

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B

GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



ANC – 3B Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2009 7 p.m.

Guy Mason Recreation Center

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at Guy Mason. Commissioner Kreitzman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no changes. Acceptance of the agenda was seconded and passed 3-0. Commissioners present were:

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

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Officer David Baker reported that crime is down significantly from last year, although there was a robbery at gunpoint that occurred on the corner of Observatory and Manor on December 1. At about 12:30 a.m., a medical student walking home from Georgetown Hospital was approached by a man who got out of a white van and pointed a gun at him. He was forced to lie on the ground while being robbed of his wallet, laptop, cell phone and other items. Officer Baker said this was the only armed robbery this season, whereas last year at this time, there were three such gun incidents in PSA204.

He also reported on an attempted abduction on December 5 at Calvert and 39th involving a young woman walking alone in the early AM hours wearing ear-buds and listening to music. A man got out of a van and he and at least one other man attempted to push her into it. The woman escaped but was knocked unconscious. Officer Baker said such incidents are usually crimes of opportunity. If you're out walking at 2:30 a.m., he advised, be very aware of your surroundings and watch for potential trouble. The ANC intends to contact DDOT about dark spots in Glover Park to see if increased street lighting might make a difference. We also hope to get MPD to post timely alerts about such incidents on local list-serves.

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OLD BUSINESS

Rats in Glover Park

A plan is in the works to address the rat problem on the grounds of Guy Mason Recreation Center that includes buying at least one large trash compactor and replacing some of the smaller ones with a more rat-proof version. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of Health (DOH) will be contacting users of the ball field and neighbors like Whole Foods to raise some of the funds needed for the new trash containers. ANC 3B has said it would consider a grant proposal for this project.

DOH's Gerard Brown notified the community that he will hold a meeting to address the rat problems on the 2400 block of Wisconsin Avenue with businesses and interested community residents on **January 20** at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Old Europe restaurant, 2434 Wisconsin Avenue.

DDOT Pedestrian and Traffic Plan

As a result of last month's coverage in the *Glover Park Gazette* about proposed streetscape and pedestrian safety improvements, concerns about this plan were raised at the meeting, specifically questioning the feasibility of putting a concrete median strip in the center of Wisconsin Ave. For example, how would the CVS 12-wheel trucks back into the loading bay without crossing the median? What about all the trucks delivering supplies to the various businesses that do not have alley access? With only one lane for traffic and one for parking, wouldn't the traffic be as backed up as it is in Georgetown? ANC Commissioners explained that the plan called for a "soft" test before actually building the median strip, but agreed that such questions are valid. ANC 3B has not formally weighed in on this plan one way or another, despite it being called a "final" plan. There will be more debate and discussion to come.

ANC Grants

The ANC is empowered to make grants to non-profit organizations that provide services to people who live or work in ANC 3B. Such groups are eligible for grants up

to a maximum of \$3,000 per year. Grant guidelines can be found at:
<http://www.dcnnet.com/anc/3b/grants.htm>.

OPEN FORUM

There were no questions or discussions.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Treasurer's Report

For the month of November: Opening Balance: \$25,551.86

Withdrawals: \$4.32 (Bank Service Fees)

\$278.88 (Check #1143 – Friends of Glover Park Grant)

\$90.38 (Check #1145 – Verizon)

Deposits: \$7.07 (Return of Excess Grant)

\$60.94 (Return of Excess Grant)

\$12.78 (Service Fee Refund)

Closing Balance: \$25,551.86

Checks to Be Written in December, 2009

Verizon – Phone Bill

All financial reports were moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

November Minutes. Commissioner Kreitzman presented the minutes from the November 2009 meeting. A motion was made to accept them. It was seconded and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kreitzman asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:20. The next meeting will be held January 14th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at 7 PM at Guy Mason.