

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



ANC – 3B Minutes
Thursday, May 13, 2010 7 p.m.
Guy Mason Recreation Center

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at Guy Mason. Commissioner Kreitzman, Acting Chair, asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no changes. Acceptance of the agenda was seconded and passed 3-0. Commissioners attendance was as follows:

3B01 – Cathy Fiorillo, present
3B02 – Jackie Blumenthal, present
3B03 - Melissa Lane, absent
3B04 - Horace Kreitzman, present
3B05 – Brian Cohen, present arriving at 7:25

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Officers David Baker, david.baker@dc.gov, cell, 410-610-5166, gave the report. A discussion regarding the thefts from autos along the parkland and New Mexico ensued. Officer Baker believes that additional lighting cannot be added to that spot for EPA reasons. Bright lights would affect the wildlife living in the park. Officer Baker referred residents to the following agencies when they asked that -

- SLOW signs be put up in the 37th alley behind White Haven Parkway – DDOT
- Traffic cameras be placed around the neighborhood – Lisa Sutter
- The advertisements at the metro bus stop at Benton and Tunlaw Road be taken down as it blocks drivers views as make turns there – Metro Bus

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Stoddert Recreation Center and School. Commissioner Brian Cohen gave this report. The demountables will come down as soon as school closes at the end of June. Work will begin immediately to renovate the field. The field will not be available for use until summer, 2011 as it will take a year for the grass to get established. School will begin in late August in the new building. One resident suggested that the contractors put money into an escrow account to be used for the changes, corrections and on-going maintenance tweaks that are inevitable with any new construction. Commissioner Cohen agreed with this suggestion and said that he would carry back the requests to the developers. Commissioner Cohen also

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announced this was the last week to participate in the "Buy a Brick" fund raiser sponsored by Stoddert PTA.

Georgetown University 10-Year Plan for development. There is concern among some Glover Park residents that Georgetown University's 10 year expansion plan will cause an influx of students and upset Glover Park's present balance of rental properties. Some ANC Commissioners are concerned for the neighborhoods of Burleith and West Georgetown and think that perhaps the problems they have with off-campus student housing will end up spreading into Glover Park." Consequently, Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal introduced a Resolution opposing the Georgetown University 10-Year Plan. The resolution was properly seconded, voted on and passed with the following vote record:

Aye

Commissioner Blumenthal
Commissioner Cohen
Commissioner Kreitzman

Present

Commissioner Fiorillo

Absent

Commissioner Lane

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Request from DC Greens. Lauren Schweider Bell, from our local farmer's market, DC Greens presented a request for \$2,990 to help with running the market that is held every Saturday throughout the summer at Hardy School. Some of the components of the request were for staffing. The ANC is not allowed to give out money for staff so Ms. Bell will revise the grant and submit it again next month.

Grant Request from Stoddert PTA for Summer Camp. Mary McLaughlin, Co-President of Stoddert PTA, presented a request for \$2,000 to aid with the running of a summer camp program by the Stoddert School PTA After-Care staff. This camp has been in business for 3 years now and accommodates 25-30 kids from the Stoddert/Glover Park community. The grant will be used to aid with bus transportation for field trips to such places as Mt. Vernon. A motion was made to approve the grant request of \$2,000 as requested. The motion was moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

Proposed cancellation of the N8 Bus Line. David Erion, of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, made a presentation of the status of the Van Ness-Wesley Heights Loop Line, Route N8. Mr. Erion presented ridership statistics for December 2008. During that time 610 passengers made 40 schedules trips. Consequently, the average number of passengers per trip is 15.3. This route costs Metro almost \$1,000,000 making it the most inefficient route in the system. Mr. Erion asked for the ANC's support in eliminating this route. After much discussion, it was suggested that WMATA rethink other possible solutions such as the extension of the route that runs along New Mexico to Cathedral Avenue. Perhaps it could be extended to cover this much of our neighborhood. Mr. Erion promised to return to a future ANC meeting with more ideas.

Discussion with Ben Zangeneh from Good Guys regarding incident outside premises in April

Commissioner Blumenthal asked Ben Zangeneh, owner of Good Guys Night Club, to attend the ANC meeting and explain the April 9 incident that occurred within his club and on the front sidewalk. Mr. Zangeneh attended and stated that he cannot talk about the incident because there is a legal hearing in process. After the hearing, he will be happy to return to an ANC meeting and answer whatever questions we have. Mr. Zangeneh reiterated that he has always worked with the ANC; he been a good neighbor all these years and that in the past 5 years, there has only been 9 incidences for which the police were called. He employs 90 people, many of whom live in Glover Park and all pay taxes. Safety in our neighborhood is more important to him than income and he will work with us in anyway possible to improve the safety of everyone. In light of this concern about safety, Mr. Zangeneh offered to increase his overall personnel on duty by bringing in either his manager or an extra bartender at 5 p.m. on Mon-Thurs, at 6 p.m. Fri-Sat, and at 7 p.m. Sun.

Liquor License Renewal Requests for the Restaurant at the Westchester, Rocklands and Kitchen. License renewals for the above three restaurants are up for renewal. Motions were made for approval of each of the liquor licenses. The motions was moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

OPEN FORUM

Neighbor Jim Lively talked about Camp Brown which is a camp run by the police department. If anyone would like to donate to the renovations of the storm damaged cabins, please call Jim at 202-297-6366.

Commisisoner Blumenthal noted that the rebuilding of JP's is behind schedule. Its license is up for sale for \$1.3M. The license is only good for this neighborhood.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was postponed until next month.

April Minutes. Commissioner Blumenthal presented the minutes from the April 2010 meeting. A motion was made to accept them. It was seconded and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Krietzman asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:45. The next meeting will be held June 10, 2010 at Stoddert East.