

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



ANC3B Minutes
July 10, 2014 Public Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Brian Cohen. Commissioner Blumenthal, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Fiorillo were present.

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

Davali LLC appeared before ANC3B to gain support for a liquor license at an existing restaurant at The Westchester, 4000 Cathedral Avenue. The previous owner is retiring and Davali LLC is seeking a new license for that location. Chairman Brian Cohen stated that the ANC3B website has received over 100 emails in support of this license since this meeting agenda item was posted. Commissioner Blumenthal reported that the license is outside the Glover Park liquor license moratorium area. The license will support a full service, dine-in restaurant that has existed at that facility for many years. A motion was made and seconded and approved by a unanimous 4-0 vote to support the new liquor license at The Westchester.

George Saletti, a former homeless gentleman representing Friendship Place in their request for a \$2,500 grant from the ANC 3B spoke at the July 2014 ANC 3B meeting. A complete application for this grant was submitted to the ANC one week prior to the public meeting. George related his own personal experiences coping with being homeless and the food, housing and medical support programs that Friendship Place provides. He mentioned the Anne Frank House which focuses on the homeless with disabilities. George is a Consumer Counselor Member on the Board of Directors, a position that allows him to keep the executive director of Friendship Place informed of how to better the organization services. The requested grant would be focused on Friendship's AimHire job placement program. A motion was made and seconded and approved by a unanimous 4-0 vote to provide Friendship Place, 4652 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016 with a \$2500 grant.

Lieutenant Neal, Second Police District, presented a police report for the last 30 days, 06/10/2014 to 07/10/14. The following are significant to report: 1- Homicide, 1-Robbery Excluding Gun, 6 – Burglary, 20 – Theft, 4 – Theft from auto, 1 – Stolen auto. There was an 8% decrease in the total crime from the same period last year. The one homicide occurred in the alley behind the Good Guys club. The police are still investigating this homicide and questions from those in attendance were in regards to if the victim was a regular at Good Guys and if there is any security camera footage available to support the investigation. Lieutenant Neal reported the number of thefts, 20, is 25% increase over the same period last year. He emphasized that all residents should lock doors and windows when leaving their home regardless of how short their intended away time maybe. All DC residents should be aware that MPD has a list serve on Yahoo Groups that provides information in regards to incidents that happened, arrests and safety alerts.

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N. GLOVER PARK	E. GLOVER PARK	W. GLOVER PARK	CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS	S. GLOVER PARK
JOE FIORILLO	JACKIE BLUMENTHAL	VACANT	MARY C. YOUNG	BRIAN A. COHEN

Mr. George Brenkert, representing concerned neighbors on Fulton Street and Mr. Guy Prudhomme, developer for the properties at 3915 and 3919 Fulton Street presented themselves before the ANC to provide updates on the razing of the single family home on each location and developing three story condos on each lot. The initial request before the ANC was to request a zoning exemption to allow single family houses at 3915 and 3919 Fulton Street NW be razed. At the June 2014 ANC3B Public Meeting, ANC3B deadlocked in a vote, 2-2, on the request. At a subsequent BZA hearing, no final vote was executed and the BZA directed the neighbors and developer to try and reconcile their differences. Chairman Cohen prefaced this agenda item by noting the ANC 3B would not be voting again on this issue and clearly stated that the ANC was looking for a quick update and not a sustained litigation session on the matter. Mr. Brenkert, stated that at the previous hearing, members of the BZA stated it was impossible to decide this issue without more dialogue between the neighbors and developer. The neighbors expressed at this meeting to Mr. Prudhomme that there were still concerns with the design not fitting in with existing neighborhood architecture. Some in attendance spoke against the fiber cement board that is a part of the design. Mr. Prudhomme responded that he had met with the neighbors after the initial BZA hearing and has directed his architect to make changes that would appease the neighbors. Mr. Prudhomme clearly stated that he can still utilize his "by right" option and demolish most of the two existing structures and build apartments without any required exemption. Commissioner Blumenthal stated that the architect and developer were actively trying to make changes that would please the neighbors. Chairman Cohen closed this agenda item by requesting both parties continue to engage in talks to reach an amicable agreement before the next BZA hearing.

