

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

April 2011 Minutes

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at Stoddert Elementary School and Recreation Center. In attendance were: Commissioners Cohen (05), Blumenthal (02); Stevens (03), Thielen (01), and Kreitzman (04).

SECOND DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Officer Baker gave the police report for March 2011. Crime in the immediate Glover Park neighborhood is down seven percent. There were six arrests in March. Office Baker discussed the attempted assault at 2231 39th Place. Officer Baker noted that no gun was displayed in this incident nor was it a robbery. The event occurred as the victim was exiting a vehicle. There was also a theft in front of 2311 Wisconsin Avenue. There has been more thefts in Woodley Park and Cleveland Park because of the access that metro provides. Office Baker noted that there has not been a light tower stationed on New Mexico Avenue to deter thefts from vehicles. This was attributed to lack of sufficient resources to deploy the equipment to all the neighborhoods that are seeking the tower.

OLD BUSINESS

Residential Parking and Permit Issues: The ANC will continue working to address parking concerns. Efforts to increase enforcement and open up new spaces for parking in the neighborhood are ongoing. Potential changes to RPP hours resident-only parking will take longer to institute. The preference of the ANC is to make these changes community-wide, so parking problems are not just shifted from one block to another. To do so will likely take legislative action on the part of the Council, and will require a process for establishing community consensus on any potential changes.

There is a burden for getting guest parking passes but DDOT hopes to have an online/phone system by 2012. Meeting attendee Pat Clark noted her reluctance to extend RPP restrictions to midnight because of concerns about visitors. The ANC concluded that any approach involving extended RPP hours or resident-only parking would have to include a process to make it easy to obtain visitor passes.

The potential for consolidation of D1/D2 bus stops to create additional on-street parking was also addressed. Commissioner Cohen noted he walked through the neighborhood with a representative from DDOT to open up more parking spots. ANC 3B stated its intention to get a representative from WMATA to attend the May 2011 meeting.

Glover Park resident, George Tagg, noted he had a draft proposal to allow neighbor parking at Stoddert Elementary school. The ANC and GPCA have been working with the school to try to reopen the parking lot.

Commissioner Cohen noted that the ANC will be circulating parking surveys via the list-serves and the Glover Park Gazette in order to establish consensus so the community can begin moving forward .

Commissioner Cohen noted he will be following up on the resolution approved at the March meeting to rename Stoddert School and Recreation Center as the Stoddert School and Glover Park Recreation Center..

NEW BUSINESS

Glover Park Day: The ANC approved a letter to be sent to DPR asserting that there has never been a problem with amplified music during Glover Park Day and encouraging DPR to allow GPDay to go on in the same manner as it has done previously.

Gin & Tonic: Fritz Brogan spoke about plans for renovating Gin & Tonic and changing the establishment's business plan. Mr. Brogan is seeking to add a kitchen and a roof deck for outdoor dining as part of a renovation to property. The operation will be more like a sports bar and restaurant, serving Southern style food. The kitchen and office space will be located upstairs, in the rear of the building, partly to serve as noise buffer between the outdoor deck and the residents in the back. The renovation is expected to cost \$600,000 - \$800,000 and the new business will be called TheMason Inn, partly for Guy Mason and partly in reference to the Mason-Dixon Line, according to Mr. Brogan Mr. Brogan said the new business will end serving alcohol earlier in the evenings and there will not be any music upstairs.

Commissioner Blumenthal suggested the changes Gin & Tonic is seeking should be done as a tiered-approach, putting in the food and re-branding and then seeking the roof deck Fritz Brogan said that the renovated establishment would like to open up by the early fall 2011 and will likely seek all the changes at once The ANC and the community will be able to weigh in on this plan when the owners seek permission from ABRA to serve alcohol outside.

Proposed N8 Bus Elimination: WMATA is proposing to eliminate this route which connects Glover Park to the Tenley Metro, American University, Deal Middle School, and Wilson High School to reduce its deficit. The ANC will work to keep this route since Glover Park is so underserved by public transportation.

OPEN FORUM

One resident inquired about a large passenger bus (not WMATA or Circulator) boarding passengers in Glover Park.

An employee from the Department of Public Works (DPW) spoke about the proposed layoffs of SWEEP (Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program) staff. SWEEP is not a revenue-generating department and the proposed staff reduction would leave only one inspector per ward. A motion was approved 5-0 to write letters to Councilmembers Cheh and Wells and Mayor Gray opposing the proposed staff cuts.

Ricky Davenport noted there was a successful city-wide youth basketball tournament at Stoddert, with over 650 attendees.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Stevens gave the financial report for March 2011, citing an opening balance of \$14,469.47. There were withdrawals of \$59.86 (bank fees), a check for \$3000.00 (*DC Greens* grant), and a check for \$2000.00 (*Glover Park Village, Inc.* grant). There were no deposits in March. The closing balance is \$9,409.61.

March Minutes: The March 2011 minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0 contingent on the edits offered by Commissioner Blumenthal.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:20 PM.