

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

January 2012 Meeting Minutes

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. at Stoddert Elementary School and Recreation Center. In attendance were: Commissioners Cohen (05), Blumenthal (02), Thielen (01), and Kreitzman (04), and Fulwood (03).

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to change the agenda, which was approved 5-0. Re-naming of Stoddert Elementary School and a discussion of double-utility poles was added to the agenda, while the resolution to support a community garden on Fulton Street was postponed.

ELECTION OF 2012 ANC 3B OFFICERS

A motion was made to nominate Commissioner Cohen as ANC 3B Chair, Commissioner Blumenthal as Co-Chair, Commissioner Thielen as Secretary, and Commissioner Fulwood as Secretary. The motion was approved 5-0

SECOND DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Lieutenant Neal gave the police report for December 2011. Lieutenant Neal noted that all of Glover Park and Cathedral Heights will still be in PSA-204. In December 2011, there were four robberies in PSA-204, including an armed robbery on Davis Place on December 26. According to Lieutenant Neal, the majority of the recent robberies in Ward 3 have been armed robberies, involving between 1-3 suspects. Police believe that most of the recent robberies are connected and the suspects are using a dark colored Dodge Charger.

Commissioner Thielen asked Lieutenant Neal if the police can increase their presence on New Mexico Avenue, as this is a big stretch that is dark and without streetlights for a significant portion between American University and Glover Park. Commissioner Fulwood noted that it is disturbing that the suspects are using automatic weapons for relatively minor robberies.

NEW BUSINESS

Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium: Commissioner Blumenthal noted that ANC 3B will be seeking comments for the next thirty days about the liquor license moratorium. There will be discussion and a vote on the issue at the February 2012 meeting. The moratorium started in 1996 to prevent an overconcentration of alcohol-serving establishments. There are currently three nightclub licenses in Glover Park (Mason Inn and two nude-dancing establishments). Commissioner Blumenthal noted that 42% of Glover Park's businesses are involved with the sale of alcohol. There are currently two liquor licenses not being used, including the former *Margarita's* license. Commissioner Blumenthal attended an ABC Board hearing in early January about *Margarita's* and reported that the restaurant isn't going back into business. The

ABC Board said that *Margarita's* has to make progress selling the license or they will have it revoked. There is also a vacant license at the former *Town Hall* location (*Town Hall* bought its license from *Blue Ridge*). The building formerly occupied by *JP's* at 2414 Wisconsin Avenue is for lease, which Commissioner Blumenthal said may mean that the nude dancing establishment will never reopen in Glover Park.

Commissioner Cohen noted that the liquor license moratorium is a blunt instrument, that the ANC can expand the number of licenses but cannot control the entities that are given licenses once they are available. He said that the ANC can expand the moratorium by a certain amount and that the ANC is interested in hearing what the neighborhood has to say.

Double Utility Poles: Commissioner Cohen met with a representative from PEPCO to discuss double utility poles (new poles next to old poles). Mr. Cohen, along with Glover Park resident Mitch Wander, convened a group with representatives from PEPCO, Verizon, RCN and other service providers to inventory and move the old poles over the next six to 12 months. The initial inventory revealed over 40 double telephone poles in the neighborhood.

OLD BUSINESS

Glover Park Transportation Plan: Commissioner Cohen noted that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) originally wanted to get the contract out for the Wisconsin Avenue streetscape improvements by the end of November/early December but there have been issues with a subcontractor that have delayed this.

Stoddert Elementary School and Glover Park Community Center: The DC Council approved legislation changing the name of Stoddert Elementary to Stoddert Elementary School and Glover Park Community Center. This is awaiting the Mayor's approval.

One Glover Park resident inquired about why the elevators in the community center don't operate in the evenings. Commissioner Cohen promised to address this issue with Principal Cuthbert of Stoddert Elementary, who controls the elevators.

OPEN FORUM

Bus Shelter for Wisconsin Avenue and Fulton Street: Glover Park resident, Ed Rockefeller, spoke before the ANC to request a bus shelter for the 30s bus stop at Wisconsin Avenue and Fulton Street. Mr. Rockefeller noted he rides the bus five days per week. DDOT said there was not enough space at the Wisconsin and Fulton stop. Mr. Rockefeller measured the width to the curb at this stop and it is consistent with width of other stops in the area that have bus shelters. Commissioner Thielen promised to address this issue.

PEPCO power outages: Glover Park resident, Sheila Meehan inquired about the recent power outages in Glover Park. She would like PEPCO to post information about outage events in an accessible place on the PEPCO website.

N8 bus route: One resident inquired about whether there will be a replacement for the N8 bus. There is presently no plan for a replacement.

ADMINISTRATIVE

ANC schedule: Commissioner Cohen noted that for 2012, ANC 3B will continue meeting the second Thursday of every month, except for August. Commissioner Blumenthal proposed that ANC 3B meeting at Guy Mason a few times per year. A final decision was not made on the location change, due to concerns about confusion in the community regarding meeting locations. The schedule, with locations to be discussed was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Participation in ANC Security Fund: The authorization of funds to participate in the ANC Security Fund (an insurance fund protecting the ANC financial allotment) was approved by a vote of 5-0.

December 2011 Financial Statement: For December 2011, the opening balance was \$4,450.99. There were no withdrawals or deposits for the month and the closing balance was \$4,450.99.

Fiscal Year 2012 1st Quarter Financial Statement: For the period from October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, there was an opening balance of \$1,170.93. The ANC quarterly allotment was \$5,776.18. The total funds available was \$8,947.11 There were grants totaling \$4,208.00, petty cash reimbursements for \$188.12, and \$100.00 for the purchase of ANC website services. The total disbursements for the FY2012 first quarter was \$4,496.12. The ending balance was \$4,450.99.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:10 PM.