

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B

GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



ANC – 3B Minutes

July 12, 2007

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Blevins requested that the agenda be amended to include a resolution to recognize former Commissioner Charles Howe for his many years of service to ANC 3B and the city. This amendment was approved and the revised agenda passed 5-0.

Commissioners present

3B01 – Cathy Fiorillo
3B02 – Alan Blevins
3B03 - Melissa Lane
3B04 - Horace Krietzman
3B05 – Brian Cohen

2nd District Police Report

Officer David Baker (david.baker@dc.gov) gave the police report. During June, there were 224 NOI's (Notice of Infractions) issued. There were 72 violations of the Distracted Driver Act (talking on a cell phone). Windows at Old Europe and Rockland were shattered in the early morning hours of July 1. The owners of Old Europe Restaurant has offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons involved in the window breaking.

Officer Baker reminded everyone to pay attention to basic safety practices around their home, e.g., keeping house doors locked, keeping cars locked and free of valuable items, securing items such as bicycles in yards.

Police Chief Cathy Lanier has proposed changing the allocation of Police Service Areas between the 2nd and 3rd Districts. Specifically, PSA 306 in the Third District would be moved to the 2nd District and renamed PSA 208. MPD wants more community input before moving forward with the plan and has scheduled a public meeting at St. Columba's on July 18. ANC 3B's first reaction is that although resources will be moved to PSA 208, the 2nd District will become a very large area (from Dupont Circle to the district western boundaries) with increased crime and a much larger area for police officers to cover. An ANC Commissioner will go to the St. Columba's meeting and report back so that we can give an informed opinion.

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ALAN BLEVINS

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W. GLOVER PARK
MELISSA J. LANE
CHAIR

3B04
CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS
HORACE KREITZMAN
VICE-CHAIR

3B05
S. GLOVER PARK
BRIAN A. COHEN
TREASURER

If citizens want to give input they may do so by sending comments and suggestions to psa306.move@dc.gov.

Officer Baker told us that the 72 hours limit for legally parked cars on district streets had been repealed about 6 months ago.

New Business

Liquor License Renewal Requests for Busara, Old Europe, Sushi-Ko, and Town Hall

Requests for four liquor license renewals were reviewed: Busara, Old Europe, Sushi-Ko and Town Hall. A discussion ensued regarding the fact that some restaurants have voluntary agreements with the neighborhood and some do not. In order to be consistent, Commissioner Blevins proposed that all restaurants with liquor licenses should have a voluntary agreement in place. A discussion of the purpose of a voluntary agreement followed. Russell Graven of Sushi-Ko asked if an establishment must sign a VA in order to be supported by ANC 3B. Ariadne Henry believes that a voluntary agreement may be onerous task for a business and inquired if a VA was needed if requirements of the community are covered by district laws. Commissioner Blevins stated this policy was a useful one when he was an ANC Commissioner in Woodley Park. Commissioner Lane stated that she believes that ANC 3B should treat these establishments consistently and that voluntary agreements should be required albeit that each would need to be tailored to the specific establishment. Paul Holder of Town Hall suggested that every voluntary agreement is slightly different with the main points being consistent amongst all agreements.

The first restaurant to be reviewed was Busara. They did not send a representative to the meeting. Commissioner Blevins stated that he had sent a letter requesting that someone attend the meeting. Russell Graven of Sushi-Ko stated that this is the first time in 30 years of doing business in Glover Park that the ANC has insisted that a representative come to the ANC meeting in which their liquor license renewal will be discussed. Commissioner Lane suggested a letter go out to all establishments stating that the ANC's new policy is that a representative from a restaurant must attend the ANC meeting in which their liquor license renewal is being considered.

Alex Harris from Old Europe attended the meeting. Commissioner Blevins asked if there was an objection to renewing their license. Community members were very supportive of the restaurant and its support of the neighborhood.

Russell Kraven represented Sushi-Ko. Commissioner Blevins again asked for community input. Nothing but positive feedback was given.

