

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



Melissa J. Lane 3B03, Chair
Tamela Gordon 3B01, Vice-Chair
Amy Bowman 3B05, Treasurer
Charles L. Howe, 3B02, Secretary
Vacant, 3B04

ANC-3B Minutes
January 13, 2005

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. None forthcoming, the agenda was approved.

Commissioners present
3B01 – Tamela Gordon
3B02 – Charles L. Howe
3B03 – Melissa J. Lane
3B05 – Amy Bowman
Commissioners absent
3B04 – Vacant

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT:

Officer Tony MacElwee and Officer Greg Rock gave the police report. Overall, crime is down 17 percent between December 2003 and December 2004. Specifically, the number of incidents involving thefts from auto, burglaries, and general thefts have all declined.

Officer Rock reported that the problem with homeless people using the Laundromat as shelter had been solved. The owner of the building was finally located and he made the necessary repairs to the front door so that it now locks. Officer Rock also reported on an assault that happened on 1/13 in the 2300 block of Huidekoper. The suspect, described as a young, Hispanic male inappropriately grabbed a woman in the alley and then fled. The police have canvassed the area but have not found the suspect.

Commissioner Howe asked the officers to increase enforcement of crosswalk violations at Fulton Street and Wisconsin Avenue, e.g., automobiles not stopping to allow pedestrians to cross safely. Officer MacElwee said that no one has taken his place as traffic control officer since he was transferred to the Palisades area. Hopefully some one will be appointed by the next ANC meeting in February. Meanwhile, Officer Rock agreed to increase enforcement in the area.

NATIONAL PARK POLICE REPORT:

Sargeant Alan Griffith gave the NPP report. NPP has determined that the assaults that occurred in the wooded areas along 42nd street in September are not related but they have not identified suspects in either incident. Because of these assaults, 3 more officers have been assigned to the Section 2 (which includes Glover Archbold Park) and that 2 of those

officers cover the 2pm-10pm shift which is when the problems have generally occurred. Additionally, one officer is now dedicated to patrolling problem areas several times per week.

Jack Everett from the Glover Park Citizens Association asked about the process for reporting illegal dumping or planting. A person on W Street has introduced non-native plants to the park area and they are now encroaching further into the Park. Officer Griffith asked for the location and said he would refer the issue to the Environmental Crimes Division.

Officer Griffith said that another problem is illegal dumping of landscape waste. This dumping is also an environmental crime as it introduces non-indigenous plants into the forest. If citizens witness dumping in the area, they should report it to the Communications section at 202.619.7300 or 7105 and cite "Beat Area 313. To call the Section 2 station directly, the numbers are 202.426.7716 or 7719.

A resident asked about getting increased street lighting along the 2800 block of New Mexico. That section is right on the Park-line and is very dark. Sgt. Griffith said that NPP had no jurisdiction over street lighting in that area and suggested contacting DDOT to address the problem.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following slate was nominated and approved as officers of ANC 3B: Melissa Lane, Chair, Tamela Gordon, Vice-Chair, Amy Bowman, Treasurer, and Charles Howe, Secretary. It was agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary will serve for six month terms (January-June) and that the Treasurer's term will be for one year. Commissioner Howe voiced some concern with this plan, citing a conversation he had with Gottlieb Simon (ANC Executive Director) in which Mr. Simon indicated that terms must be one year. Commissioner Lane agreed to talk to Mr. Simon to get clarification.

OLD BUSINESS:

Missing Parking Meters on Wisconsin Avenue. Commissioner Howe reported that he will be meeting with DDOT Director Dan Tangherlini in the next couple of weeks about replacing meters on Wisconsin Avenue where the heads have been removed and only the poles are left.

Problem with City-wide Call Center. Commissioner Howe reported on his meeting with Councilmember Patterson about the city-wide call center (e.g., 202.727.1000) and that it is not working for many people. He plans to meet with her again about solutions to the problem.

Tia Gilbert introduced herself as the new Neighborhood Coordinator for Ward 3. She said that if citizens have a problem getting service from the call center that they should call her and give her the tracking number so that she can also follow-up on the problems. Her number is 202.727.2291. She also suggested using the on-line service so that citizens could better track the requests. Finally, she reported that Lisa Douglas has replaced Inspector Cleveland Ray, who retired, as the SWEEP Inspector for our area.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OPEN FORUM:

Robert Hyman from the Glover Park Citizens Association (GPCA) welcomed the new Commissioners and reported that plans were underway to spruce up Wisconsin Avenue in Glover Park. As part of its agreement with ANC 3B and the GPCA, St. Luke's Development Corporation provided funding to make aesthetic improvements on the Avenue.

Christopher Lively asked Commissioner Gordon about the status of replacing missing RPP (Zone Parking) signs on the 3900 block of Fulton Street and the 2800-3000 blocks of New Mexico Avenue. He said those blocks had been designated for zoned parking but that the parking signs were still missing. Commissioner Gordon asked Mr. Lively to provide her with any information he had and she would follow-up. He agreed to do so.

Commissioner Howe reported that two community meetings were scheduled about the Upper Wisconsin Transportation study: Wednesday, January 19th at St. Ann's at Tenley Circle, and Thursday, January 27th, at Guy Mason Recreation Center. Both meetings will be at 6:30.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Lane gave the Treasurer's Report. Only one expenditure was made in January. It was \$38 to cover the cost of name plates for the new Commissioners.

