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

ANC3B Minutes
September 11, 2014 Public Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Brian Cohen. Commissioner Blumenthal, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Fiorillo were present.

Chairman Cohen presented the meeting agenda, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

Sergeant B.R. Firehock, Second Police District, presented a police report for the last 30 days 08/10-2014 to 09/11/2014. The following are significant to report: 2-Robbery With Gun, 2-Robbery Excluding Gun, 2 – Burglary, 11 – Theft, 4 – Theft from auto, 1 – Stolen auto. There was a 2% increase in property crime over the same period last year. Sergeant Firehock stated that one of the burglaries on Davis Place, close to 42nd Street, was facilitated by a window being left open. He also reported that one of the robberies with a gun occurred at 3800 Davis Place. When questioned about the traffic surveillance camera just west of 39th and Calvert Street on the north side of Calvert street, Sergeant Firehock stated it was inoperable. Sergeant Firehock stated that if there were any specific questions in regards to traffic enforcement, he would take them back to the appropriate personnel and provide the ANC with feedback.

Jarrett Ferrier appeared before the ANC to provide an update on the mural he intends to paint at the 37th and W Place steps. The areas on both the 37th street side and the Tunlaw Road side of the steps are undergoing repairs that include the addition of sidewalks and curbs, installation of new guard rails, removing old, battered guardrails, repair to the steps and resurfacing of adjacent surfaces. Once all repairs and installations are complete Mr. Ferrier intends to install an iron archway at the top of the steps and paint a mural of the founder of Glover Park on the retaining wall on the 37th street side of the steps. When asked by someone in attendance, Mr. Ferrier stated he would use acrylic paints and has not established a start date.

Frank and Dina Economides appeared before the ANC3B to provide information in regards to their purchase of a single family house on two lots at 2405 37th Street and the subsequent removal of the existing house and construction of townhouses. Richard Foster, architect of the Economides, stated that the intention was to divide the existing property into 3 equal lots and build a single family townhouse on each lot. Each townhouse would have a cellar level, three floors, brick construction, three bedrooms per floor and about 850 square feet per floor. Questions from those in attendance were in regards to the minimum lot width and minimum square feet per lot, the necessity to do a curb cut and lose an on-street parking space, location of the construction dumpster where it doesn’t impede traffic or occupy off street parking spaces and the disruption of traffic on 37th Street due to heavy equipment and construction vehicles. The Economides Family and their architect Richard
Foster requested to attend subsequent ANC meetings and provide additional information as the permitting and construction process moves forward.

Alice Thompson, Community Outreach Specialist, DC Office on Aging, spoke about the upcoming Health and Wellness Fair being held at the Guy Mason Recreation Center from 11:30 AM until 3:00 PM on Tuesday, September 23, 2014. The Health and Wellness Fair was being co-hosted by The Glover Park Village. She reminded all that Walgreens would be present and provide flu vaccines. Alice Thompson went on to say that it was the goal of the District of Columbia Office on Aging to have Washington DC certified as an Age Friendly City by 2017. Alice emphasized that most senior activities and events are advertised in the Beacon newspaper, which is available at many locations in Glover Park and Cathedral Heights.

Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal, ANC3B02, introduced a resolution for Tree Protection in the upcoming DC Zoning Code rewrite. Commissioner Blumenthal stated that a similar resolution was introduced and passed by an adjoining ANC. The resolution would ensure that tree preservation is focused on during property construction and renovation and that the Urban Forestry Office of DDOT is actively engaged and enforces issues relating to trees in the DC Zoning Code. The resolution addresses the relevant root structure of a tree and its effect on the resident property and any adjacent properties when construction or renovations are planned, like adding an addition to a house. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Tree Protection resolution to support the DC Zoning Code rewrite. The Tree Protection resolution was approved by a unanimous vote, 4-0.

During the update on recent issues affecting ANC3B, Chairman Cohen highlighted that the DC Zoning Code Rewrite was hopefully nearing an end and would be approved in the near future. PEPCO’s merger with Exelon was approved and some electrical feeder lines could go underground as early as 2017. PEPCO has been invited to be at the November ANC3B meeting. DC Water storm drain re-engineering, which could affect Soapstone Park and areas of Glover-Archbold Park, still has undecided alternatives which include relining the existing storm drains or installing pumping stations. DC Water’s green infrastructure in lieu of a larger cross town tunnel to divert storm water to the Blue Plains processing plant, has been granted a five year extension, to 2028, on the federal consent agreement. The loss of parking to teachers at Stoddert Elementary School due to the installation of the demountable classrooms is being addressed. Concerned Glover Park citizens have donated their temporary/visitor parking passes to allow teachers to park on the street. The ANC3B and the Ward 3 council-member’s office are actively engaged in finding a long term solution to the teacher parking issue.

Chairman ANC3B introduced the ANC3B candidates that were present at the meeting, for the upcoming November 4th election. Candidate for 3B03, West Glover Park, is Abigail Zenner. Candidates for 3B05, South Glover Park are Brian Turmail and J.P. Montalvan. Mary C. Young, 3B04, Cathedral Heights, Joe Fiorillo, 3B01, North Glover Park, and Jackie Blumenthal, 3B02, East Glover Park, are also seeking reelection. Another candidate for 3B01 Ann Mladinov, will introduce herself at the October ANC meeting.
Open Forum:
Joe Fiorillo, 3B01, announced that the Glover Park Holiday Party, Toys 4 Tots campaign, is scheduled for December 12, 2014 in the Glover Park Community Center. Specifics for the party would be provided in the Glover Park Gazette and on the community list-serves.

Chairman Cohen announced that the grant requested by the Hardy Middle School would be taken up at the October ANC3B meeting.

Minutes of the July 2014 meeting were presented. Motion was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote to accept the minutes of the July 2014, ANC3B Public Meeting.

2014 July-August Financial Report was presented. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the ANC3B July-August 2014 Financial Report provided below.

(Approved at the September 2014 Meeting)

Checking Account

Opening Balance: $4132.29

Checks: 
#1232 in the Amount of $2500.00, Grant to Friendship Place for the Homeless Outreach in Ward 3 and specifically ANC3B

Credit:
$71.99 and $71.59, Bank Reimbursements for two previous Client Analysis, $44.48 Hardy PTO, Unused grant funds returned, $3.00 reimbursement on an overpayment to Chairman Brian Cohen

Closing Balance: $1823.35

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM and was approved by unanimous vote.