

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



ANC – 3B Minutes
February 12, 2009

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The Chair asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was moved, properly seconded, and passed by unanimous consent.

Four Commissioners were present:

3B01 – Cathy Fiorillo
3B02 – Alan Blevins
3B01 – Melissa Lane
3B04 – Horace Kreitzman, absent
3B05 – Brian Cohen

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Officer Dave Baker gave the monthly reports. He once again reminded us to lock our autos and bring anything of value into the house. Officer Baker may be reached at david.baker@dc.gov. Speed limit throughout the district is 25 MPH unless otherwise noted. Regarding running a yellow traffic light, Officer Baker said “If I hear you step on the gas, I will give you a ticket. If you have time to speed up, you have time to stop.”

Commissioner Blevins asked about how many officers were assigned to patrol the Glover Park commercial strip on weekend. Officer Baker said a scout car is supposed to patrol from around midnight to closing time Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

OLD BUSINESS

Briefing on Status of New Stoddert Recreation Center. Commissioner Brian Cohen reported that Mayor Fenty had visited Stoddert School to report on the school renovation/new recreation center project. It is funded and moving forward. Ground breaking is slated for June 15, 2009 with completion by July 2020. The permitting process has begun. In the March/April timeframe, the team responsible for the project will visit the ANC to present the plans. Commissioner Cohen believes the biggest question to figure out right now is where the school children will go during the construction phase.

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3B04
CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS
HORACE KREITZMAN

3B05
S. GLOVER PARK
BRIAN A. COHEN
TREASURER

NEW BUSINESS

Standard Solar. A presentation was given by Brian Desmond of Standard Solar regarding how to create electricity via solar energy in Glover Park. There are many tax incentives for those who convert to solar: a Federal Tax Credit amounting to 30% of the cost of the conversion, rebates from the D.C., and Solar Renewable Energy credits in which energy can be sold back to Pepco if your house creates more energy than it needs. Mr. Desmond encouraged everyone to investigate this alternative with his company: www.StandardSolar.com, 301-944-1200 or 1-888-GRID-TIE.

Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place. Long time community resident and organizer, June Kress was on hand to present a briefing on neighborhood services available from the Community Council for the Homeless. Along with Ms. Kress was Ms. Pat Goeldner, Chair of the Council, and Mr. Jean Michel Giraud, Executive Director. The Council services the large area of upper Northwest from Rock Creek Park to the Potomac River. Last year, it served 138 homeless people by providing meal, showers/laundry, health care, clothing, overnight shelters and social services at many sites. The speakers gave out pocket guides so if you see someone in need of services, you would be able to give the person the guide or call the Council's main number at 202-364-1419. Their headquarters are at 4713 Wisconsin Ave, N.W. More information is available at www.cchfp.org. Commissioner Cohen suggested that the Council apply for a grant from the ANC as ANC funding is meant to help community members and institutions (e.g., St Luke's has a homeless shelter and hyper-thermia shelter run by Catholic Charities).

Kitchen 2404 (formerly Cerviche) Wisconsin Avenue. John Puciano, the manager of Kitchen 2404, asked the ANC for support for an entertainment endorsement to their existing Class "CR" (wine/beer/spirits) liquor license. Mr. Puciano said business is good but they would like to sometimes have a DJ or rent out their restaurant for private parties to groups who may want live music. Because there is not sufficient time to negotiate a change to the Kitchen voluntary agreement before the request goes in front of ABRA, Commissioner Blevins introduced a resolution authorizing the filing of a protest to this application. The Resolution was properly seconded and passed unanimously (4-0). Commissioner Blevins will work with the Mr. Puciano and the owners of Kitchen 2404 on modifications to their existing voluntary agreement.

Site of JP's Night Club. Mr. Stephen O'Brien, an attorney representing the owners of the property on which JP's Night Club was located, briefing the ANC on the current status of permits, etc. to tear down the property. The owners need to get a permit to destroy the burned out building. The owners have been contacted by the city and informed that the building is dangerous. Consequently, the city recommends that the building be razed immediately rather than be placed on a waiting list for project to be torn down.

Follow-Up: Consideration of Resolution to Recommend Sun-setting or Dissolving Liquor License for JP's Night Club. At our January meeting, Commissioner Blevins introduced a resolution recommending the dissolution of the ABRA license Number 8511. The resolution was moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent. In February, Jackie Blumenthal, President of the Glover Park Citizens' Association, forwarded a copy of a GPCA letter to ABRA to the ANC. The letter supported the ANC resolution to dissolve JP's liquor license.

OPEN FORUM

Dee Smith, who works for Ward 3 Council Member, Mary Cheh, announced that Mary has breast cancer. Ms. Smith handed out a letter from Ms. Cheh stating that she will participate in the Avon

Walk for Breast Cancer on May 2 and 3. If anyone would like to make a donation to her fundraising they may do so at www.avonwalk.org/goto/teamcheh.

A Glover Park resident asked Ms. Smith if there were plans to take care of the mosquito problem that occurs in Glover Park every summer. Ms. Smith said that this question should be directed to the Department of Health. Commissioner Lane said that she would follow up. Mr. Jim Lively said that one big problem that causes mosquitoes is air conditioners on roof tops that drip and allow condensation to get into gutters. Standing water provide a mosquito breeding ground. He encouraged everyone to keep their gutters clean.

Glover Park resident, Jim Lively, asked if there were any plans to change the D.C. fine of \$300 for disruptive house parties. He said that the US Attorney General is working with MPD to revise the fine. Mr. Lively asked Ms. Smith to ask Councilmember Cheh to check on the status of this initiative.

Another Glover Park resident, Alan Carpien, asked how the ANC and GPCA influences ABRA about decisions regarding businesses on Wisconsin Avenue. He was particularly concerned about Surfside's voluntary agreement which states that they agree not to serve liquor on their open roof deck.

Commissioner Lane announced that on February 24 at 7 PM there would be a meeting at Guy Mason to discuss the status and recommendations for the "D" bus routes which run between Glover Park and Dupont Circle.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Treasurer's Report Opening Balance: January, 2009 \$21, 673.13
Withdrawals: \$3.78 (Bank Service Fees)
 \$150.19 (Verizon, Check #1126, phone bill)

Closing Balance: \$21,518.80

Approval for the financial statement was requested, approved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

Approval of January Minutes: Approval of January minutes was moved, properly seconded, and passed by unanimous consent.

Adjournment. Chairman Lane asked if there was a motion to adjourn. It was properly seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.