

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



*Melissa J. Lane 3B03, Chair*  
*Christopher J. Lively, 3B05, Vice-Chair*  
*Charles L. Howe, 3B02, Secretary/Treasurer*  
*Vacant, 3B01*  
*Vacant, 3B04*

ANC-3B Minutes  
June 10th, 2004

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:10 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

2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT POLICE REPORT:

No representative was available to attend the meeting because of security preparations for the Reagan State funeral.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the Proposed Extension for the Liquor License Moratorium in Glover Park. Commissioner Lane announced that the ABRA hearing was scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at ABRA headquarters, 941 North Capitol Street, N.W.

Report by D.C. Parks and Recreation on the Status the Proposed Design for Stoddert Recreation Center. Many citizens attended the meeting to discuss the proposed new recreation center for Stoddert so most of the meeting was dedicated to this issue.

- Cathy Fiorillo, Co-President of the Friends of Glover Park, gave a brief history of the project. Planning started in 2001. Two surveys of community residents were done, the most recent one last year. There have also been some community events such as an ice cream social and that the theme of the Glover Park Citizens Association's 2003 Glover Park Day was the new Stoddert Recreation Center.
- Councilmember Kathy Patterson (Ward 3) expressed strong support for the new recreation center. It would be the first one built in Ward 3 in 9 years, lagging behind all other wards. She said that there were still issues to be worked out especially in terms of the size of the facility and the impact on parking but that she welcomed all residents to provide input in order to resolve these issues. Finally, she

said that one of the greatest benefits of this center was that it would resolve a two-fold problem. It would be used by Stoddert Elementary School students during the day for physical education and assemblies, facilities currently not available at the school. It would also provide a place for state-of-the-art center for Glover Park children.

- Lisa Franklin-Kelly with the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation said that at this point only a site plan had been developed and that more detailed plans would be forthcoming. She agreed that these plans would be made available on a web site when they became available.
- Kurt Bedenbaugh of the Temple Group introduced the Marshall Group who presented the site plan. As currently planned, the building will look like a one story building from most angles because the gym will be below grade. Because of parking concerns, the number of parking spaces now planned is between 35 and 40.
- Many citizens asked to speak.
  - One general concern expressed by many was that the currently proposed recreation center is still too big.
  - More information is needed on the impact on parking since public parking spaces are at a premium in Glover Park.
  - Since parking is a serious concern of neighborhood residents, Commissioner Lane introduced a resolution asking the D.C. Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study in the area where the recreation center will be located and give ANC 3B recommendations on this issue (attached).
  - Questions were asked regarding the displacement of trees on the site. Dov McCauley, the DPR arborist, stated that a minimum amount of trees would be taken down. He also stated that one of the trees on the site is already dead, a second smaller one also needs to be removed, and that the ash trees planted by the current lot should also be removed because this type of tree is not good to plant in recreation areas.
  - Questions were asked on whether or not the Center could be built closer to the school or on school property altogether. Commissioner Lane said that the Mayor's Office, Kathy Patterson's office, and ANC 3B were looking into that question with the D.C. Public School System but the issue had not been resolved yet.
  - A question was raised about the schedule for the next Friends of Glover Park meeting. Cathy Fiorillo agreed to hold the September meeting during the evening so that more neighborhood residents could attend.
  - A question was asked on the likely impact on the field itself. Temple Group responded that the playing field would be minimally impacted. Instead of six soccer fields, there would only be room for five. The ball field will lose some space in centerfield but not a significant amount. Temple Group also said that the field would be closed for a year during construction for safety reasons but that DPR would work on finding alternate fields for the soccer and softball teams in the interim period.
  - A question was asked whether or not there would be busing into the neighborhood after the new Center is built. There are no plans for busing people into the neighborhood to use the new Center and that there are many new, bigger recreation centers being built throughout the city.
  - One resident asked if the center could be built along the lines of the renovation of Oyster School which used the 21<sup>st</sup> Century fund. Councilmember Patterson said the outcome of that effort was a "mixed bag"

because although students had a brand new state-of-the-art facility, they had lost outdoor recreational space.

- A statement was made that the current drawings were inadequate. DPR will be presenting more detailed drawings including elevations. Since a number of concerns were raised, DPR will take these concerns into account and present a new set of comprehensive drawings at the September 9<sup>th</sup> ANC 3B meeting.
- A number of residents also expressed support for a new facility.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**Approval of the May 2004 Meeting Minutes.** Commissioner Lane presented the May 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:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Resolution Requesting the D.C. Department of Transportation  
Conduct a Traffic Study for the Proposed New Stoddert  
Recreation Center**

WHEREAS a recreation center is currently planned to replace the current Stoddert Recreation Center;

WHEREAS plans for the new center call for a building that is substantially larger than the current 600 square foot building;

WHEREAS lack of public parking is a perpetual problem in Glover Park in general and specifically on the streets adjacent to the Center, i.e., 3900-4000 blocks of Davis Place and Calvert Street and the 2500 blocks of 39<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Streets;

WHEREAS all D.C. Recreation Centers are available to all members of the community;  
and

WHEREAS a new larger Center may attract increased traffic to the area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3B will request the D.C. Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study of the areas most likely to be effected by an increased demand for public parking as a result of a larger recreation facility and provide recommendations to ANC 3B.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa J. Lane  
Chair

June 10, 2004

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
As Witnessed by Commission Secretary  
Charles L. Howe

June 10, 2004

Commission Action:  
[ X ] Approved                      [ ] Disapproved

Vote (of 3) Commissioners: 3 in favor with 0 opposed.

