

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



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ANC-3B Minutes
April 13th, 2006

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:06 pm. Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion was made and accepted to present the briefing on the N8/D2 bus service before the DDOT presentation on a pedestrian signal at Fulton and Wisconsin Avenue.

Commissioners present

3B01 – Tamela Gordon
3B02 – Charles L. Howe
3B03 – Melissa J. Lane
3B04 – Horace Kreitzman
3B05 – Amy Bowman

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Officer Rock gave the police report. Crime is down generally from last month at this time. The program to increase traffic and parking enforcement has been in effect for a few weeks. One officer has been assigned to the neighborhood and he was given out more than 150 tickets since the program started. Also, a new signal was installed in the 3000 block of Porter Street. If cars are going over a certain speed, the light will automatically turn red.

Officer Rock gave the traffic statistics as Officer Baker was detained because he was processing an arrest. Ofc. Baker has issued 124 parking infractions in the last month and given 31 tickets for traffic violations on New Mexico Avenue (2800 block) alone.

Commander Contee of the 2nd District has been moved to special operations. In the interim, Inspector Andrew Solzburg has been named Commander for the 2nd District.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed N8 Bus Service Change and D2 Service. David Erion from WMATA gave an update on plans to change N8 bus service. Ridership statistics show that the route is underutilized on weekends so WMATA is proposing to eliminate weekend runs on this line. The record for public comment is open until May 1. Anyone wishing to submit comments may e-mail them to public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com or fax them to 202.962.1133. The docket number is #B-06-2.

At this time there is no plan to change D2 service even though late night ridership is not very high. If ANC 3B would like WMATA to consider changes to this line, a letter with the proposed changes can be sent to WMATA.

Commissioner Gordon asked about the notoriously poor record of the D2 to adhere to published timetables. Mr. Erion responded that buses are never to leave early and if there are problems with schedules to alert WMATA customer service or Mr. Erion. He also said that new technology will be installed in coming years which will alert riders to the exact time buses are due. The new technology will utilize real-time GPS in buses.

Commissioner Howe asked when the problems with the 32 and 34 buses will be addressed. Mr. Erion said WMATA knew there were several problems with those lines mostly because the routes were so long. One of the proposals is to split those lines into shorter lines so delays may be dissipated.

Commissioner Howe asked Mr. Erion about the broken shelter glass at Fulton and Wisconsin. Mr. Erion noted the problem.

Commissioner Bowman asked how the viability of late night routes was determined. Mr. Erion said that at this point WMATA had not done a comprehensive look at all the late night routes.

Installation of Pedestrian Signal at Fulton Street and Wisconsin Avenue. Jeff Jennings from DDOT addressed the pedestrian safety issue at Fulton and Wisconsin. Commissioner Howe has asked him to look into the installation of a pedestrian crossing signal at that corner to make it safer. Mr. Jennings agreed that the intersection was a safety hazard. He will ask Doug Noble, a DDOT traffic engineer, to look at the intersection and suggest some solutions. There may be a problem getting a light installed there because the intersection is already between two lighted intersections but Mr. Jennings will look into it. Because the intersection is on a principal arterial, FHA regulations make it harder to install signals (i.e., because of their negative effect on traffic flow).

Commissioner Kreitzman asked if the lighted intersections could be timed such that it allowed enough time to cross at the Fulton/Wisconsin Avenue corridor. Mr. Jennings will consider. Commissioner Gordon asked him to bring back alternatives back to ANC 3B when he has them. He agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation on Mayor Williams FY 2007 Budget. Brain Martin and Maryann Floto from the Mayor's office presented the Mayor's planned budget for FY 2007. There are no real program changes from his last budget. Finishes up programs that he has been working on during his two terms. This budget represents the ninth in a row that has been balanced. The District now has an "A" rating. There will be a \$205m reduction which will impact some services.

Federal money is also being cut to the Metropolitan Police Department. This drop could effect 81 officers but rather than terminate this staff, D.C. will use local funds to pay for them. The goal of MPD is to put civilians behind the desks in MPD and put more police officers on the street.

Pepco Rates. Commissioner Howe asked Roger Green from Pepco to come to the May ANC 3B meeting to explain the increase in pepco bills as a consequence of deregulation.

OPEN FORUM:

- Mary Ann Floto announced that Emancipation Day in D.C. is April 15th.
- A general announcement was made about the next Hazardous Waste Day which is scheduled for April 22nd.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Bowman gave the treasurer's report. As of the end of March 2006, the ANC 3B bank balance is \$21,402.93. Commissioner Lane presented a motion to spend \$106 to renew that ANC post office box for a year. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Approval of March 2006 Meeting Minutes. A motion was introduced to pass the March minutes. It was seconded, and passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Gordon asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.