March 2011 Minutes

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:06 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 two percent in February 2011 compared with February 2010. Officer Baker noted there was an armed robbery on P Street and a several burglaries of houses in order to get car keys. Officer Baker spoke about the new disorderly conduct laws that cover noise complaints. For someone to be cited for a noise complaint, the police officer must hear a violation occur. The new noise law is effective between the hours of 10 PM – 7 AM. Violators can be arrested at the second violation. Officer Baker also noted that there are new criminal penalties for the disorderly conduct of threatening others. Commissioner Blumenthal inquired about increased graffiti in Glover Park, including on the side of Town Hall. Office Baker said he’ll get an officer from the Metropolitan Police Department’s gang unit to inspect the graffiti.

OLD BUSINESS

Commission Cohen spoke with Damon Harvey from DDOT following the February 2011 meeting. Work orders for parking improvements are proceeding at DDOT and are now on Vince Carter’s desk. Glover Park residents should see new parking spots soon. Commissioner Cohen spoke with Councilmember Mary Cheh’s office about neighborhood-wide changes to the Residential Parking Permit program. Commissioner Cohen also attended a Ward 3 working group meeting on parking issues. Commissioner Cohen noted that DDOT will soon have an automated system for guest parking.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant request for DC Greens: DC Greens, a local nonprofit sought $3,000 for a grant for a 4,000 square foot garden at Stoddert Elementary School. $2,400 was sought for rent and $600 sought for a public relations consultant. DC Greens will be hosting a March 19 community day to helping with the maintenance and planting of this garden. A vote was taken and the grant request was approved, 4-0.

Grant request for Glover Park Village, Inc.: Marsha Goldberg from the Glover Park Village, Inc, sought a grant for $2,000 to support its aging-in activities. The $2,000 request includes the following expenses: $800 for website and software, $900 liability insurance, $200 for background checks for volunteers, and $100 for publicity and
outreach materials. The Glover Park Village, Inc. noted that it is beginning to get responses to its survey. These responses and census data will provide a better demographic profile of the Glover Park neighborhood. The group is hoping to raise money from over sources, as well as leverage resources from Iona House and other sources of funding. Glover Park Village, Inc. expects a total of $8,500 of expenses this year and $8,000 of income this year. The group, however, cannot seek contributions until it gets the required nonprofit licenses. A vote was taken and the grant request was approved, 4-0.

Commissioner Cohen introduced a resolution to rename the new recreation center at Stoddert School the Glover Park Recreation Center. The new name more accurately reflects the fact that the recreation center is available for us by all residents and not just for the school population. It also differentiates the recreation center from another one also named Stoddert. The resolution was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM
Commissioner Cohen noted that the Big Chili event will be held on April 3 this year. Stoddert Elementary is seeking donations for items to auction at this event.

Commissioner Blumenthal will work with the Glover Park business community to explore options for shared parking in the Glover Park commercial district.

ADMINISTRATIVE
Treasurer’s Report: Commissioner Stevens gave the financial report for February 2011, citing an opening balance of $14,555.12. There were withdrawals of $65.65 (bank fees) and a check for $25.00. The closing balance is $14,469.47.

Commissioner Cohen noted the ANC has modified its contract with DLM Web. The ANC is working with Carlton Fletcher to put neighborhood history on the website and to include a link to Gloverparkhistory.org. This contract modification was approved 4-0.

January, February Minutes: The January and February minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:02 PM.