

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B

GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



ANC – 3B Minutes September 13, 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 4-0. Commissioners present

3B01 – Cathy Fiorillo
3B02 – Alan Blevins
3B03 - Melissa Lane
3B04 - Horace Kreitzman (Absent)
3B05 – Brian Cohen

2nd District Police Report

Commander Andrew Solberg gave the police report. The Lieutenant for PSA 204 (our neighborhood) is Roger Roch; our Captain is Willie Smith. The Commander promised to meet with ANC3B again on September 20 as community members have been concerned about the robberies that have taken place this summer. On September 24, 2007, PSA 306 was moved to the 2nd District and renamed PSA 208. A District 2 daily report of all crimes committed is available at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MPD-2D>. Commander Solberg encouraged the ANC to come up with a report of the type of information that would be helpful to our community and how we would like it reported. The District tracks all kinds of information from 911 calls (not 311) and he can give us statistics any way we like.

Commander Solberg reiterated that breaking into cars is the #1 crime in our ANC. He reminded everyone to lock cars and remove GPS systems, computers, cell phones and other valuable items. Leaving valuables in cars invites theft.

It is too early at this time to determine if the change of PSA 306 to 208 has affected police coverage in the original District 2. The feeling is that 208 is well manned and response time to calls in the Dupont Circle area has favorably improved and response times in the original PSA has not been effected.

One Hall Place resident who was present said that at one point a year or so ago the previous District 2 Commander had committed to placing an officer at the corner of Hall Place and Wisconsin Ave when Town Hall closes on Friday and Saturday night. Commander Solberg was not aware of this commitment and said that such a commitment could not be made. He did say that he would remind officers to cruise those parts of Wisconsin Ave at closing times on weekends if they are available. Another resident asked

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about foot patrols which had begun this summer. Because of budget cuts, the foot patrols had to be cut back. Commander Solberg does hope to bring them back. He also said that there is a pedestrian campaign going on right now and both pedestrians and cars can be ticketed if either party is breaking the law.

Old Business

Update on DDOT Glover Park Transportation Study. Jeff Jennings from DDOT reported on the status of the GP Transportation Study. The report includes a summary and corresponding map of:

- Existing land uses and planned development
- Roadway features and operations
- Pedestrian facilities
- Bicycle facilities
- Transit accommodation
- Motor vehicle parking
- Key intersection operation

The report can be found at <http://www.tooledesign.com/projects/gloverpark/reports.html>. Jeff reported that recommendations would be ready this winter and will include retiming the crosswalk signals, fixing crosswalks and road signs. He also reported that parking meters like the new Georgetown meters will soon replace our old ones between 2300 (Holy Rood) and 2600 Wisconsin Avenue.

Community members asked Mr. Jennings about the Circulator Bus. Some would like it to go further north on Wisconsin Ave (it now turns around by the Holiday Inn). Even though this falls under Metro, Mr. Jennings said there are no plans to extend that Bus north. They are adding on to it in an east/west direction. Rather than extend the Circulator, Metro plans to add more 30s buses that will have a shorter route. The theory is that buses with a shorter route will move quicker along Wisconsin Avenue.

Update on Removal of Double Utility Poles. PEPCO was supposed to be at the meeting and did not show up.

Citizen Request for Zoning Variance at a Private Home. Richard Sullivan at 3810 W St., NW attended the meeting and requested support/approval for a BZA variance. He would like to add a new deck which will be 4' 8" and the zoning requirement does not allow a deck higher than 4 feet. This change will not intrude into the air space or view from the neighbor's houses. This will also allow space for his trashcans. A motion was made to approve Mr. Sullivan's request. The motion was second and passed 4-0. Commissioner Cohen will write a letter to the BZA supporting Mr. Sullivan's request.

New Business

Presentation on Proposed Call Box Renovation Project. Judy Havemann of Cathedral Heights spoke about the call box project. There is a movement underway in DC to turn these “eye sores into assets.” Ms. Havemann is working on those in Cathedral Heights and thought adding Glover Park at the same time would be more efficient use of her time. Glover Park has 9 call boxes. The organization which is responsible for fixing them up will give grants of \$750. On average, it costs \$1,500 to fix up a box. There will be an article in the Gazette about this project and Ms. Havemann will speak at the GPCA about the issue. Commissioner Fiorillo is interested in chairing the Glover Park side of the project.

