

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



ANC3B Minutes
May 9, 2013 Public Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Brian Cohen. All ANC3B commissioners were present.

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

Healthy Living, Inc. provided information about their program at Jelleff Recreation Center that focuses on eating healthy, following a well balanced diet and understanding nutritional needs. They requested a \$ 680 grant from ANC3B, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

Jackie Blumenthal, SMD 3B02, presented a resolution supporting Dumbarton Oaks. The resolution is focused at the public part of the park, outside the fenced area, which is being damaged by evasive plants, run-off/erosion and lack of maintenance. This area is a part of Rock Creek Park and the resolution will be used as support for future grant applications to ensure this area is better maintained and protected. The resolution was discussed, no disagreements were heard and the resolution was passed by a unanimous vote.

Mercy Morganfield, AARP DC State President, along with several from her staff, discussed AARP's initiative to ensure DC is an "Age Friendly City." It was stated that AARP DC strongly supports the Aging In Place Initiative, supported the Affordable Healthcare Act, challenged PEPCO in regards to proposed rate increases, interacts with city agencies to ensure transportation needs of senior are being met and works closely with the DC Department of Health and Human Services. They also stated that some funding for the AARP comes from private donations, the annual \$16 per year membership and profits from ASI, a company that sells products designed to make senior life easier. DC AARP applauds the success and initiatives of Glover Park Village, which is our own "in-house" organization focusing on the needs of seniors.

Lt. Neal, Metropolitan Police Department Second District, presented a police report and commented that overall crime this year is down. Since the last report he offered the following Second District numbers: 2 robberies, 1 robbery with a gun, 2 burglaries, 4 thefts from autos, 1 stolen auto, 1 sexual assault. He reported that on May 5th, between the hours of 12 AM -3AM, in the area around Cathedral Avenue and Bellview Terrace, several cars were damaged by vandals. The cars were scratched, windows knocked out and items like mirrors and antennas ripped from the vehicles. Lt. Neal reported that 2nd District would increase patrols in this area. Some attendees reported that the wooded areas along Cathedral Avenue provide cover for vandals determined to commit such crimes. Lt. Neal was also made aware that rush hour traffic parking restrictions along Wisconsin Ave. need to be continually enforced to ensure traffic flow.

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John Snedden owner of Rocklands, came to the meeting to answer question regarding his expansion into the adjacent building currently being rented by Max's Best Ice Cream. Mr. Snedden reported that he had indeed signed a lease as of Monday, May 6, 2013, to assume the lease of the property that Max's Best Ice Cream currently occupies. John stated that evidently the landlord did not want to renew Max's lease and stated so by letter to Max on May 3, 2013. John stated that the landlord was looking to maximize their investment and obtain a better return on investment. John was asked if he could sublet to Max and he stated the current lease agreement did not allow him to sublet, however the controlling person is the property owner. The ANC was questioned about a resolution in support of Max' Best Ice Cream. Commissioner Cohen indicated that a resolution would have no effect or impact, as this is entirely a dispute between private parties and there is no District agency, board or commission that this can be referred to for adjudication. It was stated by many in attendance that both Max's Best Ice Cream and Rocklands have been valued members of the community for over 20 years and hopefully a legal, neighborly agreement could be reached by the parties involved. Commissioner Cohen indicated that he would attempt to contact the landlords, Bassin family, to invite them to the June ANC meeting.

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), prompted by long-standing ANC concerns about safety issues related to D1 buses idling in front of the Stoddert School building, presented a proposal to eliminate two bus stops around the perimeter of Stoddert Elementary School and the Glover Park Community Center. It was proposed that the stop at 41st and Calvert and Calvert and Davis Pl. be removed. The proposal also designated a layover space for the buses at either Tunlaw Road, adjacent to the Russian Embassy or 41st. Street and Davis Place. There was much discussion of the alternatives of the aforementioned presentation. In particular, ANC3B heard extensive concerns about eliminating the bus stop at 41st and Calvert, given that it is the closest bus stop for those that live in southwest Glove Park. ANC3B heard additional concerns about creating a layover location at 41st Street and Davis Place. Based on these discussions, ANC3B unanimously passed a resolution that called for the layover location to be located on Tunlaw Rd. near the Russian Embassy. This layover location would also serve as a boarding location for the D1 bus route. The resolution also stated the bus stop at 39th Street and Davis Place would be removed due to the close proximity to the bus stop at 39th and Calvert.

Paul Hoffmann, DDOT, updated the progress of the construction, on the intersection of 37th and Tunlaw. He stated that the construction start date was May 29th and that appropriate signs north and south of the area on Tunlaw Road would alert traffic to the same. He anticipates that once started the construction will take about one month. He made all aware that cars will be detoured going northbound on 37th, but that this would not affect D1 and D2 buses. There is an initiative to re-time the traffic light at Wisconsin Ave. and Whitehaven, given that this will be a detour route for buses. As stated at previous ANC meeting the goal of the construction at 37th and Tunlaw is to re-configure the intersection to enhance the safety of vehicles and pedestrians.

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. 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, a hotline numbers for neighbors to call, and a new sound-blocking wall encasing the entire rear and sides of the deck. Once all details are confirmed regarding the wall material, the agreement will be submitted to ABRA for approval.

There was a motion made to provide a \$2500 payment to Carlton Fletcher to research and write the history of Cathedral Heights, similar to the work he completed for GloverParkHistory.com. There was brief and positive discussion on this motion and it was approved by unanimous vote.

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

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

ANC3B – April 2013 Financial Report (Approved at May 2013 Meeting)

Checking Account

Opening Balance: \$8117.33

Withdrawals: Check #1211-\$200.00 to Acousti Sonics LLC for Review Mason Inn Sound Report; Check #1213-\$2500.00 to DC Greens

Voided Checks: Check #1212 - \$148.00 was accidentally destroyed.

Deposits: \$71.04 Bank corrected an error they made last month.

Un-cleared Check: Check #1214-\$148.00 to U.S. Post Office for Box Rental.

Closing Balance: \$5488.37

Next meeting was stated as being June 13, 2013 at 7:00PM

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM and was approved by unanimous vote.