

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



ANC3B Public Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2020

Chairman Brian Turmail called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He explained that due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the meeting was held by “Zoom” technology rather than in-person. This was allowed under the District’s Emergency Legislation of March 17, as well as the Commission’s vote at its March 12 meeting to amend the ANC3B by-laws to allow Commissioners to use remote technology to meet, hold official votes, and be counted for a quorum. Because of difficulties the Commission had with the city’s recommended technologies for holding “webinar”-type events with a panel of speakers, sharing slides and materials and allowing for effective dialogue, the Commissioners had decided to postpone the discussion of a local zoning case, on the assurance that it could still be held at a future meeting before the case would go to a formal hearing at the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

All Commissioners were participating: Ann Mladinov (3B01), Jackie Blumenthal (3B02), Melissa Lane (3B03), Mary Young (3B04) and Brian Turmail (3B05). Commissioner Turmail made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the agenda.

Police Report. MPD Captain Brian Bray who oversees Police Service Area (PSA) 204 including Glover Park and Cathedral Heights reported that crime in the area is generally down during the COVID-19 emergency especially in thefts from retail locations, though stolen autos had increased. He said that in PSA 204, the number of stolen autos rose from 6 in 2019 to 15 in the first four months of 2020. Three mopeds were stolen in the ANC area in the past 30 days from a driveway where they were parked and not locked. One theft of a motorbike parked near 4000 Tunlaw Road was thwarted by MPD officers after they observed several suspects trying to start it. Commissioner Turmail asked about a hit and run incident at Beecher Street and Observatory Place. Captain Bray said that a suspect has been identified and an arrest warrant was issued.

Resolution Supporting Wingo’s Request for a Stipulated Endorsement for Game of Skill

Commissioner Blumenthal explained that Wingo’s had applied to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for a Game of Skill Endorsement to its Liquor License to allow the restaurant to install two electronic games called “Dragon’s Ascent,” which has been ruled by the Office of Attorney General not to be a game of chance. At the ANC3B meeting on March 12, the Commission voted unanimously not to protest the application. The ANC had not taken a position at that time on a request for a stipulated license, which would allow the restaurant to begin to operate the game without waiting for the 45-day notice period for the license to be approved, as long as no protest is filed against the original application. Commissioner Blumenthal said that since the Commission had no objection to the application, it would not object to the stipulated license to allow Wingo’s to install the game consoles, once the restaurant is able to reopen after the emergency restrictions are lifted. Commissioner Blumenthal made a motion to take a vote on the resolution. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the resolution.

Grant Request from DC Food Project for supplies to support Emergency Food distribution

Commissioner Mary Young introduced the grant application. Krista Weymouth, Lucie Leblois and Alysa MacLellan, of DC Food Project presented their application for \$2,323.29. The grant would be used basically for

bags and other plastic products to use to pack and hold their Emergency Food Bags. From its usual daily share table introduced several years ago at Stoddert Elementary School in Glover Park and then weekend food bags for the students who are food insecure, DC Food Project quickly shifted during the school closings due to COVID-19, to address the students' and families' even more urgent needs for healthy, nutritious food. They are making regular biweekly distribution of food to the families to cover 10 to 14 days of meals. With the help of volunteers from Glover Park Neighbors, they work out of a local church to pack the bags and deliver them safely. DC Food Project had raised funds to pay for food, and several local organizations had also made food donations, but they explained that the grant would be used for non-food supplies such as plastic gloves, plastic scoops, and bags to use in distributing the food. Krista also emphasized that the grant funds would be spent immediately and would be used for items to benefit Stoddert students and the Commission area through the emergency period and continuing into the future, per the ANC3B grant guidelines, and that was the total focus of the grant request, though DC Food Project has extended the reach of some of its programming to other schools and areas. Chairman Turmail made a motion to take a vote on the grant. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the grant.

Open Forum

Tony Donaldson introduced himself as the new liaison for ANC3B from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), serving in place of Rich Harrington who had taken a job with the Mayor's Office. Tony said he is generally in Ward 3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and he is available by email any time at tony.donaldson@dc.gov

Kate and Jon Gillespie of 2213 38th Street and Mark and Alyssia Burke of 2209 38th Street introduced themselves and said they were hoping to hear a presentation by the owners of the property and the former owner about the zoning application for the rear deck addition. at 2211 38th Street. Ms. Gillespie confirmed that the hearing before the Board of Zoning Adjustment had been canceled because of the COVID-19 emergency restrictions and would have to be rescheduled, and the parties had not heard anything more. Chairman Turmail apologized about the difficulties with the virtual meeting technology that caused the Commission to hold an abbreviated meeting in April, but said the hope was to have a robust discussion of the zoning case at the June 11 ANC3B public meeting, in person if possible.

Administrative Matters

Commissioner Mladinov had prepared the minutes for the March meeting. Chairman Turmail made a motion to vote on the minutes. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes as written.

Treasurer Mary Young read the ANC3B monthly financial report for March:

March 2020 Financial Report

OPENING BALANCE: \$ 5,603.81

Income: \$ 0.00

Total Income: \$ 0.00

Outgoing: \$ 0.00

Total Outgoing: \$ 0.00

CLOSING BALANCE: \$5,603.81

Chairman Turmail made a motion to vote on the quarterly report. The motion was seconded, and the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the quarterly report as presented.

Chairman Turmail announced that the next public meeting of ANC3B was scheduled for Thursday, June 11, and the Commission would provide details closer to that date on whether the meeting would be held remotely or in person. (The ANC3B public meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, May 14, was canceled.)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.