

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

February 2012 Minutes

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at Stoddert Elementary School and Recreation Center. In attendance were: Commissioners Cohen (05), Blumenthal (02), Thielen (01), and Fulwood (03).

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to change the order of the agenda, which was approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Bus Shelter for Wisconsin Avenue and Fulton Street: Commissioner Thielen introduced a resolution supporting the installation of a permanent bus shelter on the western side of Wisconsin Avenue at Fulton Street to serve the passengers on the 30s bus routes. This resolution was approved 4-0.

Hardy Middle School PTA Grant Request: Doug Kendall from the Hardy Middle School PTA submitted a grant request for \$2,890.00 for the purchase of five Apple iPad 2s and the AppleCare Protection Plan. Commissioner Cohen recused himself from discussion of, and voting on, the grant proposal. Mr. Kendall said these iPads will assist hearing impaired students in the Special Education program at Hardy Middle School. He indicated that they would benefit individuals who live and work in ANC 3B (Hardy Middle School is the local feeder middle school for Glover Park and Stoddert Elementary) and that the PTA was seeking to fund this purchase because the standard DCPS budget would not cover these items. The grant request was approved 2-1, with the check to be written when adequate funds were deposited into the ANC 3B bank account. Commissioner Blumenthal and Fulwood voted aye, Commissioner Thielen voted nay, and Commissioner Cohen abstained from this vote because of his volunteer work with the Hardy PTA.

Second District Police Report

Office David Baker from the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District provided the police report for January 2012. Violent crime was down 67%. There was a robbery however at the 3000 block of 32nd Street (Cleveland Park). Theft from automobiles has increased 71% (up by ten vehicles).

Officer Baker noted that MPD is doing stop sign enforcement at the intersection of Benton and Tunlaw and 39th Street and Tunlaw. According to Office Baker, more drivers are now stopping at the intersection of 39th Street and Tunlaw because of the recent enforcement. Commissioner Fulwood later noted that speeding is a problem on 42nd Street.

One resident noted the issue of unleashed dogs in Glover Park, requesting improved signs informing dog-owners about the District's leash laws. Commissioner Cohen said he's working

with the principal of Stoddert to get improved signs for the school's field. Tom Smith from Mayor Gray's office said he noticed an individual who had six dogs at the dog park at Guy Mason (the limit is three dogs per person). Officer Baker indicated that it was illegal to have unleashed dogs on sidewalks or any place in Washington D.C., and that dogs – leashed or not -- were not allowed on DCPS fields. Officer Baker was asked to enforce the law by providing warnings and taking other appropriate actions against individuals who did not comply.

Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium: Commissioners debated a resolution on the Glover Park liquor license moratorium, voting 3-1 to extend the moratorium by three years until 2015. Commissioners added two new CR licenses, for a total of 14 licenses. There were no changes to the club or tavern licenses. Commissioners Blumenthal, Cohen, and Fulwood voted for the resolution, and Commissioners Thielen voted against the resolution. ABRA will hold a hearing on the Glover Park moratorium on March 21, 2012. The attached story from the Georgetown Current, describes the debate over the moratorium at the February meeting. The story can also be found online at: <http://anc3b.org/northwest-current-newspaper-reports-on-decision-to-modify-the-glover-park-liquor-license-moratorium/>

Glover Park Streetscape Project : Commissioner Cohen noted the contract with Fort Myer Construction for the Wisconsin Avenue streetscape improvements was signed by the District Department of Transportation. He added that DDOT has said there will be a community meeting scheduled before construction starts to acquaint the community with what will happen in the several phases of year-long construction on Wisconsin Avenue.

OPEN FORUM

Wisconsin Avenue cleanliness: One resident noted that there has been a lot of litter on Wisconsin Avenue. Commissioner Blumenthal noted that Councilmember Cheh's office tried to start a voluntary business association to deal with issues such as trash management and beautification but there are not enough businesses that were willing to participate in the Glover Park commercial district. Commissioner Blumenthal noted that DC regulations require businesses to maintain the cleanliness in front of their stores.

Wisconsin Avenue retail: One resident suggested that ANC 3B try to get input from the community about what types of retail Glover Park should have. Commissioner Blumenthal explained that a joint ANC-GPCA committee had been established to do that and had developed a long list of ideas, many of them proposed via list-serv outreach. However, exploration into how the committee might push landlords to seek out the businesses we want showed that landlords were, for the most part, seeking the high rents and stability available from national franchises and chain operations.

ADMINISTRATIVE

January minutes: The January 2012 minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

January 2012 Financial Statement: For January 2012, the opening balance was \$4,450.99. There was one deposit on January 12 for \$129.60. The closing balance was \$4,580.59.

Commissioner Fulwood noted that \$1,600.00 mistakenly withheld by the Office of the DC Auditor from the ANC 3B's quarterly allotment will be restored. Checks to be written in February 2012 include: 1) a petty cash reimbursement, 2) a check to DLM Web Services for maintenance and hosting of the ANC's website, 3) reimbursement to Commissioner Cohen for the printing of ANC business cards, and 4) a check for the Hardy PTA grant.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and passed unanimously at approximately 9:00 PM.