common pipe. After substantial rains, it becomes necessary to dump mixed sanitary and storm-water into the adjacent waterways like the Anacostia River, Potomac River and Rock Creek, given the Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant cannot handle the volume. Many areas of Glover Park are served by a combined sewer system. DC Water has a Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) to control storms water run-off and prevent the necessity to dump mixed sanitary and storm water into our waterways. The LTCP is constructing additional tunnels and diversions to route sewer and storm water to the Blue Plains Treatment Plant. As of 2014, the LTCP will include utilizing Green Infrastructure (GI) to control run-off into storm drains and reduce the burden on the tunnels, pumping stations and treatments plant. GI includes installing bio-retention/ rain gardens, permeable pavement, utilizing native plant landscaping, green roofs, installing cisterns and rain barrels and planting vegetated swales. All the initiatives of the LTCP including GI are funded by rates paid by household on their sewer bill. To ensure that sewer rates paid by property owners do not rise as rapidly as currently planned, DC Water has recommended deferring the time line to completion of the projects to 2032. This

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3B01 N. GLOVER PARK JOE FIORILLO	3B02 E. GLOVER PARK JACKIE BLUMENTHAL	3B03 W. GLOVER PARK CHARLES FULWOOD	3B04 CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS MARY C. YOUNG	3B05 S. GLOVER PARK BRIAN A. COHEN
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deferment would mean that a typical owners sewerage costs (a current rate of about \$500 per year) would be about \$1000 in 2025. Through ongoing construction projects DC Water has reduced combined sewer overflow volume (CSO) by 40% between 1996 and 2013. The infrastructure planning coordinators mentioned the use of modeling of predicted rainfall so that the LTCP would meet required goals. Chairman Brian Cohen, ANC3B, questioned the coordinators to ensure that these weather pattern models were being updated based upon the impacts of climate change, which will have a significant impact on rainfall patterns. The coordinators responded that the use of updated models are not in the current plan. The infrastructure coordinators also answered a question from the floor in regards that green infrastructure will be applied to both public and private areas and encouraged private homeowners to get involved. Additional information about DC Water's Green Infrastructure plan is available at [www.dewater.com/green](http://www.dewater.com/green).

Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal, 3B02, prefaced the Request for Zoning Special Exemption for Renovation Project at 2242 Hall Place by the property owners Kate and Neil Hare by saying she had asked neighbors for comments and all were supportive. John Linam, Jr. Architect, PLLC provided plans of the existing and subsequent changes to the property at 2242 Hall Place Northwest. There was limited discussion from the floor and questioning from ANC commissioners supported the proposed drawing plan that no private or public space would be encroached on by this construction. By a unanimous vote, 4-0, ANC3B supported the Request for the Zoning Special Exemption for Renovation Project at 2242 Hall Place, NW Washington, DC.

Jackie Blumenthal, 3B02, provided information on the Public Space Application for Construction of an Ironwork Fence Leading to the W Place Steps. Jarrett Ferrier has been provided a grant to beautify the cement wall area west of the W Place steps by painting a historically themed, colored mural on the wall. District government has committed to repair the cement work on and adjacent to the existing steps before the mural is painted. This application is to mount an ornate, iron archway on the east side of the entrance to the steps. After discussion and by a unanimous vote, 4-0, ANC3B supported the Public Space Application for Construction of Ironwork Fence Leading to the W Place Steps.

#### Open Discussion:

A question from the floor about making a left turn onto Observatory Circle from Massachusetts Avenue was answered by the fact that ANC3B has passed and forwarded a resolution to DDOT to eliminate the rush hour no left turn restrictions onto Observatory. The foundation of the approved resolution is that Observatory Circle is a connector street for Wisconsin Avenue and Glover Park. The existing restriction forces people to use residential streets in Massachusetts Heights which is hazardous to pedestrians.

ANC Commissioner Joe Fiorillo, 3B01, stated that Stoddert Elementary School is grossly overcrowded and an initiative is being undertaken to have four demountable classrooms positioned adjacent to the school to handle the additional student enrollment.

There was a question from the floor about the renovation of the Guy Mason Center Playground and how this would affect the execution of Glover Park Day after the renovation in the summer of 2014. It was explained that Glover Park Day is one day out of 365 days a year and that planning for

subsequent, post 2014, Glover Park Days would occur after plans for the playground renovation are finalized.

Ricky Davenport, Director of the Glover Park Community Center, reported that the Stoddert Gymnasium would be used as an early voting center, March 22-March 29, excluding Sundays and the gym would be closed during that time frame.

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

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

**ANC3B – February 2014 Financial Report  
(Approved at March 2014 Meeting)**

**Checking Account**

**Opening Balance:** \$3561.40

**Withdrawals:** Check #1223 – 01/09/2014, \$25.00 ANC3B Security Bond

**Deposits:** 0

**Closing Balance:** \$3536.40

Next meeting was stated as being 10 April, 2014 at 7:00PM

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM and was approved by unanimous vote.