Briefing on Proposed Plans for New Establishment in My Bakery Space. Bill Thomas, owner of Bourbon, announced his plans to take over the My Bakery space. It will be a deli with sandwiches, pastries, wine by the glass and 15 different beers on tap. It will have billiards and an outside area at street level will be available in good weather. It will be open for lunch and dinner. With the office building above being 60% occupied, Bill believes he can make a basement location a success. Mr. Thomas is willing to sign a voluntary agreement and work with the neighborhood to be a good neighbor. He is currently working with a group of five residents on Hall Place to modify the voluntary agreement they had with My Bakery. At some point, Mr. Thomas will ask for a substantive change to the liquor licenses in order to expand the hours of operation to 1AM on week nights, 2 AM on weekends, and outdoor table service until midnight. Free parking behind 2300 Wisconsin will continue. Mr. Thomas will keep ANC 3B informed as his plans progress.

Briefing on ABRA Proposed Rulemaking Changes. Cynthia Simms from ABRA announced that was holding public meetings about changes to their rulemaking process. Milton Grossman was in agreement with the changes. Commissioner Blevins will write a letter to ABRA support the changes.

Issuance of ANC 3B Grant Guidelines. The ANC 3B Grant Guidelines were presented, voted on and approved unanimously (4-0).

Open Forum

- A question was raised as to who is responsible for the garden plot at 37th, Calvert and Wisconsin Ave (the triangle). It is not being maintained. Commissioner Lane will investigate who is responsible for maintenance.
- Charles Howe was honored for his many years as an ANC Commissioner. A resolution was presented to former Commissioner Howe.

Administrative:

Treasurer’s Report: For the month of July, there was an opening balance of \$16,039.50; withdrawals were \$128.68; there were no deposits, and the closing balance was \$15,910.82.

For the month of August, the opening balance was \$15,910.82 with withdrawals of \$128.68 and \$35.59, deposits of \$2,435.52, and a closing balance of closing balance of \$18,182.23

June and July Minutes: Commissioner Lane asked for motions to approve the June and July minutes. Motions were made and seconded. The motions passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded and passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

ANC 3B Grant Guidelines

ANC 3B receives an annual allotment of funds, provided under the annual budget approved by the Council of the District of Columbia. These funds may be used for grants to be distributed to organizations as designated by ANC 3B, pursuant to a vote of the commissioners, as consistent with DC law. The following guidelines apply to these grants:

1. The organization receiving the grant must be "public in nature," and must benefit persons who live or work within ANC 3B.
2. Grants shall be considered by ANC 3B at regularly scheduled monthly meetings.
3. Grant applications must be submitted in writing to the Commission at least one week prior to the meeting at which the grant will be considered.
4. The grant application must include a) a description of the organization requesting the grant, and the nature of the services it provides to the residents of ANC 3B and the surrounding community; b) a description of the proposed project for which the grant is requested; c) a statement of expected public benefits, and benefits for individuals who live or work within ANC 3B; d) the total cost of the proposed project, including detailed budgetary information and information on all other sources of funding; and e) a timetable for the proposed project.
5. Organizations may not receive more than \$2,000 in ANC 3B grants in any single calendar year.
6. A representative of the organization requesting the grant must make a public presentation of the grant request prior to a vote of the Commissioners.
7. Grants may not be used for partisan political activity, litigation, or food or entertainment expenses.
8. Within sixty days of receiving the grant, the recipient must forward to ANC 3B a statement as to the use of funds consistent with the grant application, complete with receipts supporting all expenditures. Should the grant not be fully expended within 60 days, the recipient shall provide ANC 3B with a progress report on the status of the project, and shall provide ANC3B with progress reports every sixty days until the funds are spent in full or the funded project is complete.
9. In the event that the full amount of the grant is not spent on an approved project, all unexpended funds must be returned to ANC 3B.