

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

February 2011 Minutes

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

SECOND DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Officer Baker noted crime was up eleven percent in January 2011 compared with January 2010. Violent crime was down, although there was a physical altercation on Wisconsin Avenue. There were no armed robberies in Glover Park during the month. There were more thefts from autos on New Mexico Avenue again this month and the Metropolitan Police Department noted that it plans on locating a light tower on this street to deter thefts and break-ins.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was taken up at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The ANC presented a plaque to former Commissioner Cathy Fiorillo her commitment and service on the ANC.

Damon Harvey from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) appeared before the ANC to discuss parking issues in Glover Park. Mr. Harvey noted three strategies to address parking in the neighborhood: 1) adjust Residential Parking Permit (RPP) hours, 2) greater enforcement (especially out-of-state license plates), and 3) increase supply of public parking spaces.

Mr. Harvey noted that DDOT can designate one side of a street for residents only via the RPP program and/or extend RPP hours to midnight on all 7 days but noted this should be done in a comprehensive manner among several adjoining streets. He also said such changes require approval of 51% of residents via a petition process. The ANC will explore other ways to reach consensus on such changes since the petition route may not be feasible. DDOT is also looking at whether it is possible to consolidate bus stops around Stoddert to create additional on-street parking but the ultimate decision to do this lies with the Washington Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Two-sided on-street parking has been approved for both sides of Benton Street, as well as curbside parking along the Russian embassy (opposite 3850 and 3900 Tunlaw Road) after embassy business hours.

In response to questions, Mr. Harvey explained that people with out-of-state licenses who regularly visit Glover Park can get a ROSA exemption if they can prove residence in another state. He also explained that although a program exists for residents to get one-day passes for dinner guests, it is not available yet in Ward 3. Two-week passes can still be obtained at the local Metropolitan Police Department on Idaho Avenue. DDOT is considering a digital system for visitors passes. Mr. Harvey said he would arrange for cross-border signs (Zone 3/2) to be erected on 37th street where the two zones meet.

Following the discussion about parking, James Bulger, Mayor Vincent Gray's Ward 3 liaison introduced himself to commissioners and neighbors.

Dee Smith, Councilmember Mary Cheh's constituent liaison also introduced herself. Ms. Smith noted the upcoming District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority town hall on March 8, being held at the University of the District of Columbia. She also suggested that the ANC invite WMATA to one of our meetings to discuss bus stop locations and said that she would work with us on extended RPP hours and forging consensus.

The ANC approved a resolution supporting bicycle lanes on New Mexico Avenue and the other bicycle infrastructure noted in the Glover Park Transportation Study by a 4-0 vote.

Commissioner Blumenthal noted that the Glover Park liquor license moratorium does not expire for another year so the ANC will wait to address questions and concerns related to this.

OPEN FORUM

There were no items in the Open Forum.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Stevens gave the financial report for January 2011, citing an opening balance of \$18,131.54. There were withdrawals of \$65,05 (bank fees), \$536.57 (reimbursements to Brian Cohen), and \$3,000 (grant to Friends of Hardy Middle School). There was a counter-deposit of \$25.20. The closing balance is \$14,555.12

January Minutes: The January minutes will be voted on during the March meeting because the minutes were not completed on time.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

ANC 3B resolution supporting New Mexico Avenue bike lanes

ANC 3B

February 10, 2011

Whereas the Glover Park Transportation study calls for dedicated bike lanes on New Mexico Avenue between 42nd Street and Cathedral Avenue, and on Tunlaw Road from Calvert Street to just north of Davis and shared lane markings on the downhill sections of New Mexico Avenue and Tunlaw;

Whereas Glover Park has a limited supply of parking and switching from driving to bicycling can help reduce the demand for scarce parking;

Whereas Glover Park does not have convenient access to a Metrorail station and bicycling provides another mobility option;

Whereas bicycling as a mode of transportation and for recreation has many public health benefits and encouraging a greater percentage of trips via bicycle will help reduce emissions and air pollution in Washington, DC, and reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil

Whereas, the many of the residents of ANC 3B and the District of Columbia live within ten miles of their place of employment, a distance that can be biked;

Whereas the proposed bike lane will make increase safety for bicycle riders who live in or travel through ANC 3B.

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 3B supports the bicycle infrastructure recommended in the Glover Park Transportation Study.

Furthermore, ANC 3B supports additional efforts by DDOT and the DC Office of Planning to address potential concerns about parking, traffic and public safety in the affected corridor.