

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



ANC – 3B Minutes
March 8, 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. There were no changes to the agenda: acceptance of the agenda was seconded and passed 3-0.

Commissioners present

3B01 – Cathy Fiorillo
3B02 – Alan Blevins
3B03 – Melissa Lane
3B04 – Howie Krietzman, absent
3B05 – Brian Cohen

Resolution Appointing Alan Blevins Commissioner of ANC 3B-02

Commissioner Lane read a resolution declaring Alan Blevins of 3516 W. Place, Apt 104, to be the new ANC 3B-02 Commissioner. Commissioner Blevins was welcomed and joined the other ANC 3B commissioners.

2nd District Police Report:

Reserve Officer Lively (Christopher.lively@dc.gov) reported on PSA205. The Second District has new phone numbers. They are: main switch board, 715-7300, the Commander, 730-1901 and Officer Cusick's number is 715-7326, Kevin.cusick@dc.gov.

Officer Lively reported there would be zero tolerance for cell phones used by drivers of cars; both citizens and police officers. The two Pizza Hut thefts which happened in February were independent of each other. One of them is currently under investigation.

One citizen asked Officer Lively how to get unauthorized vehicles that are parked in private space removed. Such issues should be called into the 311 police number. Police can be called if a responsible person is at the property to discuss the matter with the police. A ticket can be written and cars can be towed (at the expense of the vehicle's owner) from the private space.

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VICE-CHAIR

3B05
S. GLOVER PARK
BRIAN A. COHEN
TREASURER

Old Business:

Consideration of Bus Stop Issue at Wisconsin Avenue and Fulton Street. The issue was raised as to whether or not to move the bus stop from Fulton and Wisconsin Avenues. The ANC to the north of us, ANC3C, had voted to move it to Garfield Street. Several citizens from the community, including retired Commissioner Charles Howe, passionately pleaded not to move the bus stop. When the question was raised whether anyone in the room was in favor of moving the stop, no one raised their hand.

Commissioner Blevins presented a resolution opposing the removal of the bus stop:

A Resolution In Opposition to Relocating
The Bus Stop at Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
And Fulton Street, N.W.

Therefore be it Resolved: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B opposes relocating the bus stop at Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. and Fulton Street, N.W. and urges the District’s Department of Transportation to find alternative measures to increase pedestrian safety, e.g. overhead intermittent-flashing yellow lights, a “lighted cross-walk”, etc. to warn incoming autos of pedestrians crossing this intersection.

The motion was properly seconded by Commissioner Lane, and passed by unanimous consent. Commissioner Blevins will write a letter to DDOT stating ANC 3B’s opposition to removing the bus stop and encouraging DDOT to take necessary steps to make the corner as safe as possible for everyone.

DPR Update on Stoddert Recreation Center. A representative from DPR had a last minute family emergency and was not able to attend the meeting.

New Business:

Development Plans for 2440 Wisconsin Avenue. Douglas Yurechko, Director of Development (dyurechko@adamsinvestment.com) from Adams Investment Group, presented the plans for 2440 Wisconsin Avenue. The plan is for a modern, glass building with first floor retail planned and offices on the second floor. Each floor will have 3,000 square feet of space. There will be 2 parking spaces with the building.

The developer is looking for renters so that the new tenants can define the interior space. No excavation was needed as they installed a micropile system that didn’t require excavation. The developer believes the lack of a liquor license for the space hurts the marketability of the space. Mr. Yurechko stated that the building would not be “green” or LEED certified. The building should be finished in November except for another 3 months to fit out the interior to the requests of the tenant. Adams Investment Group hopes to get a long term tenant.

There was a complaint that pedestrians cannot easily walk down 37th street while work is going on. Mr Yurechko promised that he would have signs put up stating that the “Sidewalk is closed and that pedestrians should cross over and walk down the other side of the street.”

DDOT Presentation on DC Pedestrian Master Plan. George Branyan (george.branyan@dc.gov), DDOT Project Manager, presented the DC Pedestrian Master Plan. The goal of the master plan is to make the district streets safer and more easier to walk. D.C . is a fairly safe city when compared to others in the U.S. but unfortunately we have had 7 fatalities in February with 3 caused by Metro bus drivers. In D.C., more people walk and/or ride transit to work than drive. From the study, one hundred miles of street corridors were targeted as potentially high crash areas. Within Ward 3, Connecticut and Wisconsin Avenues were identified as needing improvement to make pedestrians safe. There is new technology being used around the world to improve pedestrian safety and hopefully some of the technologies will be tried in Washington, DC.

Two practical projects for our neighborhood that came from this presentation were that 1) Chris Lively pushed to have sidewalks widened and 2) the traffic light at Whole Foods should be looked at again. Mr. Branyan emphasized that although a pedestrian light states a certain amount of seconds for pedestrians to cross, the cross light is not scheduled to change for an additional 3-5 seconds. Engineers tack this timing on when they analyze the efficiency of a light. There is a national code published by the Federal Highway Administration which states the amount of seconds a light should be assigned depending on the width of the street. DDOT is not likely to change timing on a particular light because it would change the timing and traffic flow of a whole corridor. Mr. Branyan stated that, unfortunately, DDOT is set up to favor traffic flow rather than pedestrian traffic.

Administrative:

Treasurer’s Report. Brian Cohen stated a beginning balance of \$15,412.95 for the month of February; expenditures were \$200.19 for outstanding phone bill, DC security fee, and bank charges, and an ending balance for February 2007 of \$15,212.76. A motion was made to accept the report; it was seconded and passed by a vote of 4-0.

February Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the minutes for the February 2007 meeting. A motion was made to accept them. It was seconded and passed by a vote of 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALAN BLEVINS COMMISSIONER OF
ANC 3B-02**

WHEREAS, the office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member District 3B02 was certified vacant, and the Board of Elections submitted a list of qualified candidates to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B following the period of petition circulation and challenge pursuant to D.C. Code 1-257 (d) (1992 Repl. Vol.); and

WHEREAS, only the name of Alan Blevins was certified as a qualified candidate by the Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code 1-257 (d) (1992 Repl. Vol.), if there is only one person qualified to fill the vacancy within the affected Single-Member District, the area Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners shall appoint the qualified person to the vacancy at its next regularly scheduled meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, requests that the Board of Elections declare the vacancy filled by Alan Blevins by publication in the *District of Columbia Register*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, the Mayor, the Secretary of the Council of the District of Columbia, and Alan Blevins.

ADOPTED, March 8th, 2007.

We hereby certify this Resolution to be true and correct.

/s/
Melissa J. Lane
Chair, ANC 3B

/s/
Kathleen W. Fiorillo
Secretary, ANC 3B