

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



ANC – 3B Minutes
12 April 2007

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing no changes, a motion to accept it unchanged was presented and seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioners present

3B02 – Alan Blevins
3B03 – Melissa Lane
3B05 – Brian Cohen

Commissioners absent:

3B01 – Cathy Fiorillo
3B04 – Howie Krietzman

2nd District Police Report:

Sgt. Hill gave the police report. In March, there were 115 NOI (Notice of Infractions) issued and 4 arrests, 3 of them traffic related, in PSA 204. Crime was down 12 percent between March 13th and April 11th. Between January and April, crime was down 14 percent across the board compared to the previous year.

Sgt. Hill announced that Lt. Kusick had taken another job in the Department and he would be replaced by Lt. Keith Rock.

Old Business:

Development Plans for 2440 Wisconsin Avenue. Douglas Yurechko, Director of Development (dyurechko@adamsinvestment.com) from Adams Investment Group, presented drawings of the plans for 2440 Wisconsin Avenue. He said that the current plan is to only have a two-story building with the first floor reserved for retail and the second for office space. If they are not able to attract a tenant that would sign a long-term lease at a reasonable

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price per square foot, however, they will consider adding a third floor which would be residential space.

In order to help them target particular tenants, Mr. Yurechko asked for suggestions from neighborhood residents about what they think are the retail needs of the neighborhood. He gave out his e-mail address and asked that anyone with ideas should contact him.

DPR Update on Stoddert Recreation Center. Jackie Stanley and Hassan Ali from DPR and Trevor Bourne from the Temple Group gave the update for the Stoddert Recreation Center. The 50 percent design is about complete and a preliminary landscape design has also been developed. One important issue that has not been resolved yet is where to re-locate the school children during the construction. Working with DCPS staff, two potential sites have been identified on the Stoddert School property where temporary trailers could be placed. DPR and DCPS staffs are meeting during the next week to further discuss the issue. Commissioner Cohen identified two potential sites as the location of the current recreation center after it is demolished and the area directly west of the school.

In order to minimize disruption, Ms. Stanley says that construction would have to start in either September 2007 or December 2007/January 2008.

Ms. Stanley introduced Norman Haines who is a landscape architect working on the landscaping plans. He said that one part of the design will be to stabilize the slope on Davis Place. There will be loss of some mature trees (18" or more in diameter) and they will be replaced with native materials. On the Calvert street side, similar landscaping will be done but all the large oaks will be retained.

New Business:

Presentation by DC Vote. Michael Brown, one of D.C.'s shadow senators gave details about Emancipation Day which is April 16th. There will be a march from Freedom Plaza to the Capitol starting at 2:30. He also said that since the House Republicans added a gun rider to the D.C. voting rights bill, the legislation had to be pulled. It will be re-introduced later on in April.

Mr. Brown can be contacted by e-mail at hrzcom@aol.com.

Motion on Glover Park Day. Glover Park Day, an annual event sponsored by the Glover Park Citizens Association, is scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd. As in past years, it will be held on the grounds of the Guy Mason Recreation Center. In order to get a permit for the event, DPR requires a letter of support for the event from ANC 3B. Commissioner Lane made a motion to support the event and send a letter of support to DPR. The motion was seconded and passed 3-0. Commissioner Lane will write the letter and give it to Milton Grossman, President of Friends of Guy Mason, to include in the application materials.

Consideration of Zoning Variance for Renovation at 2030 37th Street. Jeff Duncan who lives at 2030 37th Street, NW, asked ANC 3B to support his request for a special exemption

from the Zoning Board. His plans are to “bump out” his basement to be flush with the first floor and to finish the basement. Because this “bump out” would increase his lot occupancy to 62.4 percent, a special exemption is required because the lot occupancy regulation in the District calls for no more than 60 percent.

Commissioner Cohen presented a motion to support a special exemption. The motion was seconded and passed 3-0. Commissioner Cohen will write a letter of support to the Zoning Board.

GPCA-ANC 3B School Board Forum. Commissioner Fiorillo is putting together a forum for the District II school board candidates to present their views and plans to the community. The forum is to be held at Guy Mason Recreation Center on Thursday, April 26th. DPR is requiring a fee of over \$200 to use the Guy Mason. Commissioner Lane said that Commissioner Fiorillo has requested the fee be waived but the request has not been acted upon. Commissioner Lane presented a motion to cover the fee if DPR would not waive it. The motion was seconded and passed 2-1 with Commissioner Blevins voting against it.

Kristen Barden, a Ward 3 Community Outreach Coordinator, and Zafra Stork, Councilmember Brown’s Chief of Staff, offered to contact DPR and urge them to waive the fee. This suggestion was strongly supported by the Commissioners.

Open Forum:

- Kristen Barden from the Office of Community Relations and Services was introduced. Ms. Barden is a Community Outreach Coordinator for Ward 3 who works with Abby Frankson, also a Ward 3 Coordinator. Ms. Barden may be reached on 202.727.2287 or at Kristen.barden@dc.gov.
- Zafra Stork from Councilmember Kwame Brown’s office was introduced. Ms. Stork is CM Brown’s Chief of Staff. She may be reached on 202.724.8174.
- Morgan O’Donnell was introduced from Pepco. Ms. O’Donnell may be reached on 202.872.2173 or at mdodonnell@pepco.com. The continuing issue of the double polls in the neighborhood was discussed. ANC 3B has been trying to have the older poles removed from several years. Ms. O’Donnell agreed to help with the issue. Christopher Lively, a former ANC 3B Commissioner who has worked extensively on the issue, suggested that ANC 3B also contact the Office of Cable Television to help resolve the problem.
- Jeff Duncan discussed an issue regarding the level of security and privacy on the Pepco customer service lines. He was able to get information on his utility statements without any form of identification. Ms. O’Donnell said she would look into the problem.

Administrative:

Treasurer’s Report. Brian Cohen stated a beginning balance of \$15,212.76 for the month of March. One deposit for \$2,360.28 was made which was the DC allotment. Expenditures included 720.61 for a grant to GPCA for software and \$8.52 in bank fees. The ending balance

for March 2007 was \$16,843.91. A motion was made to accept the report; it was seconded and passed by a vote of 3-0.

March Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the minutes for the March 2007 meeting. A motion was made to accept them. It was seconded and passed by a vote of 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.