The final renewal request to be reviewed was for Town Hall. Paul Holder represented this establishment. Commissioner Blevins asked for input for the community. Community input was very favorable. Commissioner Blevins also noted in particular the positive contributions Town Hall has made to the Glover Park neighborhood.

Commissioner Blevins presented a resolution to withhold support from Busara as they did not have a representative at the meeting. It was seconded and passed 3-1-1. Commissioner Fiorillo opposed the resolution and Commissioner Kreitzman voted present.

Commissioner Blevins presented separate resolutions to support the renewal of liquor licenses for Sushi-Ko, Old Europe, and Town Hall. Each resolution was seconded and passed 5-0.

Resolution Honoring Former ANC 3B Commissioner Charles Howe

Commissioner Blevins introduced a resolution to honor Charles Howe for his many years as an ANC 3B Commissioner. Commissioners supported the resolution and suggested that a request be sent to the Mayor for a proclamation for former Commissioner Howe. Alan will investigate the process for issuing a proclamation. Commissioner Blevins presented the resolution and asked for a second. The resolution was seconded and passed 5-0.

Open Forum

- A representative from Pepco distributed energy saving light bulbs that last 7 years. Commissioner Cohen thanked Pepco and encouraged them to do more to make Glover Park citizens more aware of energy-saving mechanisms.
- Commissioner Blevins spoke to the issue of the possible expansion of Good Guys Restaurant. He is not certain of the status of the situation as he has not been able to contact the owner. Antoinette, the owner of Enzo's/Mama Maria's, has told him that a deal has been put together and she plans to close and move on with her life. The GPCA submitted a protest to ABRA about a year ago regarding the proposed expansion. Their protest was dismissed but GPCA has appealed the ruling to the DC Appeals Court. Commissioner Blevins suggested the only possible recourse is for the ANC to seek reconsideration of the issue.

Administrative:

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Cohen gave the treasurer's report for June. There was an opening balance of \$16,048.42 with withdrawals of \$134.32 and deposits of \$125.00. The closing balance was \$16,039.50.

June Minutes: Commissioner Blevins asked that consideration of the June minutes be tabled until the September meeting. A motion was presented, seconded, and passed 5-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Resolution with Regard to the Renewal Application
of Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA)
License Number 16272: Montien, Incorporated, t/a
Busara

Commissioner Blevins Introduced the Following Resolution:

Therefore Be it Resolved: Montien, Incorporated, t/a Busara located at 2340 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., in the District of Columbia, was invited to appear before the July 12th, 2007 public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, Government of the District of Columbia, for consideration in the matter of renewing their liquor license with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) but failed to appear before the Commission. Therefore, the Commission withholds its support to the renewal of ABRA license number 16272.

The Resolution was Properly Seconded and Passed (3-1).

Ayes:

Commissioner Blevins
Commissioner Cohen
Commissioner Lane

Nays:

Commissioner Fiorillo

Present:

Commissioner Kreitzman

Melissa J. Lane, Chair

Kathleen W. Fiorillo, Secretary

Resolution with Regard to the Renewal Application
of Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA)
License Number 585: Old Europe Inc., t/a
Old Europe

Commissioner Blevins Introduced the Following Resolution:

Whereas, at the July 12th, 2007 public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, Old Europe Inc., t/a Old Europe, located at 2434 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., in the District of Columbia, approached and requested the consent of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, Government of the District of Columbia, for the renewal of their liquor license with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA);

Whereas, Old Europe Inc., t/a Old Europe has displayed within their storefront windows the required red-poster placard providing public notice of the company's intent to renew their liquor license application, as required by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA). Therefore, the public has duly been notified and given the opportunity to express their consent or objection to this application at the July 12th, 2007 public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, where there was public statements in support of this liquor license;

Therefore Be it Resolved: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B supports renewing Old Europe Inc., t/a Old Europe ABRA License Number 585. Moreover, the Commission commends the establishment for their many years of service in Glover Park, and further applauds the establishment for being a good business whereby enriching the neighborhood by being a good model for other establishments and by maintaining the public's sidewalk easement abutting their property, and requests the establishment to enter into a voluntary agreement with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B for subsequent renewal.

