

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



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ANC-3B Minutes
December 14, 2006

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no changes to the agenda; acceptance of the agenda was seconded and passed 3-0.

Commissioners present

3B01 – Tamela Gordon
3B02 – Charles L. Howe
3B05 – Amy Bowman

Commissioners absent

3B03 – Melissa Lane
3B04 – Howie Krietzman

2ND DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Seventeen crimes were reported in November, 2006: three assaults, three burglaries, five thefts, and three thefts from auto. Three of the assaults were domestic-related. There also was one attempted burglary at 38th and Calvert. December saw 12 reported thefts—mostly from businesses. There was a burglary in the 3800 block of Beecher. The entry points were the front door and rear window.

One of the officers assigned to Glover Park has been reassigned to Cleveland Park to handle a spate of burglaries. He will return to GP soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Fulton Bus Stop. Jeff Jennings, DDoT, reported on the status of the bus stop at Fulton Street. The status of the pedestrian light is still under review. Because of the Oct. 17, 2006, pedestrian accident, and because of the many vehicular accidents at this intersection, there is new hope that a traffic light can be installed in short order. DDoT is still studying the issue. The commission voted 3-0 to table the discussion as to whether to remove the bus stop at Fulton and Wisconsin until the traffic study is completed.

Retail Study. Melissa Bird, Office of Planning, reported that the retail study is complete and that preliminary discussions have begun with the appropriate agencies. Improvements

will start with street-scaping. Commissioner Gordon presented a resolution to support the finding of the Glover Park Commercial District Analysis (attached). The resolution passed 3-0.

Update On The Stoddert Recreation Center. David Janifer and Jackie Stanley from DPR presented an update. A representative from the Temple was in attendance as well. Mr. Janifer addressed the issue of the trees on Davis Place: DPR plans to remove 14 trees along Davis Place to accommodate the building because the architect sited the building beyond the existing fence line. Janifer admitted there was a miscommunication between DPR and the architect in regards to the old-growth trees on Davis Place but he stated that because of budget concerns it was unlikely that DPR would take action to save the trees.

Several members of the audience expressed concern about the grading of the building and its effect on the health of the trees—both on Davis Place and surrounding the tot lot and alongside the existing driveway. Comments were made that the community would like to leave the existing driveway the way it is. Janifer cited potential problems with the regulatory agencies, but promised an update at the next meeting.

Commissioner Gordon stated that many of the trees slated for removal are protected under the District's new tree law and asked whether DPR had to go through an approval process to remove the trees in question. Janifer responded, yes. He also promised a copy of the arborist report by mid-January.

Commissioner Howe asked that DPR provide the commission with visuals at future meetings so we can see exactly which trees are to be removed.

Commissioner Gordon asked about the schedule. Janifer reported: 50% design stage by mid-January, submit permits in January, 100% design by April, request building permits in June, construction begins July. The budget for this project is now \$12 million.

Mr. Janifer also stated that most of the trees in question would die anyway because of stressors during construction. An audience member asked when the tree protection program will begin and is there written documentation of the program. An audience member raised concerns about the health of the old-growth trees on the Calvert side of the building and surrounding the tot lot. Commissioner Gordon stated that the tree protection program and documentation needs to be addressed and asked DPR to comment. Janifer stated that the arborist will add grading issues to his reported and begin addressing the tree protection issues.

Commissioner Gordon asked about the MOU with DCPS. Janifer responded that DPR is still developing the MOU, and they are still in preliminary talks. DPR wants to wait until they are at 50% design before an MOU is signed.

Another audience member asked about rat abatement during construction. DPR stated that they will write a rat abatement clause into the specs. DPR also stated that they are not responsible for street cleaning; that is the onus of the contractor.

When asked about Guy Mason, Jackie Stanley stated that DPR requested funding for Guy Mason, but it was rejected. However, they would like to start looking to fixing some of the issues with the roof in about six months.

NEW BUSINESS

Guy Mason Baseball Grant Request. \$2,500 for general expenses and maintenance. Motion passed 3-0.

Maintenance of Guy Mason Recreation Center. Commissioner Gordon made a motion for the ANC to write the Inspector General, the DC Auditor, and the Council to address the lack of budget for maintenance of Guy Mason. Motion was made, seconded, and passed 3-0.

Bath Ruth Baseball Grant Request. \$3,000 to outfit Glover Park youth teams and the pay for umpires. Motion was made, seconded, and passed 3-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Treasurer's Report. The bank balance is \$25,927.53.

OPEN FORUM. None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gordon asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE GLOVER PARK COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ANALYSIS**

Whereas, the Glover Park neighborhood is a stable community with a mix of families, young professionals, students and older residents in a mix of housing types.

Whereas, the Glover Park community is primarily served by the Glover Park commercial district on Wisconsin Avenue between Calvert Street and Whitehaven Parkway and this area is considered distinct from Georgetown and Woodley Park.

Whereas the Glover Park commercial district is an essential part of the Glover Park neighborhood and greater community and should be welcoming, attractive and pedestrian friendly as a neighborhood-serving retail center.

Whereas Glover Park lacks a metro station and has limited on-street parking, the focus of current and future retail should be primarily neighborhood-serving in both scope and size.

Whereas, despite the many positive attributes of the Glover Park Commercial District, the study has concluded that there are many improvements to the physical appearance that should be either implemented or further studied that would create a more vibrant and pedestrian-friendly district to better serve the Glover Park community.

Whereas, the Commercial District receives a significant amount of foot traffic from the surrounding neighborhood, improvements to sidewalks and crosswalks to address safety and access issues are a priority.

Whereas, while the Commercial District businesses are stable and balanced, there are ongoing issues with empty storefronts or unattractive storefronts and the formation of a Merchants Association will provide a vehicle to educate business owners, promote the corridor within the community and act as a liaison to the ANC.

Whereas, the Office of Planning conducted a 6-month study of the Commercial District that included interviews with business owners, several public meetings and study of the current parking, pedestrian and streetscape conditions that was published and made available on line as “The Glover Park Commercial District Analysis”.

Whereas, the Glover Park Commercial District Analysis includes a short- and long-term implementation of the recommendations over a period of several years by various district agencies to achieve improvements to the streetscaping and business environment of Glover Park.

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 3B supports the recommendations made by the Glover Park Commercial District Analysis to improve the infrastructure and streetscape of the Glover Park Commercial District as well as the additional recommendations as outlined in the Glover Park Commercial District Analysis to improve the management of the Glover Park Commercial District.

Be it also resolved that ANC 3B supports The Glover Park Commercial District Analysis as an appropriate framework that should be used as a guide for future improvements to the Glover Park Commercial District.

Be it further resolved that ANC 3B urges the District of Columbia Government and relevant agencies to reference the Glover Park Commercial District Analysis as a guide to future improvements and work to achieve the ideals put forth in the document both in the execution of regularly scheduled maintenance projects and projects that may be unforeseen at this time.

ADOPTED, December 14, 2006 by a vote of 3 to 0.

We hereby certify this Resolution to be true and correct.

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Tamela Gordon
Chair, ANC 3B

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Charles L. Howe
Secretary, ANC 3B