

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



ANC – 3B Minutes
January 10, 2008

Phil Harmon from the Office of the People's Counsel announced that meetings will be held on Thursday, February 7 at 10 a.m. and Saturday, February 9 at 11 a.m. regarding D.C. utility services (Pepco, Washington Gas and Verizon). The public is invited. The meetings will be held at the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Commissioner Lane, ANC 3B Chair. The Chair asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no changes and the agenda was moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

All Commissioners were present:

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

Election of Officers

Nominations for officers for 2008 were as follows: Melissa Lane, Chair; Alan Blevins, Vice-Chair; Cathy Fiorillo, Secretary; Brian Cohen, Treasurer and Horace Kreitzman, At Large. The nominations were moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

2nd District Police Report

Officer David Baker was absent. Officer Zuniga gave the police report. In PSA 204, crime is down in general and there was a 50% reduction in violent crime. On January 6 many D.C. officers changed locations and consequently the Second District has many new, but experienced, officers. Commissioner Cohen asked if there has been a noticeable change in police efficiency since PSA 306 was moved to the Second District as PSA 208. Officer Zuniga said there had not been any negative impact and that officers are expected to stay in their own PSA unless there is an emergency. Officer Zuniga introduced Officer O'Brien who will work foot patrol from 11-midnight in the Glover Park commercial area.

Giving the traffic report, Officer Zuniga reported that there were 185 NOI's (Notice of Infraction) during the month of December. He reminded citizens that it is illegal to drive without a license and registration. If an officer stops a driver who does not have these documents at hand, the officer has the option of giving a regular ticket (\$25 and \$10 respectively) or issuing a 61D. A 61D is essentially "an arrest" and requires the violator to pay the fines in person at the nearest district police station.

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Old Business

Update on Plans for Stoddert Recreation Center

Commissioner Lane reported that Allen Lew from DC Public Schools (DCPS) is now responsible for both the renovation of the school and the construction of a new recreation center. The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has turned over their drawings for the proposed recreation center. Mr. Lew will begin to look for an architect for the building and request input on the design of the school from the neighborhood and school. Dee Smith, Director of Constituent Services for Councilmember Mary Cheh, added that CM Cheh is committed to the recreation center project and to completing it with as little impact on trees and green space as possible. CM Cheh also understands that swing space should be as close as possible to our neighborhood. Chair Lane and Ms. Smith have asked Mr. Lew to attend the next ANC meeting to directly answer the community's questions.

Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium Discussion and Vote

Commissioner Blevins introduced a resolution with regards to renewal of the current Glover Park Liquor License moratorium. The resolution requested an additional 2 CR licenses (wine, beer and spirits). Commissioner Cohen moved to make a friendly amendment to the resolution with 3 CR licenses. Commissioner Blevins did not accept the friendly amendment so a vote was required. The amendment was thus presented and seconded. Chair Lane opened up the floor to discussion. Ariadne Henry, a Glover Park resident, pointed out that the GPCA had sent the ANC a letter stating that after much discussion, questioning and voting, the GPCA would like the ANC to support their wishes for adding 2 new CR licenses. Ms. Henry said that as long as she could remember, the ANC and GPCA had supported each other on this issue and she hoped that we would do so again this time. Susannah Fox, a GP resident, thought increasing the number of licenses to 3 would be more appropriate given the number of vacant storefronts along our strip. Paul Holder, co-owner of Town Hall, believes that the market is not as huge as the community might think. He is aware that the community does not want destination restaurants but rather neighborhood restaurants that are primarily supported by the community. Mr. Holder believes that more than 2 new restaurants with CR licenses could hurt the success of the current businesses. Joe Alfieto, a GP resident, asked why commercial property owners did not complain if the lack of licenses hurt their business. Chair Lane said that the issue had been raised by some owners. For example, Doug Yurechko with Adams Investment Group, the firm overseeing the new building at 2440 Wisconsin, has said that more licenses would have been more helpful to trying to lure renters. Bill Thomas, owner of Bourbon, stated that more space is going to come available and for a business to be successful owners need to create businesses that compliment the current businesses so that the whole neighborhood benefits.

Another issue discussed was the wording in the proposed resolution stating that new licenses would be issued to potential applicants on a "first come, first serve basis." Commissioner Cohen suggested that the words "first come, first serve basis" be struck and that ANC 3B work with ABRA on a different strategy for issuing the new licenses, e.g., a lottery system (N.B., currently ABRA issues licenses on a first come, first serve basis). Much discussion ensued regarding this terminology. Milton Grossman, a GP resident, stated new liquor licenses will attract many applicants. Perhaps ABRA should accept as many applicants as possible and then issue the licenses on a lottery basis. Mr. Thomas thought this could hurt current businesses that are known and well liked in the neighborhood. After further discussion, Commissioner Cohen withdrew his proposal to strike the phrase.

A vote was taken on the amendment to increase the number of licenses in the original resolution from 2 to 3. The amendment passed 4-1.

Commissioner Blevins *nay*
Commissioner Cohen *aye*

Commissioner Fiorillo *aye*
Commissioner Kreitzman *aye*

Commissioner Lane *aye*

A motion on the amended resolution was made and seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

New Business

Consideration of Request for DR Liquor License for Breadsoda. Bill Thomas, owner of Bourbon, presented his business plan for his new Breadsoda restaurant to be at 2233 Wisconsin Ave, NW (the old *My Bakery* spot). The proposed restaurant will serve casual fare such as sandwiches along with beer and wine. It will also have a bakery, 3 pool tables, shuffleboard and other games, as well as live entertainment. Mr. Thomas has applied for and is requesting ANC support for a DR license (restaurant license to see beer and wine). While he is doing the administrative tasks to receive a DR license, he has asked for ANC approval of a stipulated DR license. He asked that the ANC neither withhold support or withhold comment or support for this license. Mr. Thomas is working with Mr. Milt Grossman on a Voluntary Agreement. Commissioner Blevins introduced a resolution to neither withhold support or withhold comment or support for Breadsoda's stipulated Class DR license. A vote was taken. The resolution was properly seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

Open Forum

Commissioner Lane asked if there were any issues for open discussion. None were forthcoming.

Administrative

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Cohen moved the treasurer's report: for the month of December. The Opening Balance was \$20,938.23; withdrawals were \$2,090.38 for a closing balance of \$18,847.85. Petty cash opened with \$137.32 less \$22.20 equals an ending balance of \$115.12. A motion to pass the treasurer's report was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Quarterly Report. Commissioner Cohen presented the first quarter FY 2008 report (October 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007). . A motion to pass the quarterly report was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Annual Budget. Commissioner Cohen presented an estimated budget for ANC 3B for FY 2008. . A motion to accept the annual budget was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

December Minutes, Commissioner Fiorillo moved the minutes for the December 2007 meetings. The resolution was properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

Chairman Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.