

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



ANC – 3B Minutes
Thursday, April 8, 2010 7 p.m.
Guy Mason Recreation Center

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at Guy Mason. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing no changes, a motion was made to approve the agenda. It was seconded and passed 3-0. Commissioners present:

3B01 – Cathy Fiorillo, absent
3B02 – Jackie Blumenthal
3B03 – Melissa Lane
3B04 – Horace Kreitzman, absent
3B05 – Brian Cohen

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Officers David Baker, david.baker@dc.gov, cell, 410-610-5166, gave the police report. Crime is up from last year at this time primarily because of thefts from auto (up from 6 last year to 21 for the month this year) and stolen autos. Although down in PSA 204, burglaries are up city-wide and MPD will be targeting resources to fight this type of crime.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Components of Glover Park Transportation Study. Christopher Delfs from DDOT and Bill Schulteiss from Tool Design (DDOT contractor) gave an update on implementation of recommendations from the Glover Park Transportation study. The “soft” island (i.e., painted lines rather than concrete hardscape) in the 2100-2400 blocks of Wisconsin Avenue is scheduled to be completed in early Fall; signal timing in these blocks will also be adjusted at that time. The goals are to slow down traffic while keeping the flow steady, to increase pedestrian safety especially in the crosswalks (e.g., the crosswalk at Calvert and Wisconsin is particularly dangerous for pedestrians), and to implement curbside management measures to solve the problem of double-parking. This approach will be evaluated for a year to determine if the goals are being met. C. Delfs and B. Schulteiss both recommended that ANC work on establishing and enforcing regulations for dedicated loading zones to also help traffic flow. C. Delfs is also working on this issue with Glover Park businesses. At the urging of Commissioner Blumenthal, he will work closely with CVS about managing their loading areas on Wisconsin Avenue.

Commissioner Blumenthal asked C. Delfs to check on the schedule for installing the parking kiosks at Holy Rood (i.e., replacing the individual meters). Another issue—where to locate

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the bus stop at Calvert and Wisconsin southbound—is on hold until the issue of the island between 37th, Calvert, and Wisconsin is addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor License Renewal Request for Old Europe. Alex Herold, the manager for Old Europe, represented the restaurant. Commissioner Blumenthal, whose district includes this establishment, asked if there were any objections to renewing this liquor license. None were forthcoming. She presented a motion to approve the renewal of the liquor license for this establishment. It was properly seconded and approved unanimously.

Grant Request from Friendship Place. June Kress, representing Friendship Place, presented a grant to ANC for \$3 thousand to cover costs for a case manager to St. Luke's Men's Shelter. ANC 3B approved a similar request last year and this grant provided services to 11 men at St. Luke's. A motion was made to approve the grant, It was properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

J. Kress also announced two events. On April 20, there will be a presentation on the "Changing Face of Homelessness" at Metropolitan Methodist Church from 7 to 9 pm. All are welcome. On May 20, Friendship Place will be holding a "Neighborhood Breakfast" at Washington Hebrew Congregation from 8:30 to 9:30. All are welcome.

Grant Request from Friends of Fillmore Arts Center. Lisa Lindstrom presented a grant from Friends of Fillmore Arts Center for \$3 thousand to support art education at Fillmore. Fillmore has 1200 students including those from Stoddert Elementary school. Specifically, the grant request includes \$1,500 for summer financial aid and \$1,500 for the Spring Student Visual Art Show. A motion was made to approve the grant, It was properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

Guy Mason Issues: Weekend Trash Pick-up and New Parking Policy. Cleveland Dent represented DPR. In the past couple of months, there has been a problem with trash overflow on the grounds over the weekends. To remedy this problem, DPR has now scheduled an additional trash pick-up for Saturdays.

Over the past several months, there has been a problem with many people parking in the Guy Mason Recreation Center lot who are not using the Center facilities, thus making it difficult for those who are using the Center to park. To address this problem, DPR developed a temporary permit system whereby those using the center must sign-in, get a temporary pass, and exhibit it on their dashboard (these passes must be turned in after use). Parking enforcement is called periodically and those cars who do not have a permit are ticketed. This system will be in place until June when Guy Mason closes to undergo renovation. When it reopens in several months, a more permanent system to control parking will be implemented.

ABC Board Noise Task Force. Commissioner Blumenthal will be the ANC 3B representative to the new "Noise Task Force" established by the ABC Board to come up with measures to address noise issues associated with bars and restaurants. Representatives from business owners and ABC lawyers are also on the task force. Commissioner Blumenthal will periodically report on the activities of this group.

Discussion of ANC 4B Parking Resolution. Commissioner Douglass Sloan from ANC 4B-09 presented a resolution passed by 4B and supported by some other ANCs opposing the increase in parking fees (and other parking restrictions) proposed by the Mayor and passed by City Council. He said that Councilmember Bowser will be holding hearings on the issue in May. Commissioner Sloan's ANC includes the areas in and around Kennedy Street, Brightwood Park and Takoma Park. Parking issues are not as critical a problem as they are in ANC 3B. Commissioner Lane thanked Commissioner Sloan for attending the meeting and presenting his resolution but since only three commissioners were present and parking is a hot-button issue in 3B, she told him no action would be taken on his resolution until all 3B commissioners had a chance to discuss it.

OPEN FORUM

- Commissioner Cohen mentioned that there has been a lack of trash pickup by DPW for the public space trash cans at 39th and Calvert, 39th and Benton, and 39th and W Place. Petar Dimtchev from the Mayor's office said he would contact DPW and get the problem resolved.
- A resident of 40th Street said that the water had been turned off without notice from 4 pm to 10 pm one day in the previous week. The cut-off was presumably because of work being done on Stoddert Elementary School. Commissioner Cohen said the contractors had said the water would be turned off but they did not think it would impact residents in the immediate area. He will contact the contractors about the issue.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Cohen gave the treasurer's report. In March, ANC 3B had an opening balance of \$24,346.99, had withdrawals of \$18.93 (bank fees) and \$25 (ANC security fund), no deposits, and a closing balance of \$24,303.06. Checks to be written are a grant check for Fillmore (if approved), a grant check for Friendship Place (if approved) and petty cash reimbursement of \$198.86. A motion was made to approve the report, it was seconded and passed 3-0.

Second Quarter Report. Commissioner Cohen presented the FY 2010 Second Quarter report (January-March 2010). The opening balance was \$24,531.03, there were receipts for \$40, disbursements of \$267.97, and an ending balance of \$24,303.06. A motion was made to approve the second quarter report, it was seconded and passed 3-0.

March Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the minutes from the March 2010 meeting. A motion was made to accept them. It was seconded and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was presented, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:55. The next meeting will be held May 13th, 2010 at 7 PM at Guy Mason.