ANC 3B Commissioners present:

Charles L. Howe (02); Melissa J. Lane (03); Christopher J. Lively (05)

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ANC-3B Minutes  
May 6, 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  
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2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT POLICE REPORT:

No representative was available to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Resolution on Smoke-Free Workplaces in D.C.** Sharlene Krantz gave an overview of the legislation introduced by Councilmembers Patterson and Fenty as well as the ballot initiative on Smoke-Free Workplaces in D.C. Because the legislation has stalled in Committee, the Coalition for Smoke-free Workplaces in D.C. is petitioning to have the measure (Initiative 66) included on the November ballot for the general election. Opponents of the initiative (primarily the Restaurant Association) has sued to keep the measure off the ballot. Because the issue is caught in the court system, there may not be enough time to get the required signatures to have the initiative placed on the ballot. Despite this problem, Commissioner Lane introduced a resolution to include Initiative 66 on the November ballot. The resolution passed unanimously.

**Report by D.C. Parks and Recreation on the Status of the Guy Mason and Stoddert Recreation Center Projects.** A community meeting was held on April 26<sup>th</sup> about the Stoddert Recreation center. A number of issues of concern were brought up at that meeting including the size of the proposed new center. Because of these concerns, DPR is revising the plans and will present them at the June 10<sup>th</sup> ANC 3B meeting.

Plans for renovating Guy Mason Recreation Center are in the early stages. Decisions are pending on whether to a) demolish the current building and build a new one; b) renovate the current building; or c) renovate and expand the current building.

**Status of the Tenley Fire Station Project.** Commissioner Howe gave an update on the Tenley Fire station. No progress is being made. Former contractors are suing the city and the city is countersuing. In addition, the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) is considering an application to designate the façade of the building as an historic landmark. Commissioner Howe stated concerns with an historical designation because requirements often conflict with public safety objectives. Commissioner Howe introduced a resolution to endorse a resolution of ANC 3F which recommends that HPRB deny historic landmark status to working fire and EMS facilities. The resolution passed unanimously.

**Update on the Proposed Extension for the Liquor License Moratorium in Glover Park.** Commissioner Lane reported that the ABRA hearing has been scheduled for early July.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Plans for Installation of a Pocket Park at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Davis Place, N.W.** Glover Park residents Monette Melanson and Rosalie Werback presented their plans for installing a small park at the T-intersection of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Davis Place. They are planning both hard- and soft-scaping. Hardscaping will include the installation of two benches (one has been installed and is awaiting word from DDOT on whether it will be retroactively approved) and a chess table accessible to persons with disabilities. Softscaping will include native grasses and plants and maybe one or two new trees. They are working with Judy Tiger from GrowDC on appropriate plantings. They submitted an application to DDOT on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and a review hearing has been scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Howe asked if they had community backing for this project; Ms. Melanson and Ms. Werback indicated that a number of individuals had volunteered to help them. They also said that they would have a table at Glover Park Day on June 5<sup>th</sup> to provide information and solicit donations. J. Lively asked if they would consider smaller benches in order not attract any homeless people from “moving in.” Also, a woman whose an artist suggested that they contact the Arts community at Guy Mason about designing and creating a chess table as a donation. Ms. Melanson and Ms. Werback agreed to check on that possibility.

Commissioners Lane, Lively, and Howe complemented Ms. Melanson and Ms. Werback on their project. Commissioner Lane will send a letter of support to DDOT officials prior to the June 24<sup>th</sup> hearing.

**Liquor License Renewal for Echo Deli.** Commissioner Howe reported that he had checked with the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Metropolitan Police Department and that there were no offenses against Echo Deli, located at 2216 Wisconsin Avenue, NW. However, Bill Strydesky, the owner of the property, reported that the proprietors of Echo Deli had moved out without notice on the previous Sunday night and that they owed a lot of back rent. The Commissioners agreed that because of this problem, ANC 3B will write a letter to ABRA regarding the current status of the business. (Because their liquor license was issued in a moratorium zone, it cannot be transferred elsewhere.) Commissioner Lane agreed to contact Milton Grossman, the lawyer who does pro bono work for ANC 3B, about sending a letter.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**Approval of the April 2004 Meeting Minutes.** Commissioner Lane presented the April 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 there were any issues the community would like to bring up. Commissioner Howe stated that a problem had arisen in Holy Rood Cemetery. A number of homeless persons are sleeping there. Commissioner Howe will contact Bennie Goodman from the National Park Service (who has jurisdiction over the cemetery) and discuss ways to solve the problem.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.