

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



ANC – 3B Minutes
Thursday, September 28th, 2010 7 p.m.
Stoddert Elementary School and Recreation Center

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. at Stoddert Elementary School and Recreation Center. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. None heard, a motion was made to approve the agenda. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

A representative from MPD was not able to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on ABRA Noise Task Force. Commissioner Blumenthal reported on the ABRA Noise Task Force. It is a group made up of a wide cross-section of the D.C. including ANC commissioners, private citizens, and owners and managers of entertainment, bar and restaurant establishments. The committee has drafted a set of ten proposals regarding the control of noise from restaurants, bars, and nightclubs. The final draft will be submitted to ABRA on November 3rd. ABRA will assess the proposals and report a set of them to the City Council. The one most relevant to Glover Park focuses on patron noise. Commissioner Blumenthal will keep the community apprised of the status of the proposals.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Request from Glover Park Citizens Association for Tribute. Jarrett Ferrier, representing GPCA, asked for a grant to purchase a plaque in honor of Cathy Fiorillo’s work on the new Stoddert Recreation Center. The stage in the Center has been renamed “Fiorillo Stage” and the plaque will be placed by it with a tribute to Cathy’s work. The amount of the grant is \$489. A motion was made to approve the grant. It was properly seconded and passed 3-0.

Grant Request form the Glover Park Citizens Association for the Golden Glovers. Charlotte Nusberg, representing GPCA and the Golden Glovers, submitted a proposal for \$1 thousand to establish a database and web site, and obtain a business license for the Golden Glovers. This group is being established as a non-profit (501-C3) and will be made up of volunteers to help neighborhood people in

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need (e.g., senior citizens, persons with physical challenges, etc.) stay and function in their homes rather than having to move to a type of assisted living arrangement. A motion was made to approve the grant. It was properly seconded and passed 3-0.

Proposal from Friends of Glover Park to Change Name of Stoddert Recreation Center. Sue Lohsen, representing Friends of Glover Park, asked ANC 3B to support a proposal changing the name of the Stoddert Recreation Center to the Glover Park Recreation Center. Reasons including establishing a separate and unique identity for the Center and differentiating it from a similarly named recreation center elsewhere in the city. At present, the Center is located in the elementary school and does not have any official signage on the exterior grounds. Discussion of the idea was generally supportive among the ANC 3B commissioners present and the members of the audience. Commissioner Lane said she would write a letter to Councilmember Mary Cheh asking her to support the name change and submit a proposal to Council for the change.

Discussion of Hero Bar (at Blue Ridge Restaurant). Eli Hengst and Jared Rager represented Blue Ridge Restaurant. They explained that “Hero Bar” was an idea of one of their managers in which they initially supported. It was designed to attract customers to the second floor bar space and be used mostly for special events. Response to the advertisements was much greater than anticipated and resulted in substantial noise and disruption in the adjacent neighborhood. Mr. Hengst and Mr. Raiger have since put a stop to “Hero Bar” after many complaints were received following the first weekend of operation. They clarified that Hero Bar was not a separate entity from Blue Ridge Restaurant and that any further operation of the second floor bar space would be for special events only and would follow guidelines specified in the voluntary agreement regarding noise and hours of operation.

Mr. Hengst and Mr. Raiger also detailed their plans for the restaurant. It is being totally renovated and the business model has been re-engineered. The restaurant will now be a more casual establishment that will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It will be similar to a diner format. Closing hours will not be changed. The renovation work will take place around the Thanksgiving holidays. The restaurant will continue partial operations during construction.

Mr. Hengst and Mr. Raiger agreed to re-negotiate their voluntary agreement and will work with Commissioner Blumenthal on the changes.

Request for Change in Liquor License to add a Summer Garden, Kavanagh’s. A representative from Kavanagh’s was not present at the meeting. Kavanaghs does not currently have a voluntary agreement with ANC 3B. In light of this issue, a motion was made for Commissioner Blumenthal to contact Kavanaghs and negotiate a VA. Once a VA is in place, ANC 3B will support their request for a summer garden. If not, ANC 3B will oppose and protest the change. This motion was seconded and passed 3-0.

Upcoming Liquor License Renewals in October: Good Guys and JPs. Commissioner Blumenthal explained the process for liquor license renewals of Good Guys and JP’s and asked anyone who wanted to submit their views to send e-mail to any of the ANC 3B commissioners or to the ANC 3B e-mail address. It is anticipated that Good Guys and JPs liquor license renewal requests will be on the agenda for the October 14th ANC 3B meeting.

Michael Papanicolas from JPs attended the meeting. He said that he is in the process of negotiating a lease with the owners of the building and is working with the contractors on the build out of the space in the new building. Asked about the big picture window in the front of the new building, Mr. Papanicolas said that it had not be determined how to handle that issue. Ideas being considered included frosting the window or using black out paint.

Discussion of Creating Community Committee on Glover Park Business Development.

Commissioner Blumenthal described the creation of a community committee to work on issues regarding Glover Park Business Development. The committee will be made up of ANC 3B commissioners Blumenthal, Cohen and Lane as well as community residents who have expressed an interest in serving. The primary objective of the committee will be to attract new businesses to the available commercial spaces in Glover Park. The first meeting will be scheduled for some time in October and updates will be made at future ANC 3B meeting.

OPEN FORUM

- A question was asked about the status of the Glover Park Transportation project. Commissioner Lane said she would contact Christopher Delfs at DDOT and ask him to give an update at a 3B meeting in the next month or two.
- Jim Lively made an announcement that Citizen Associate Award Banquet will be held on September 30th. Anyone who would like to attend should contact him. Tickets are \$40 per person.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Cohen gave the financial reports for July and August. A motion was made to approve them. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

[INSERT REPORTS]

Petty Cash. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to replenish the petty cash fund. The motion was for \$[INSERT]. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

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

Adjournment

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:37.