

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



ANC3B Minutes
June 13, 2013 Public Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Brian Cohen. All ANC3B commissioners were present.

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

Alex Sanders of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, an all volunteer organization, provided information about their initiative to preserve the hiking trails, especially the Whitehaven Trail that runs from Wisconsin Avenue, across 37th Street and merges with the Glover - Archbold Park Trail. He stated that the trails are eroded by storm water run-off which widens the trails and affects the surrounding flowers and foliage. Mr. Sanders requested \$2284.60 grant from ANC3B to purchase lumber, reinforcing bar and fill dirt to rehabilitate the trails and water bars, that are installed to impede erosion. The intent is to raise and narrow the existing trail to provide a stronger trail foundation. There was positive discussion about this initiative and request for a \$2284.60 grant was approved by a unanimous vote.

Lt. Neal, Metropolitan Police Department Second District, presented a police report and commented that the overall crime rate for Second District continues to drop. He reported that as of June 5th, 2013, there was 1-robbery with a gun, 3-burglaries, 16-thefts, 1-sexual assault, 5-thefts from autos and 2-stolen autos. He cautioned that vehicle vandalism continues in the area around Cathedral Avenue and Belleview Terrace. Cars were scratched, windows knocked out and items like mirrors and antennas ripped from the vehicles. There were an additional nine incidents of vehicle vandalism since the initial report on May 5th. Lt. Neal stated that they are monitoring a neighborhood group house and there maybe multiple suspects. He reminded everyone to ensure that they keep windows and doors closed and locked to thwart crime. He was asked about using additional traffic control and cameras on 42nd Street to control running stop signs.

Rich Markus Architects and Zak Elysai (Tenant Owner) presented their plan to develop the property at 2140 Wisconsin Ave. NW into condominiums. They presented themselves in a request to the ANC3B to consider a Zoning Variance request, for relief from the mandatory parking minimums for the development, which would require three parking spots. Mr. Markus and Mr. Elysai indicated that while they had access to two parking spots behind the proposed building, it would be difficult and expensive, if not impossible, to find a location for a third spot. Making space for such a spot would potentially require a curb cut and driveway on Wisconsin Ave. There were questions and discussion about why mandatory parking minimums were in place and if the resident of the building would be entitled to Zone 3 Reciprocity Parking Permits (RPP). Michael Fabrikant, Ward 3 Liaison, Office of Neighborhood Engagement at DC Government was in attendance for the discussion about the

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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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parking minimums. He volunteered to find out if the residents of this new building would be entitled to Zone 3 RPP. Many in attendance questioned the use of the parking lot behind the building and if it was prudent both financially and structurally to install underground parking as part of the construction process. Some in attendance expressed their beliefs that additional residents with vehicles would overflow and park on the streets in an already impacted street parking neighborhood. Commissioner Cohen expressed his views in that, in its current condition, the vacant lot was an eyesore, and that, even if it did not meet all current zoning requirements, the new building would be a significant improvement for the community. After consideration and discussion by all, the ANC3B supported by a 4-1 vote (Commissioners Cohen, Blumenthal, Fulwood and Fiorillo voting in favor, and Commissioner Young voting against) the Zoning Variance Request for Relief from the mandatory parking minimums at 2140 Wisconsin Ave. NW.

Jackie Blumenthal, SMD 3B02, provided an update on the challenge by the ANC3B that the renovation of JPs amounted to a substantial change and warranted greater consideration by ABRA before releasing the license from safekeeping. The first challenge was denied by a 3-0 vote by ABRA. However, ABRA re-considered and voted to have a fact finding hearing on 19 June 2013, regarding the substantial change at JPs.

Councilman Evans, with support of ANC2E, suggested that DDOT change the traffic on 35th Street, between Whitehaven and Wisconsin Avenue, from one-way south, to two way traffic, and DDOT has indicated they are likely to make this change. ANC3B has proposed a resolution on DDOT's proposal to make 35th Street two-way at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue. ANC3B has asked DDOT in the resolution to ensure that a thorough study of the issue be completed and provided to concerned ANCs before actual work is accomplished. The resolution further expresses concern for the Georgetown Circulator bus stop, pedestrian crosswalks, the addition of traffic lights and the removal of a traffic light at Wisconsin and Whitehaven, all of which should be considered by DDOT before changes are accomplished. After positive discussion by all in attendance the resolution was passed by a unanimous vote.

ANC3B presented a resolution to support the opening of the Guy Mason Recreation Center on Sundays. This resolution was the outcome of a request made to Mayor Gray by Paula Miller and John Kerr, both of whom are active in the ceramics program at Guy Mason. There was positive discussion on this resolution and all agreed it would provide an additional outlet for all demographic groups and foster activities on the grounds of the recreation center on Sunday. It was reported that Friends of Guy Mason is in full support of this initiative. The resolution was passed by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal updated the status of the Mason Inn application to install a roof top deck at their existing location and the ensuing protests to this application by ANC3B, GPCA, ANC3C and a neighborhood group of 19 local residents. Commissioner Blumenthal stated that the neighborhood group, in protest of the application and the ANC, worked out a tentative agreement with the Mason Inn to include closing the deck at 11:30 PM, Sunday through Wednesday, and midnight Thursday through Saturday, no more than 3 TV sets, all on mute and turned off at 10 PM, no music or speakers of any kind, double doors to keep the inside noise from leaking outside and a hotline numbers for neighbors to call. Currently the issue that remains to be accomplished, is the approval of plans for a wall on the back and sides of the roof that is as high as the existing residence

behind Mason Inn. The wall must be constructed of sound absorbent material. Once plans for this wall are submitted and approved by ABRA then construction of this roof top deck can begin.

Open Discussion:

It was reported that very little construction has occurred at the 37th Street and Tunlaw Road location. It was stated that there were issues with the plans that the contractor received and the contractor had delays on other projects due to the heavy rains.

Mary Young, SMD 3B04, thanked the help provided by Dee Smith of Councilmember Mary Cheh's office in facilitating and solving several issues in her single member district.

Anthony Cassillo, Constituent Services Specialist, Councilmember Cheh's office was in attendance and introduced himself to the ANC and all in attendance.

Minutes of the May 2013 meeting were presented. Motion was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote to accept the minutes of the May 2013, ANC3B Public Meeting.

May 2013 Financial Report was presented. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the ANC3B May 2013 Financial Report provided below.

ANC3B – June 2013 Financial Report (Approved at July 2013 Meeting)

Checking Account

Opening Balance: \$5091.08

Withdrawals: Check #1217-\$2284.60 to Appalachian Trail Club Grant

Deposits: None

Closing Balance: \$2806.48

Next meeting was stated as being July11, 2013 at 7:00PM

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM and was approved by unanimous vote.