

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



**ANC3B Public Meeting Minutes**  
**July 12, 2018**

Chairman Brian Turmail (ANC3B05) opened the meeting at 7:02 pm. All the other Commissioners were also in attendance: Ann Mladinov (ANC3B01), Jackie Blumenthal (ANC3B02), Melissa Lane (ANC3B03), and Mary Young (ANC3B04), which constituted a quorum.

Commissioner Mladinov made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and the Commission approved the agenda by a vote of 5-0.

**Police Report**

Lt. Ralph Neal presented the monthly police report for crimes in ANC3B in the most recent 30-day period compared to a year ago. The crime statistics showed only 4 total reported crimes in that time period this year v. 7 last year. The total included no violent crimes and no robberies but 1 stolen vehicle, 2 thefts from autos, and 1 general theft. The crime figures in PSA 204 as a whole were up from the same period last year, at 35 v. 29 in 2017, so ANC3B accounted for only 11%, far smaller than the 20-25% it has represented for much of the past year. Lt. Neal credited the neighborhood for the low crime numbers and said he had assigned officers to patrol more frequently wherever any problems had been reported in preceding months.

Chairman Turmail posed a question from a constituent about a landscaping van that has been parking regularly on the sidewalk along Calvert Street between Tunlaw and Wisconsin. Lt. Neal agreed that no vehicles should be parked on the sidewalk without a permit. The mayor's representative Russell Rowe said he would check DDOT's "TOPS" system to see if a permit had been issued. Lt. Neal said if the van is parked illegally on the sidewalk again in the future, people observing it should call him and he will get an officer out to issue a citation.

**Presentation by Lucinda Babers, Director of DC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**

Director Babers distributed DMV's Strategic Plan for 2017-2022 and talked about new services including the "Real ID" format being used for DC driver's licenses since 2014 (distinguished by a large black star in the upper right corner), as required to meet a federal deadline of October 2020. After that date, a driver's license with the old format will not be accepted as identification for domestic airline flights.

As part of the Real ID program, anyone applying for a new or replacement driver's license in the District will be asked to provide additional identification (for example, a birth certificate or passport to prove identification, a Social Security card or 1099 tax form to show the Social Security number, and 2 proofs of residency (utility bills, bank statement, lease or mortgage forms). For someone 70 or over to get a driver's license, s/he is also required to obtain a report from a doctor and ophthalmologist, who both must sign off.

Chairman Turmail asked what DMV will do about residents whose current driver's license expires after October 2020. Director Babers said that DMV is compiling a record of all those in that category, may send a notice to each of them about the Real ID program, and may also schedule special hours with expedited service to help them get the new format of license.

In response to other questions, Director Babers also explained:

- If a resident cannot provide a valid birth certificate and the old driver's license is running out, DMV can issue a 45-day temporary license to allow the individual to drive while s/he is obtaining the required documents to qualify for a Real ID.
- People who enrolled in TSA's secure flyers program with their old driver's license are required to obtain a new driver's license in Real ID format to be able to use it to board a flight in the United States.
- When a resident old enough to vote is getting a new driver's license, DMV automatically will enroll the resident as a registered voter in the District unless the person opts out.
- If someone has lived in the District for 6 months or more but does not have legal documentation to be in the United States, DMV can issue a non-official ID for the individual to use as identification (not a Real ID). This has been District policy since 2013. The data from the completed applications are not shared with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) unless ICE obtains a subpoena.

### **Permitting Issue RE Potential Development of the Parking Lot now being used by Pearson's**

Commissioner Blumenthal introduced Eli Borek, Ted Chang and Gabrielle Jones from Petra Development LLC to describe their plans for a four-story mixed use building at 2340 Wisconsin Avenue, which is now used as Pearson's parking lot. They signed a contract to purchase the land and are proposing to build two retail spaces on the first floor and six high-end condominium apartments on the top three floors (two per floor). The condos would be stepped back from Wisconsin [similar to the Park Building], each with 2 bedrooms and a den, 2.5 or 3 bathrooms, and a parking space at the back of the lot. The building is designed with an elevator opening from an interior corridor that runs from the back to the front of the building, for use by residents and retail customers, including those using a wheelchair or walker. Petra is considering having its own offices in one of the retail spaces and rent the other retail space for a showroom, such as a kitchen design showroom.