Brian Cohen, Chairman ANC3B, introduced a Co-President of the Stoddert Elementary School PTA, MaryClare Claud, who addressed those in attendance about the installation of demountable classrooms on the parking lot at Stoddert School which will cause a loss of approximately 16 teacher parking spaces; as a result half of the Stoddert teachers will be without parking. Discussion centered around the demographics of the Glover Park population which has caused a substantial influx of students to this neighborhood school. Stoddert School is not readily accessible to a Metro stop making it difficult for teachers to arrive at school on time if they do not have parking. Teachers at Stoddert generally arrive at school by 8 AM and depart around 4 PM. The majority of teachers do not have Zone 3 Reciprocity Stickers to park on the streets for greater than 2 hours. ANC3B Commissioner Joe Fiorillo stated that this is not a short term problem given that the initial, demountable classrooms at Stoddert School were in-place and in-use for approximately 12 years before the school was renovated and the community center added. A motion was made, seconded and approved by a 4-0 majority vote that ANC3B "Supports and asks DDOT to provide Stoddert Elementary School, annually, until parking spaces on-site are returned to use for teachers and administrators, parking on neighborhood streets between 8AM and 4PM or to identify other accommodations that can be made to ensure that teachers and administrators who need parking can park close to Stoddert during school hours."

Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal provided information about the upcoming repairs and installation of sidewalks on Tunlaw Road. Commissioner Blumenthal highlighted the completion of the re-engineering of the intersection at 37th Street and Tunlaw Road which was part of the Wisconsin Avenue upgrades and improvements. This next initiative will install sidewalks on the West side of the 2000-2100 block of Tunlaw Road where no sidewalks have existed. The stairs that connect Tunlaw

Road and 37th Street, at the West end of W Place, will be repaired. Once the stairs and sidewalk work is completed, the roadway between W Place and the intersection will be re-surfaced. Repair of the stairs will facilitate the installation of a wrought iron archway at the top of the stairs and the painting of a mural at the bottom facing 37th Street by local artist Jarrett Ferrier. A motion was made, seconded and by a 4-0 unanimous vote, ANC3B approves and supports the DDOT renovations at 2000-2100 Tunlaw Road and the repairs of the W Place stairs.

Tom Quinn, ANC3E04, presented himself before ANC3B to gain support of a resolution to ask the DC Council to pass the Renewable Energy Portfolio Act of 2013 that has been in front of the DC Council for over 14 months. The Renewable Energy Portfolio Act of 2013, would if passed by Council, give tax credits to homeowners and businesses that get power from clean energy sources like solar energy. The act would stress the use of renewable energy sources and establish a cut-off date for the use of power sources that derive their potential from hydrocarbon based fuels. After discussion by ANC3B and those in attendance, a motion was made, seconded and approved to support the resolution in regards to The Renewable Energy Portfolio Act of 2013, by a 4-0 unanimous vote.

Tom Quinn, ANC3E04, presented himself before ANC3B to gain support of The Coal Fired Power Prohibition Act of 2013. The act would prohibit the Capitol Power Plant from using coal as an alternative power source. Commissioner Cohen stated that because he was employed by the U.S. House of Representatives, which would be affected by the Act, he was recusing himself from voting or discussion on this issue. Mr. Quinn stated that the burning of coal caused severe health issues and was a common practice at the Capitol Power Plant. Commissioner Joe Fiorillo ANC3B01 stated that the Capitol Power Plant had shifted predominantly to using natural gas as a fuel and recently received all the required permitting from the Department of Energy to utilize a gas turbine powered, co-generation process to generate electricity and steam. It was stated that coal is not the predominant fuel, but the use of coal was being influenced by politicians on Capitol Hill from coal producing states. A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to approve the resolution for The Coal Fired Power Prohibition Act of 2013, the vote was 2- Ayes (Commissioners Blumenthal and Young), 1-Nay (Commissioner Fiorillo) and Chairman Brian Cohen recused himself. Commissioner Young, 3B04, made a motion to table any further discussion of The Coal Fired Power Prohibition Act of 2013 at this meeting and recommended that it be addressed again at a subsequent meeting. The motion to table further discussion was approved by a unanimous 4-0 vote.

Open Forum:

Chairman Brian Cohen, ANC 3B05, announced that after 8 years as a member of the ANC, he would not be seeking re-election. He stated that all interested candidates should register at The Board of Election and Ethics no later than August 6, 2014.

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

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

The 3rd Quarter Financial reported was presented and approved by a 4-0 unanimous vote.

ANC3B – June 2014 Financial Report
(Approved at July 2014 Meeting)

Checking Account

Opening Balance: \$1904.86

Checks: #1227 in the Amount of \$99.66, Plaque for Charles Fulwood, Outgoing Commissioner

Debit: \$71.99 Client Analysis Service Charge-mandatory by DC Auditor

Credit: \$2399.08 – 2014 Quarterly Allotment from DC Auditor

Closing Balance: \$4132.29

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM and was approved by unanimous vote.