

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



*Melissa J. Lane 3B03, Chair  
Christopher J. Lively, 3B05, Vice-Chair  
Charles L. Howe, 3B02, Secretary/Treasurer  
Vacant, 3B01  
Vacant, 3B04*

**ANC-3B Minutes  
December 9, 2004**

**A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. None forthcoming, the agenda was approved.**

**Commissioners present**  
3B02 – Charles L. Howe  
3B03 – Melissa J. Lane  
3B05 – Christopher J. Lively

**Commissioners absent**  
3B01 – Vacant  
3B04 – Vacant

**2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT POLICE REPORT:**

**Officer Tony MacElwee gave the police report. In the past year, there has been an overall reduction in crime of about 17 percent in PSA 204. Incidents of the most frequent crime in the area, theft from auto, have also dropped off.**

**Last month, there was a spike in burglaries in the neighborhood. In November, a suspect was caught in the act in the alley between Davis Place and Edmunds Street by undercover officers working the area. Shortly before the arrest, a burglary was reported by a resident of the 2600 block of 41<sup>st</sup> Street who gave an outstanding description of the suspect. MPD was able to quickly respond and apprehend the suspect. Since the arrest, the wave of burglaries has stopped.**

**Officer MacElwee reminded everyone that crime often increases during the holiday season. Citizens need to be extra vigilant. For example, valuables should not be left in cars in plain sight; citizens need to be aware of what is going on around them; and people should keep track of their credit cards in order to minimize the possibility of identity theft.**

**The vagrant problem in the Laundromat continues. The owner of Max's Ice Cream, however, has now been able to track down and contact the owner of the property and informed him about the need to secure the door to the facility.**

**Commissioner Howe reported that panhandlers on Wisconsin Avenue have gotten more aggressive in recent weeks. Officer MacElwee responded that in such cases, citizens should report incidents to either 311 or 911 and that MPD will keep an eye on those being aggressive and intervene if required.**

## **NATIONAL PARK POLICE REPORT:**

**A representative was not able to attend.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update on N8 Bus Route Change.** Commissioner Lane reported that the N8 bus route changed approved by ANC 3B in September would take effect on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The change extends the current N8 bus route into Glover Park and follows the route of the AU shuttle bus. AU discontinued their shuttle bus service in May 2004.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Liquor License Renewal Request for Mama Maria's.** Commissioner Howe reported that there were no problems with trash or crime with Mama Maria's and he saw no reason to oppose their liquor license renewal. A motion to support the renewal was made and passed by a vote of 3-0.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**Treasurer's Report.** Commissioner Howe gave the Treasurer's Report. As of October 1, the bank account balance was \$18,285.23. In October, the D.C. Government allotment of \$8,663.70 was deposited. In November 2004, expenditures included 9 checks to the IRS totaling \$6,308.62, leaving a balance of \$20,640.31 as of December 1.

Commissioner Lane explained that the IRS payments covered Federal payroll taxes in FY 1999 and 2000 that were never made by the ANC 3B Treasurer at the time. Although the checks were written and recorded, the Treasurer never sent them to the IRS. Those checks have never been found. In order that they can never be cashed, ANC 3B closed the checking account against which the checks were written in 2001.

**Approval of the November 2004 Meeting Minutes.** Commissioner Lane presented the November 2004 minutes for approval. Commissioner Lively presented a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Howe seconded, and the minutes were approved 3-0 (attached).

## **OPEN FORUM:**

Commissioner Lane asked if anyone in the audience had any issues they wanted to bring up.

Milton Grossman reported on the project status of the grant awarded ANC 3B and St. Luke's Development Corporation to Friends of Guy Mason in September 2004. Landscaping has largely been started and will be completed in the Spring; the glass kiln has been ordered and FoGM are hoping D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation will be able to install it; the price of a new backstop has doubled from \$15k to \$30k since ANC 3B/St. Luke's made the award so additional fund raising efforts are underway; and a new water fountain has not yet been purchased between DPR may be providing one (if that happens, FoGM will consult with ANC 3B about other projects that can be supported with the award money).

**Commissioner Howe reported that St. Luke's will be making a hypothermic room available to anyone living on the street in times of bad winter weather. Commissioner Howe will invite Pastor Yarborough to the next ANC 3B meeting to describe the project.**

**Cathy Fiorillo announced that the Glover Park Citizens Association/Friends of Glover Park Holiday Party is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> and all are invited to attend. The party includes a Toys-for-Tots drive. All are invited.**

**In honor of his last meeting, Commissioner Lane and Commissioner Howe presented Commissioner Lively with a plaque in appreciation of his dedicated service to ANC 3B and Glover Park. Commissioner Lively thanked his fellow Commissioners, his constituents, and Glover Park neighbors for the opportunity to serve them in the last few years and looks forward to supporting the neighborhood in new ways in the future.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.**

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ANC-3B Minutes  
November 18, 2004

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. None forthcoming, the agenda was approved.