The Resolution was Properly Seconded and Passed Unanimously (5-0).

Melissa J. Lane, Chair

Kathleen W. Fiorillo, Secretary

Resolution with Regard to the Renewal Application
of Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA)
License Number 12457: Daikai Utagawa, t/a
Sushi-Ko

Commissioner Blevins Introduced the Following Resolution:

Whereas, at the July 12th, 2007 public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, Daikai Utagawa, t/a Sushi-Ko, located at 2309 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., in the District of Columbia, approached and requested the consent of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, Government of the District of Columbia, for the renewal of their liquor license with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA);

Whereas, Daikai Utagawa, t/a Sushi-Ko has displayed within their storefront windows the required red-poster placard providing public notice of the company's intent to renew their liquor license application, as required by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA). Therefore, the public has duly been notified and given the opportunity to express their consent or objection to this application at the July 12th, 2007 public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, where there was public statements in support of this liquor license;

Therefore Be it Resolved: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B supports renewing Daikai Utagawa, t/a Sushi-Ko ABRA License Number 12457, and requests the company to enter into a voluntary agreement with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B for subsequent renewal.

The Resolution was Properly Seconded and Passed Unanimously (5-0).

Melissa J. Lane, Chair

Kathleen W. Fiorillo, Secretary

Resolution with Regard to the Renewal Application
of Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA)
License Number 72640: Five Glovers, L.L.C., t/a
Town Hall

Commissioner Blevins Introduced the Following Resolution:

Whereas, at the July 12th, 2007 public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, Five Glovers, L.L.C., t/a Town Hall, located at 2218 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., in the District of Columbia, approached and requested the consent of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, Government of the District of Columbia, for the renewal of their liquor license with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA);

Whereas, Five Glovers, L.L.C., t/a Town Hall has displayed within their storefront windows the required red-poster placard providing public notice of the company's intent to renew their liquor license application, as required by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA). Therefore, the public has duly been notified and given the opportunity to express their consent or objection to this application at the July 12th, 2007 public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, where there was public statements in support of this liquor license;

Therefore Be it Resolved: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B supports renewing Five Glovers, L.L.C., t/a Town Hall ABRA License Number 72640. Moreover, the Commission commends and recognizes the efforts of the establishment as being a good business in Glover Park by abiding in their voluntary agreement with the prior protestants, and further, applauds the establishment's good works and charitable considerations to Glover Park overall, and further, appreciates the establishment's efforts in enhancing the sidewalk easement and commends the establishment for their efforts.

The Resolution was Properly Seconded and Passed Unanimously (5-0).

Melissa J. Lane, Chair

Kathleen W. Fiorillo, Secretary

Resolution with Regard to the Recognition and Public
Service of Commissioner Charles L. Howe

Commissioner Blevins Introduced the Following Resolution:

Therefore Be it Resolved: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, Government of the District of Columbia, recognizes and applauds the efforts, time and considerations of the Honorable Commissioner Charles L. Howe who has faithfully and diligently represented, the residents of the Single Member District of ANC 3B02, in the neighborhood of Glover Park; and

In Due Consideration Be it Further Resolved, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, Government of the District of Columbia, most gratefully commends and extends its many thanks to the Honorable Commissioner Charles L. Howe for his many years of public service not only to the residents of Glover Park but also those of the District of Columbia, and calls upon the Council of the District of Columbia to enact a Proclamation in Honor of Commissioner Howe’s many years of public service.

The Resolution was Properly Seconded and Passed Unanimously (5-0).

Kathleen W. Fiorillo, *Secretary*
North Glover Park – 3B01

Alan Blevins
East Glover Park – 3B02

Melissa Lane, *Chair*
West Glover Park – 3B03

Horace Kreitzman, *Vice-Chair*
Cathedral Heights

Brian A. Cohen, *Treasurer*
South Glover Park – 3B05