

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B

GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



ANC – 3B Minutes

Thursday, November 12, 2009 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 Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no changes. Acceptance of the agenda was seconded and passed 5-0. Commissioners present were:

3B01 – Cathy Fiorillo
3B02 – Jackie Blumenthal
3B03 - Melissa Lane
3B04 - Horace Kreitzman
3B05 – Brian Cohen

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

The police were not present so their report was canceled.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Glover Park Transportation Study (Christopher Delfs, DDOT). We received an update from DDOT on the long-awaited Wisconsin Avenue commercial strip and pedestrian safety improvements. Major and visible changes will begin in the spring. Most prominently, along Wisconsin Avenue between Fulton St. and Whitehaven Parkway, the current six lanes of the Avenue (one parking and two driving lanes on each side) will be reduced to four lanes – one parking and one driving lane on each side. This arrangement should be similar to the four lanes of Wisconsin Avenue that exist further south, by the Safeway and down to M. St. Parking will be restricted along the southbound side of the street during morning rush hour and along the northbound side of the street during evening rush hour.

This rearrangement will bring major improvements to the pedestrian environment: traffic will be slower along a four-lane road than it would otherwise be along a six-lane road; the sidewalks – particularly those near the gas station – will be wider, and there will be a median strip in the center of Wisconsin Avenue. In the short term, these will be “soft” construction – cones and painted lines as opposed to brick and concrete construction. This will allow the project to proceed with a much smaller budget, and allow a probationary period to see how

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the changes affect traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Hopefully in the not-too-distant future, brick-and-mortar construction will begin to make the changes permanent.

An additional part of the first phase will be installation of new streetlights – the 1970's era stick and pole style streetlights will be removed and replaced with the traditional DC globe style lights – giving us more light, and a more old-school ambiance along the strip.

ANC 3B asked DDOT to consider moving the bus stop for southbound Wisconsin that is currently in front of the first dry cleaner south of Calvert to just north of Calvert in the triangle area. This move would allow pedestrian traffic to flow more freely just south of Calvert. Beside Chris Delfs, DDOT contacts on this project are Anna Chamberlain, Alan Fye and Emmanuel Briggs.

Bike lanes are also coming to Glover Park. The first will be on Tunlaw and New Mexico from Calvert all the way to Nebraska.

Consideration of Proposal for Changes to Gin and Tonic's Voluntary Agreement. ANC 3B voted to allow Gin and Tonic to expand their hours to match those of other bars along the strip. In return for allowing the club to remain open an extra half an hour each night, Gin and Tonic agreed to end their practice of advertising “all you can drink” specials (which were contributing to rowdiness and other problems with the club's patrons) and provide for additional security in and outside of the club. The agreement was moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent. It is attached.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Request from Hardy PTA for Books (Wendy Sefsaf, Hardy PRA). ANC 3B voted to give a \$1,000 grant to the Hardy PTA for new books for the school's library. Ms. Sefsaf was encouraged to return to the ANC during this school year ask for additional funding.

Rat Infestation Problem at Guy Mason Recreation Center (Robert Haldeman, DPR and Gerard Brown, Director of DOH Rat Control Program). There is a big rat problem at the Guy Mason playing field and playground. Mr. Brown discussed the health department's plan to get rid of the rats. This will take an effort between DOH, Guy Mason, Whole Foods and surrounding restaurants. Mr. Brown's suggestions were:

- 1) make trash containers rodent proof by installing “Big Bellies.” They cost \$1,400 each.
- 2) educate the custodian to recognize rat burrows and sources of food
- 3) get a compactor – best alternative is an “Untouchable” at a cost of \$12,000
- 4) intensive baiting
- 5) put screens under plants

Mr. Brown would like help from community organizations to buy Big Bellies and an Untouchable. Friends of Guy Mason will help with this project and they were encouraged to ask for money from the ANC.

OPEN FORUM

There were no questions or discussions.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Treasurer's Report

For the month of October: Opening Balance: \$26,835.95

Withdrawals: \$4.14 (Bank Service Fees)
\$900.00 (Check #1141 - 2D MPD CAC)
\$87.16 (Check #1142 – Verizon)

Deposits: 0

Closing Balance: \$25,844.65

All financial reports were moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent

October Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the minutes from the October 2009 meeting. A motion was made to accept them. It was seconded and passed by a vote of 5-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:05. The next meeting will be held December 10 at 7 PM at Guy Mason.