

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



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ANC-3B Minutes
March 9th, 2006

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was accepted.

Commissioners present

3B01 – Tamela Gordon
3B02 – Charles L. Howe
3B03 – Melissa J. Lane
3B04 – Horace Kreitzman
3B05 – Amy Bowman

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Officer Rock gave the police report. Crime is down especially bike thefts and theft from auto (down 70 percent). “Quality of life” of crimes such as public intoxication is up some but being addressed.

Officer Rock said that there would be a noticeable increase in activity regarding traffic enforcement especially in the 2200-2400 blocks of Wisconsin Avenue and the nearby streets such as W, Hall Place, and 37th. Increased enforcement will also target parking and aggressive panhandling. To cover increased enforcement, staffing will be increased and double-shifts will be instituted. Commissioner Gordon asked that MPD also increase patrols of the alleys and parking lots in those areas.

Officer Rock introduced Lt. Kelvin Kusick. He will taking over for Lt. Roch who has been given a new assignment. Lt. Kusick’s e-mail address is Kelvin.kusick@dc.gov.

Glover Park resident Pat Clark asked Lt. Kusick about an incident regarding MPD fundraising. Someone is calling people and telling them they are raising money for MPD but that they will only pick up donations. Lt. Kusick said that residents need to be cautious as it sounded like a scam and needed to be reported and investigated by MPD.

Glover Park resident Sophia Henry asked about the reasoning behind the multiple stop signs at the intersection of 37th and Tunlaw Road. Jeff Jennings, DDOT, will look into the issue.

Commissioner Howe asked about an update on the massage parlor issue. Officer Rock said that it takes a long time to shut them down as a pattern has to be established. Lt. Kusick will look into what it takes to “establish a pattern” and report back to ANC 3B.

Officer Baker reported on the traffic statistics. With increased traffic enforcement that Ofc. Rock mentioned will be increased enforcement of the “Distracted Driver Law.” This law prohibits drivers from doing anything that would impede their ability to drive a car such as talking on the phone, etc. He also mentioned that enforcement of laws to protect pedestrians will be stepped up, i.e., a car cannot enter the intersection at all if a pedestrian is in it. Jeff Jennings of DDOT offered to have a representative from his office work with Officer Baker on “crosswalk stings” to increase awareness of pedestrian safety.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stoddert Recreation Center. Jackie Stanley and Sultan Hassan Ali from the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation gave an update on the Stoddert Recreation Center project. The plans and the timeline will be put up on the either the DPR or Marshall Group (the architects) web site. The timeline at this point only includes the pre-construction and construction phases. Program development has not been added to the timeline at this point but will be. Work on programming is expected to start in October 2006. J. Stanley said that the surveys of the community would be conducted to get input on programming. Commissioner Gordon asked how programming surveys would be conducted. J. Stanley said they would rely on the ANC and civic groups to distribute the survey and would also hold community meetings. The survey would not be a statistical survey.

Commissioner Bowman asked if programming instructors would rotate between sites. J. Stanley yes and that tentatively 8-10 staff are planned for the Stoddert site. During the day, DC Public Schools would also be responsible for staffing the Center and conducting activities for the school children while the school is in session. There is no agreement right now with DCPS and DPR about how to divide responsibilities but a meeting will be held in May between the two organizations and J. Stanley will report on the result of that meeting at the May ANC meeting. Commissioner Gordon asked that a baseline agreement for co-locating centers with schools be forwarded to 3B.

Commissioner Howe asked about adult basketball being included in the Center’s activities and also expressed concern about the number of out-of-state residents using the field. J. Stanley said that there has been no decisions have been made about programming including adult basketball. Per the use of the field, J. Stanley said that out-of-state residents can apply to use the fields and some programs charge for the use. She said that if commissioners were concerned about this issue, they should send a letter to the DPR Director, Kim Flowers. The Director was unable to make this ANC 3B meeting but J. Stanley will try to book her for the May meeting.

Commissioner Bowman stressed in regard to programming that kids should have first priority and asked if DPR would be willing to sign an agreement to that effect. J. Stanley said that would be the decision of the DPR programming people and that her office, Capital Planning, does not have jurisdiction over programming.

Sheena Tuckson, principal of Stoddert, asked if the center would be able to accommodate disabled children and adults. J. Stanley said the new center would be accessible.

Asked about the Guy Mason renovation schedule, J. Stanley said it was in the budget for FY 2007. Commissioner Gordon asked about the two options that were being discussed several months ago. H. Ali said those plans did not get approved and other options were being developed.

A Glover Park resident asked that there be more community meetings. He was concerned that GP would not have enough input into the process. He felt there was confusion among the different steps such as schematic design and design development and that more review needed to be done regarding these phases. He was also concerned that the traffic study results would not be adequately incorporated into the design. He asked that more review be done and that community meetings be added. J. Stanley agreed to add the meetings and said that DPR was also scheduled to be at ANC 3B meetings every two months or so to report on the process.

Commissioner Bowman asked about an issues regarding connecting a new building with an old one. Ms. Tuckson said that this kind of project has been successful before and that Stoddert is structurally sound and will not be impaired when the new building is attached.

Discussions of other aspects of the project such as security will be addressed at an ANC 3B meeting in the Fall, e.g., the October-November timeframe.

Ariadne Henry read a statement from Jarrett Ferrier, GPCA President:

On March 7th at the GPCA meeting a motion was made, seconded, and adopted. This motion encouraged a letter to be sent to the ANC regarding plans for the Stoddert Recreation Center. Our letter, FOR THE RECORD, is as follows:

The Glover Park Citizens' Association would like to commend the members of ANC 3B for their approval of the Stoddert Recreation Center plans at their February meeting. We look forward to moving ahead in a partnership with ANC members to ensure that the Recreation Center is successfully completed and provides the best possible facility for the citizens of Glover Park.

Installation of Pedestrian Signal at Fulton Street and Wisconsin Avenue. The discussion was tabled until the April meeting because Jeff Jennings, DDOT representative, had to leave.

NEW BUSINESS

“Club Zones.” At the February meeting, a constituent brought up the idea of establishing “club zones” in the area. These zones would be blocks close to a commercial strip that would be targeted for increased enforcement by MPD in the hours just before and after the nearby restaurants and bars closed. Commissioner Gordon checked with ABRA and MPD and could not find an formal designation for “club zones.” Since, however, Second District MPD has already increased such enforcement in Glover Park areas adjacent to the commercial strip, it was decided that the issue did not need to be addressed any further at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Bowman gave the treasurer's report. As of the end of February 2006, the ANC 3B bank balance is \$22,902.93. One check for \$25 to the ANC Security Fund was written last month. One expenditure for \$1,500 to Heart School for their production of *The Wiz*.

Approval of January 2006 Meeting Minutes. A motion was introduced to pass the January minutes. It was seconded, and passed 5-0.

FY 2006 Budget. Tabled.

OPEN FORUM: No issues forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Gordon asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.