Commissioner Blumenthal asked if the interior corridor would be open to the public to get from 37<sup>th</sup> Street to Wisconsin, since many pedestrians have been using the Pearson's parking lot for that purpose. Mr. Borek said that the corridor would not be available to the public. Commissioner Blumenthal mentioned that between W Street and Calvert Street, the Pearson's parking lot provides the only comfortable way for pedestrians to get from 37<sup>th</sup> Street to Wisconsin. She said that she is in conversations with the Mayor's representative to see if a narrow passage between buildings slightly south of the Pearson's parking lot could be cleaned up and made safer and more amenable to pedestrians, through improved lighting and

Mr. Borek said that the building plans will be matter-of-right development in that zone (mixed use – Naval Observatory) so the developers do not need any zoning approval. They have secured all the required building permits from DCRA and are just waiting for public space permits from DDOT, which is why DDOT was seeking the ANC's input. Petra applied for permits to add a bike rack at the front, along Wisconsin Avenue; extend the tree boxes; build balconies extending over the sidewalk; and close the current curb cuts and pedestrian access from 37<sup>th</sup> and from Wisconsin. Mr. Borek also mentioned that another public space permit is needed for a vault under the sidewalk on 37<sup>th</sup> Street, to access the water service. (The building itself would have cellar area only to provide space for the elevator shaft and a fire pump room.) The DDOT hearing was scheduled for July 28 and Petra was expecting to start construction soon after getting the DDOT permits.

Ms. Jones explained that the plans meet the standards for that zone. The building rises 40 feet to the top of the fourth floor with a penthouse and roofdeck on top, accessible only to the third floor condo units. The penthouse is designed to be set back from the front and the back, with deck area, a half bathroom and an auxiliary space for a media room. The fourth floor units would not have a balcony. Mr. Borek mentioned that the plan might be modified so the balconies on the second and third floors might not overhang the sidewalk, but just stay within the property lines, at a height of 11 or 12 feet above the sidewalk level.

Commissioner Blumenthal next introduced Phil Kang, owner of Pearson's Wine and Liquor, which chose not to buy the property at 2340 Wisconsin but has been using the lot as its parking lot for many years and paying 85% of the property tax, with first right of refusal if anyone else offered to purchase the property. Mr. Kang talked about filing a lawsuit against Mr. Kim, who owned the Pearson's parking lot, for not providing the first right of refusal as required, and selling the property to Petra for a price more than 5% beyond the original quoted price. Mr. Kang said he had sold two buildings to be able to afford to buy the parking lot, and cautioned that if the court found in his favor, it could put a hold on any construction Petra had started.

Commissioners Mladinov and Blumenthal noted that ANC3B had adopted a resolution in April urging DDOT to hold off granting Petra the public space permits until all legal questions about the ownership of the property had been resolved. The Commissioners did not take any action to change that position.

### **Report from Glover Park Clean Team**

Commissioner Blumenthal introduced Will Avila and Charlie Curtis of the non-profit Changing Perceptions, which has been serving as the Glover Park Clean Team for the past two years, keeping the streets and sidewalks clean in the Glover Park commercial area. The Clean Team is paid for by year-long grants from the city Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), put into the budget by Councilmember Mary Cheh. Changing Perceptions provides training and work opportunities to returning citizens after they have served their time, and Mr. Curtis noted that he has been able to earn a living, support his family, build skills, and take on added responsibilities through his work for Changing Perceptions. Mr. Avila said that Changing Perceptions has applied to DSLBD to renew their grant to serve as Glover Park Clean Team for another year.

