

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



ANC3B Minutes
November 14, 2013 Public Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Brian Cohen. ANC3B03 Commissioner Charles Fulwood was absent due to medical issues. All other commissioners were present.

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

Chairman Brian Cohen informed all that the Resolution on Expanding Access to Verizon Low-Cost Telephone Service would not be acted upon by ANC3B. ANC3B was informed earlier this week that another governmental agency had acted on this initiative and ANC3B was in acceptance of their actions.

Discussion of the Results of the Wisconsin Avenue Streetscape Survey and the upcoming Public Oversight Roundtable on The Wisconsin Avenue Upgrade/Streetscape Project was informative and many in attendance offered their opinions. Chairman Cohen opened the discussion by stating that the Wisconsin Avenue Streetscape project was completed about one year ago. The intent of the project was to make the Wisconsin Avenue corridor in Glover Park more advantageous to commercial enterprise and safer for pedestrians and motorists. The Streetscape included improved street lights, wider sidewalks and significant lane changes to both the north and south Wisconsin Avenue corridor through the Glover Park commercial district. Since project completion, there has been controversy about the lane changes, and whether they are causing backups of north and southbound traffic on Wisconsin Avenue through Glover Park and problems with cut-through traffic. ANC3B conducted an online survey, publicized via the Glover Park Gazette, ANC3B website and email list, Glover Park email list-serve and the *Northwest Current* asking for opinions and suggestions in regards to the traffic flow on Wisconsin Avenue. Approximately 275 people, residing in ANC3B, responded to the survey and the majority are not happy with the results of the Streetscape. Approximately 2 of every 3 people who replied to the survey requested the return of the previous three lanes north and three lanes south on Wisconsin Avenue through Glover Park. Several in attendance attributed some of the slow traffic flow to illegal parking by delivery trucks along Wisconsin Avenue and the lack of enforcement in ticketing these vehicles. A business owner of a Glover Park restaurant stated that since the Streetscape was implemented, his business has declined. Some in attendance stated that a return to six lanes of traffic should be tempered by installation of traffic calming/slowing measures. Chairman Cohen concluded the Streetscape discussion by stating that ANC3B would act on the survey results and the comments of constituents and would testify accordingly at the Public Oversight Roundtable on The Wisconsin Avenue Upgrade/Streetscape Project, Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Guy Mason Recreation Center.

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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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Lieutenant Neal, Metropolitan Police Department Second District, PSA 204 presented a police report and commented that the overall crime rate for Second District for the period between 10/13/2013 and 11/12/2013 has shown a 12% decrease. Over the last 30 days there have been no homicides or robberies with a gun. Lt. Neal reported for the period from October 13 to November 12, in PSA 204, the following occurred: 0-Sex Abuse, 1-Robbery without Gun, 5-Burglaries, 11-Theft, 5-Theft from Autos, 0-Stolen Auto. Lt. Neal emphasized that burglaries had increased 150% from the same period last year; 2-burglaries 10/13/2012 to 11/12/2102 to 5 burglaries in the same period this year. Lt. Neal reminded everyone in attendance that ensuring doors and windows are locked is an important deterrent to burglars. He was informed of a complaint about lewd and inappropriate behavior outside of JPs, and he responded that he would look into it. Lt. Neal stated that the police do have a detail in the area of JPs Friday and Saturday night.

Jackie Blumenthal, 3B02, reported that JPs did not present themselves on October 23 at the ABRA hearing in regards to the substantial change challenge that would have permitted the use of private alcoves and tabletop stages.. The representative for JPs wrote a letter of apology to ABRA stating his reason for not appearing and requesting that the clubs application for a substantial changed be reinstated. On November 13, ABRA voted to deny the written request for reinstatement which compels JPs to begin a new application process if they so desire to allow the sale of private dances to patrons.

Jackie Blumenthal, 3B02, described how the ANC has reached out to the community to receive input on Good Guys license renewal process via the Glover Park listserve, her own constituency listserve and in the Glover Park Gazette, which is delivered to all residents. She also noted that the ABC Board had ruled in a protest of JP's renewal in 2011 that nude dancing is not appropriate in Glover Park prior to 5 PM. Because the Commission agrees that nude dancing establishments are not appropriate in Glover Park and needs to record that position when asked to weigh-in on whether or not Good Guys license should be renewed, Commissioner Blumenthal presented a Resolution to Protest Renewal of Good Guys Liquor License on Grounds of Appropriateness. After the resolution was read, Chairman Brian Cohen solicited responses from those in attendance. Mr. Ben Zanganeh, owner of Good Guys, provided all ANC commissioners in attendance with copies of previous ANC actions in regards to approving Good Guys license and also a list of charitable donations made by Good Guys to many Glover Park entities. Jim Lively, a longtime, and now former Glover park resident, spoke about the lunch menu and entertainment he has enjoyed at Good Guys for over 30 years. He also cited the many charitable donations Good Guys has made to the community. Another resident stated that no matter how good the food is at Good Guys it is still topless dancing. Paul Holder, the managing partner of Town Hall in Glover Park thought that limiting Good Guys entertainment to after 5 PM, as stated in the proposed ANC resolution, was unfair to an established business model. Mr. Zanganeh's attorney, Andrew Kline, spoke of the many charitable donations that Mr. Zanganeh has made to the community and the many years of operation of Good Guys, which he claimed have been mostly incident free. Mr. Zanganeh spoke of his years of operating Good Guys and his charitable donations to Glover Park and citywide not-for-profit organizations. He challenged the proposed ANC resolution and particularly the suggestion that Good Guys should also be required to limit its entertainment hours until after 5 p.m. He further stated that limiting his entertainment hours would cause drastic financial repercussions to his business and family. Sophia Henry, another longtime, but still current Glover Park resident said that no matter how good a neighbor Mr. Zanganeh may have been, the decision to oppose the license renewal wasn't personal; it was because Good Guys is an undesirable

business. At the conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Brian Cohen called for a vote on the Resolution to Protest Renewal of Good Guys Liquor License on the Grounds of Appropriateness. The proposal was passed by a unanimous vote, 4-0.

Open Discussion:

Commissioner Joe Fiorillo reminded all in attendance of the Annual Holiday Party Toys for Tots, Friday December 13, 2013 at the Glover Park Community Center/Stoddert School. Information would be forthcoming in the Glover Park Gazette.

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

October Financial Report was presented. Motion was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote to accept the ANC3B October 2013 Financial Report provided below.

ANC3B – November 2013 Financial Report (Approved at December 2013 Meeting)

Checking Account

Opening Balance: \$8578.62

Withdrawals: Check #1220 – 11/14/2013, \$140.00 for Annual E-Voice Mail payment

Deposits: 0

Closing Balance: \$8438.62

Next meeting was stated as being 12 December, 2013 at 7:00PM

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM and was approved by unanimous vote.