Approval of the December 2004 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the December 2004 minutes for approval. Commissioner Gordon presented a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Bowman seconded, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0 (attached).

Approval of the FY 2005 Quarterly Report. Commissioner Lane reported that ANC 3B started the quarter with a balance of \$18,285.23, received a district allotment of \$8,663.70, had expenditures of \$6,382.67 for an ending balance of \$20,566.26. Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to approve the report. Commissioner Howe presented such a motion, Commissioner Gordon seconded, and the quarterly report was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Approval of Resolution to Participate in the ANC Security Fund for 2005. Commissioner Lane reported that ANCs are annually required to either participate in the ANC Security Fund which protects individual ANCs against theft by officers or enter into a bonding agreement with a private source to protect the ANC. Most ANCs choose to pay the annual fee (\$25 in CY 2005) and participate in the Security Fund. Commissioner Gordon made a motion for ANC 3B to participate in the ANC Security fund, Commissioner Bowman seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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ANC-3B Minutes
December 9, 2004

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. None forthcoming, the agenda was approved.

Commissioners present
3B02 – Charles L. Howe
3B03 – Melissa J. Lane
3B05 – Christopher J. Lively

Commissioners absent
3B01 – Vacant
3B04 – Vacant

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT:

Officer Tony MacElwee gave the police report. In the past year, there has been an overall reduction in crime of about 17 percent in PSA 204. Incidents of the most frequent crime in the area, theft from auto, have also dropped off.

Last month, there was a spike in burglaries in the neighborhood. In November, a suspect was caught in the act in the alley between Davis Place and Edmunds Street by undercover officers working the area. Shortly before the arrest, a burglary was reported by a resident of the 2600 block of 41st Street who gave an outstanding description of the suspect. MPD was able to quickly respond and apprehend the suspect. Since the arrest, the wave of burglaries has stopped.

Officer MacElwee reminded everyone that crime often increases during the holiday season. Citizens need to be extra vigilant. For example, valuables should not be left in cars in plain sight; citizens need to be aware of what is going on around them; and people should keep track of their credit cards in order to minimize the possibility of identity theft.

The vagrant problem in the Laundromat continues. The owner of Max's Ice Cream, however, has now been able to track down and contact the owner of the property and informed him about the need to secure the door to the facility.

Commissioner Howe reported that panhandlers on Wisconsin Avenue have gotten more aggressive in recent weeks. Officer MacElwee responded that in such cases, citizens should

report incidents to either 311 or 911 and that MPD will keep an eye on those being aggressive and intervene if required.

NATIONAL PARK POLICE REPORT:

A representative was not able to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on N8 Bus Route Change. Commissioner Lane reported that the N8 bus route changed approved by ANC 3B in September would take effect on December 26th, 2004. The change extends the current N8 bus route into Glover Park and follows the route of the AU shuttle bus. AU discontinued their shuttle bus service in May 2004.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor License Renewal Request for Mama Maria's. Commissioner Howe reported that there were no problems with trash or crime with Mama Maria's and he saw no reason to oppose their liquor license renewal. A motion to support the renewal was made and passed by a vote of 3-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Howe gave the Treasurer's Report. As of October 1, the bank account balance was \$18,285.23. In October, the D.C. Government allotment of \$8,663.70 was deposited. In November 2004, expenditures included 9 checks to the IRS totaling \$6,308.62, leaving a balance of \$20,640.31 as of December 1.

Commissioner Lane explained that the IRS payments covered Federal payroll taxes in FY 1999 and 2000 that were never made by the ANC 3B Treasurer at the time. Although the checks were written and recorded, the Treasurer never sent them to the IRS. Those checks have never been found. In order that they can never be cashed, ANC 3B closed the checking account against which the checks were written in 2001.

Approval of the November 2004 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the November 2004 minutes for approval. Commissioner Lively presented a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Howe seconded, and the minutes were approved 3-0 (attached).

OPEN FORUM:

Commissioner Lane asked if anyone in the audience had any issues they wanted to bring up.

Milton Grossman reported on the project status of the grant awarded ANC 3B and St. Luke's Development Corporation to Friends of Guy Mason in September 2004. Landscaping has largely been started and will be completed in the Spring; the glass kiln has been ordered and FoGM are hoping D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation will be able to install it; the price of a new backstop has doubled from \$15k to \$30k since ANC 3B/St. Luke's made the award so additional fund raising efforts are underway; and a new water fountain has not yet been purchased between DPR may be providing one (if that happens,

FoGM will consult with ANC 3B about other projects that can be supported with the award money).

Commissioner Howe reported that St. Luke's will be making a hypothermic room available to anyone living on the street in times of bad winter weather. Commissioner Howe will invite Pastor Yarborough to the next ANC 3B meeting to describe the project.

Cathy Fiorillo announced that the Glover Park Citizens Association/Friends of Glover Park Holiday Party is scheduled for December 11th and all are invited to attend. The party includes a Toys-for-Tots drive. All are invited.

In honor of his last meeting, Commissioner Lane and Commissioner Howe presented Commissioner Lively with a plaque in appreciation of his dedicated service to ANC 3B and Glover Park. Commissioner Lively thanked his fellow Commissioners, his constituents, and Glover Park neighbors for the opportunity to serve them in the last few years and looks forward to supporting the neighborhood in new ways in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.