

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



ANC3B Minutes  
September 12, 2013 Public Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Brian Cohen. ANC3B03 Commissioner Charles Fulwood was absent. All other commissioners were present.

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

Jarrett Ferrier briefed the ANC and all in attendance about the progress of establishing Pocket Parks, which is a Glover Park Citizens Association (GPCA) initiative. Mr. Ferrier identified potential areas where these pocket parks maybe most advantageous to the community. The green area at 37<sup>th</sup> Street and Whitehaven on DC property is a considered site. Also being considered, is the traffic triangle at Calvert and Wisconsin, directly east of the Carillon House, just south of the Glover Park sign and garden. However, according to DDOT's public space division, the traffic triangle may present specific safety challenges because the traffic flow on Wisconsin Avenue and the number of accidents that occur at this intersection. Mr. Ferrier plans to present his argument to establish a pocket park on the Wisconsin Avenue triangle before the DC Public Safety Committee and asked for support from ANC3B to pursue this park location. Commissioner Mary C. Young, SMD 3B04, Cathedral Heights asked if the pocket park initiative was geographically a Glover Park/GPCA initiative. Mr. Ferrier responded that at this time there were no in-roads made to locate pocket parks in Cathedral Heights. Commissioners agreed that the benches proposed by Mr. Ferrier would serve a valuable service, particularly for seniors walking up from the commercial district with purchases to residences further up Wisconsin Ave. Commissioner Cohen raised concerns that DDOT had just completed the multi-million dollar Wisconsin Ave. streetscape project, and was now telling community members that it may be unsafe to sit in this small patch of green space. Commissioners raised concerns that DDOT may have been viewing out-of-date information on vehicle accidents that did not take into account the streetscape changes. Commissioner Cohen shared his view that, to the extent there were safety concerns, placing the bench in this location might reduce speed by providing motorists with a visual signal that they were entering a commercial zone with many pedestrians. A motion was made and seconded that ANC3B support the GPCA in the location of the pocket park on the traffic triangle. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

Sergeant Sucato and Officer A. Bryant, Metropolitan Police Department Second District, presented a police report and commented that the overall crime rate for Second District has shown a 28% decrease. Over the last 30 days there have been no homicides. Sergeant Sucato reported for the period from August 12 to September 11, in PSA 204, the following occurred: 1- Sex Abuse, 1-Robbery without Gun, 9-Burglaries, 13-Theft, 7-Theft from Autos, 3-Stolen Autos. Sergeant Sucato emphasized that burglaries are up 12% and that people should ensure to close and lock all windows and doors. He reinforced the fact that street robbery awareness is essential and that control of items

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like purses, I-phones, I-pads in public areas is a must. He stated to challenge any service or utility company representative that tries to enter your home by asking for proper identification. He suggested you record the serial numbers of all valuables in your home. If an incident occurs, report it in detail and as quickly as possible.

District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) provided information and fielded questions in regards to the Glover-Archbold Park–Soapstone Valley Sewage Line Project. Representing DC Water were William Elledge, Supervisor and Jessica Demoise, Infrastructure Planning Engineer. National Park Service was invited, but refused to attend the meeting. Commissioners raised concerns about this refusal. DC Water emphasized that the project is still in the public scoping phase. DC Water representative basically stated that they were looking at two options to address the sewage line project. One is to clean, inspect, and re-line the existing sewer line, which is over 100 years old, with a synthetic liner. The other is to locate and construct pumping station at designated areas to pump the sewage cross-town to the sewage treatment facility. There was much discussion about both of the options. The sewage line re-lining would entail the use of heavy machinery and approximately a 14 foot wide area straddling the existing sewer line through the park be cleared of trees to accomplish the re-lining. Most in attendance expressed concern over the lack of information on exactly how many trees will need to be removed to facilitate the re-lining option. Others in attendance voiced concern that other environmental issues must be addressed along with the number of trees that maybe impacted by the re-lining option. Many in attendance expressed concern over the pumping station option. The pumping station option concerns focused around noise, emission of obnoxious vapors, the location of the stations and the station operation if electrical power is lost. Attendees also expressed concern that only two options have been presented by DC Water and that other options should be explored and provided to the public. Given that the National Park Service (NPS) did not attend, an estimated count of the number of trees that the re-lining option might affect could not be ascertained. It was made clearly aware by one attendee that there is a distinct functional difference between a storm drain and a sanitary (sewage) drain line/system. In closing all in attendance stressed that DC Water and NPS must work together to provide a plan to the public with the least impact on the environment.

Open Discussion:

During open discussion, Christopher M. Geier of Roam Fitness presented himself as a new business serving Glover Park and Cathedral Heights.

Minutes of the July 2013 meeting were presented. Motion was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote to accept the minutes of the July 2013, ANC3B Public Meeting.

July Financial Report was presented. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the ANC3B July 2013 Financial Report provided below.

**ANC3B – September 2013 Financial Report  
(Approved at October 2013 Meeting)**

**Checking Account**

**Opening Balance:**

**Withdrawals:**

**Deposits:**

**Closing Balance:**

Next meeting was stated as being 10 October, 2013 at 7:00PM

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM and was approved by unanimous vote.