The Clean Team representatives asked if there were any changes the ANC would like to see in the cleaning services for the coming year. Commissioner Blumenthal inquired about working on the tree boxes on Wisconsin Avenue and cleaning up behind the CVS and possibly around the businesses on 37<sup>th</sup> Street south of Calvert Street. Mr. Curtis explained that the Clean Team had been waiting for delivery of mulch and would be weeding and mulching the tree boxes in the coming weeks. Mr. Avila said that changes to the clean-up area could be written into the grant description or the Clean Team crew would be glad to clean up the areas the ANC requested.

The Commissioners expressed their thanks for the good service the Clean Team has provided. Chairman Turmail made a motion that the ANC should send a letter to DSLBD within the week, supporting Changing Perceptions' bid to serve as the Glover Park Clean Team another year, and Commissioner Blumenthal should be designated to prepare the letter. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve preparation and submission of a letter by Commissioner Blumenthal to DSLBD supporting renewal of the Clean Team grant.

### **Grant Request from Friends of Glover Park**

On behalf of the Friends of Glover Park (FOGP), Dean Hill presented a request for a grant from ANC3B of \$601.95 to purchase sports equipment, including basketballs and related equipment as well as some wiffleballs, for use by anyone who comes to the recreation facilities at the Glover Park Community Center at Stoddert School. Chairman Turmail made a motion to approve the grant. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the grant as proposed.

### **Updates and Information**

Commissioner Blumenthal reported on the continuing progress of the group working on supporting business improvement in the Glover Park commercial area, following up on the discussion at the ANC3B May meeting about the Glover Park commercial area. She reported that the working group planned to take action on getting Whole Foods to reopen the Glover Park store, and would also be at the rescheduled Glover Park Day on September 15, collecting survey data from residents and expanding participation in the listserv and other social media to draw more support for improvement efforts.

Commissioner Lane summarized plans for Glover Park Day, including Presidents Thomas Jefferson and Teddy Roosevelt (favorites at Nationals games), a mechanical bull, face painting, a selfie station, artists, and food, with support from 55 local businesses.

**Open Forum**

Russell Rowe announced that a Disaster Preparation Workshop would be held the next week at the brand new Cleveland Park Library, DC Public Schools would be holding a feedback forum on attendance issues on July 19, and the DC Office on Aging would be holding a Senior Resources Workshop at the Palisades Recreation Center on July 25. He also noted that earlier in the day, the Mayor signed the historic Green Finance Authority Establishment Act to help close the gaps in financing clean energy projects—the first U.S. city and the second in the world to have what is often referred to as a “green bank.”

Chairman Turmail asked when the DC Department of General Services was going to get to Stoddert Elementary School to cover the walkways to the demountables. He and Mr. Rowe agreed to look into it.

There were no other comments.

**Administrative Matters**

Commissioner Mladinov made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission’s June meeting. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Mary Young presented the monthly financial report for June:

<b>ANC3B June 2018 Financial Report</b>	
OPENING BALANCE:	\$ 9,719.51
Income:	\$2,930.71 DC Quarterly Allotment
Total Income:	\$2,930.71
Outgoing:	\$ 47.11 Ck 1287 to reimburse Jackie Blumenthal – Office Supplies
	\$ 5.18 Ck 1288 to reimburse Jackie Blumenthal – Printing
	\$112.50 Ck 1289 to DLM Web Management – Update Website
Total Outgoing:	\$164.79
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ 12,485.43

Commissioner Mladinov made a motion to approve the ANC3B monthly financial report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the financial report as presented.

Commissioner Young also presented the financial report for the third quarter of FY2018. Commissioner Turmail made a motion to approve the ANC3B quarterly financial report. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the Third Quarter Financial Report.

Chairman Turmail announced that the next public meeting of the Commission would be held on Thursday, September 13.

Chairman Turmail made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.