

ANC-3B Minutes  
December 8, 2005

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. Commissioner Howie Krietzman opposed the acceptance of the agenda. Commissioner Krietzman made a motion that the agenda be amended; the motion was not seconded and failed.

Commissioner present

3B01 – Tamela Gordon  
3B02 – Charles L. Howe  
3B04 – Howie Krietzman  
3B05 – Amy Bowman

Commissioners absent

3B03 – Melissa Lane

## 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Officer Rock updated the community on criminal activity. According the Officer Rock, compared to last year, burglaries are down 79%. Street robberies are also down. However, there has been an increase in car robberies, especially on Connecticut Avenue, and an increase in thefts from garages in single-family homes and from homes under construction.

Officer Baker gave the traffic report. Someone was struck and killed on Connecticut Avenue while crossing the street on a dark rainy night wearing black clothing. Officer Baker urged all pedestrians to use the crosswalk. He mentioned that pedestrian accidents are up primarily because people are not using the crosswalks; tickets will be given for jay walking.

An audience member asked about the large pots outside of the CVS that were broken. The police were unable to find out who broke the pots and no complaint was filed.

Commissioner Bowman asked MPD about the two massage parlors on Wisconsin and if they could be shut down or raided. Officer Rock suggested the ANC contact DCRA to pull their licenses. MPD cannot really do anything about the massage parlors. Chair Gordon asked MPD for a status report on the massage parlors. Officer Rock also mentioned that the FBI might want to get involved because of the human trafficking aspect.

Officer Baker gave the traffic statistics. The stop sign at 39<sup>th</sup> Street and Calvert continues to be a problem. Commissioner Howe thanked Officer Baker for the crosswalk sign at Fulton and Wisconsin. Commissioner Howe also asked if Glover Park could be assigned

a foot policeman. MPD said they would speak to the commander about this request; however, it is difficult to maintain staffing in this area.

## NEW BUSINESS

Briefing from Melissa Bird, Ward 3 Planner. Ms. Bird presented a planned survey for our area that would help the neighborhood focus on more neighborhood-based retail. Ms. Bird pointed out that the aesthetics of the commercial district could be greatly improved with more compliance from the established retail. Also parking could be improved and the strip could be made more pedestrian friendly. The official kick-off for the survey is January 2006, and notice will be sent to residents on how to participate. This survey will be a tool for the ANC and other neighborhood groups to attract neighborhood-friendly retail establishments. Chair Gordon spoke about how the ANC could use the survey to help lure business preferred by our neighborhood to our area. There will not be land use recommendations from this survey; it will only be a guide to improving our retail strip. Ms. Bird also pointed out that our retail strip is in need of beautification and that we could do a better job of marketing our strip as its own retail node. The key is making existing business comply and to start addressing the vacancies. For example, the Laundromat has been a source of problems for the neighborhood, however, it does not seem to be licensed and DCRA has been notified.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Treasurer's Report. There were no expenses in November. The bank balance is \$24,427.03.

OPEN FORUM. Cindy K. Klein from Innovative Hospice Care VITAS presented and answered questions about hospice care.

An audience member asked if the Commission could vote again on the expansion of Good Guys. Chair Gordon let them know that the ANC could not revote on Good Guys because of ABRA regulations. Information was given regarding the private protest of Good Guys.

An audience member spoke that they were confused about the Stoddert Recreation Center and wanted to know what the issues were. Chair Gordon presented the background of the project and of the ANC October 24, 2005, meeting with DPR at which the ANC had several questions for DPR, which DPR neglected to follow up on.

An audience member suggested that Patterson write a letter to the police commander stating that policemen should not be reassigned out of our neighborhood.

The Commission was polled by the audience about their vote on the Good Guys expansion. Commissioner Bowman stated that she voted in protest of the expansion. Chair Gordon stated that she voted in protest of the expansion. Commissioner Howe stated that he voted for the expansion. And Commissioner Krietzman stated that he

didn't vote because he didn't think he was in attendance at the ANC meeting when the vote was held.

Milton Grossman stated that a private protest was filed and asked that other protesters contact him.

Several members of the audience then asked where the ANC stood on the Stoddert Recreation Center. They said that the Director of DPR, Ms. Kimberly Flowers, and other DPR staffers told the GPCA that the ANC was holding up voting on the recreation center. Chair Gordon and Commissioner Bowman let the audience know that the commission met with DPR on October 24. After that meeting, DPR was supposed to get back to the commission with answers to some important questions regarding the center. DPR was also supposed to get back with the commission to schedule another meeting to discuss programming. Commissioner Bowman told the crowd that Commissioner Lane had attempted to contact Jackie Stanley on several occasions to get the answers to our questions and to schedule another meeting, but DPR was unresponsive. Commissioner Bowman and Chair Gordon told the audience that they should contact DPR and ask that DPR work with their ANC to address several issues of community concern. Several audience members stated that they would be in touch with DPR by email.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gordon asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.