Commissioners present  
3B02 – Charles L. Howe  
3B03 – Melissa J. Lane  
3B05 – Christopher J. Lively  
Commissioners absent  
3B01 – Vacant  
3B04 – Vacant

**2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT POLICE REPORT:**

Officer Tony MacElwee gave the police report. The neighborhood has been hit by a string of burglaries lately. In the previous week alone, there were five incidents in Glover Park. The method of operation has been similar for each incident. The perpetrator enters through a first or second story open window and steals primarily electronic equipment such as portable CD players, laptop computers, I-Pods, etc. MPD has deployed plain clothes officers in the neighborhood to investigate.

There is also a problem in Wisconsin Avenue. Some homeless men are taking shelter in the Laundromat. Because the lock is broken, they have unimpeded access. They have been removed from the premises by MPD several times since it is private property but until the door is fixed, the problem cannot be completely solved. Robert Hyman, Vice President of the GPCA, is attempting to find the owner or property manager of the Laundromat.

Despite the spike in burglaries, there has been a 26 percent reduction in crime in the area since the same period last year.

Officer MacElwee also announced is now handling traffic issues primarily in the PSA 203 area (Palisades, etc.) but that Officer David Baker, one of the scooter officers, will now be handling these issues in Glover Park.

**NATIONAL PARK POLICE REPORT:**

A representative was not able to attend.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Meter Replacement on Upper Wisconsin Avenue.** Commissioner Howe said that he is working on the issue but has not yet been able to get DDOT to respond.

**Vermin Infestation, Eastside Wisconsin Avenue.** Commissioner Howe reported that the trash is primarily paper and that now raw trash is evident. There is no evidence of rat infestation but other animals such as raccoons, possums, etc. are in the area.

**Update on Double Utility Pole Removal.** Commissioner Lively reported that Pepco has been in the area and has almost completed removed their lines off the old poles on to the new poles. Verizon, Comcast, and Starpower, however, have not removed their lines so the poles still cannot be removed. Commissioner Lively will write a letter on behalf of ANC 3B to OCTT to bring the issue to their attention.

**Update on Out-of-State Auto Registration Enforcement.** Commissioner Lively reported that the problem of out-of-state autos parking in the neighborhood without coming into registration compliance is a continuing problem. Since 2003, DPW Parking Enforcement has been in charge of ticketing rather than MPD. The week of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 53 vehicles were cited for some kind of violation, 13 of those got tickets for out-of-state registrations and 14 more got warnings (meaning they have 15 days to come into compliance.) DPW is doing ROSE enforcement overnight on Tuesday through Saturday.

**Other Issues.** Commissioner Howe asked for the status of the N8 Bus route change approved by ANC 3B in September. Commissioner Lane said that WMATA was in the process of getting approval from other effected ANCs per ANC 3B's request.

Commissioner Howe asked about the Latino gang graffiti in the neighborhood. Commissioners Lively and Lane said that DPW, WMATA, and the Postal Service had been contacted about repairing the damage.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Liquor License Renewal Request for Good Guys.** Ben Zagana, the owner of Good Guys, gave a brief history of his voluntary agreement with ANC 3B. Ten to fifteen years ago, some ANC commissioners were planning on opposing GG's liquor license if a voluntary agreement was not put in place. Mr. Zagana and his company complied. Part of the agreement was to ensure adequate security inside and outside the restaurant. Mr. Zagana is now concerned that the community is getting ready again to oppose his establishment. The *Glover Park Gazette* will no longer accept paid advertising from GG and although GG is a regular contributor to Glover Park Day, their name was left off the flyer as one of the participants. Mr. Zagana was also concerned that his establishment is being singled out by the ANC because it is required to have a voluntary agreement.

Commissioner Lively assured Mr. Zagana that his establishment was not being singled out and that he and his company have always been major contributors to the neighborhood with contributions to St. Luke's Shelter, National Night Out, various MPD functions, and community outreach efforts. Commissioner Lively proposed that ANC 3B send a letter to ABRA supporting the renewal of Good Guy's license and detailing their positive contributions to the neighborhood. Commissioners Lane and Howe concurred.

Commissioner Lane agreed with Commissioner Lively's statements that Good Guys made positive contributions to the neighborhood. She also said that one goal of ANC 3B was to establish voluntary agreements with all the restaurants within Glover Park and in no way was Good Guys being singled out. Finally, she agreed to talk to the President of the GPCA informally about the issues with the *Gazette* and GPCA's Glover Park Day.

Mr. Zagana asked that a provision of the voluntary agreement be changed. The current agreement calls for a 3<sup>rd</sup> doorman. The problem is that having extra personnel at the door takes away a floor manager which is a much more critical position. The commissioners agreed to a six-month trial period when a third doorman would not be required to see if there were any problems. ANC 3B will contact Mr. Milton Grossman about the change.

Commissioner Howe asked Mr. Zagana if anything could be done about the noise his dancers make when they get off work in the middle of the night. Mr. Zagana said he would address the issue.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Approval of the October 2004 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the October 2004 minutes for approval. Commissioner Lively presented a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Howe seconded, and the minutes were approved 3-0 (attached).

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

Commissioner Lane asked if anyone in the audience had any issues they wanted to bring up. Commissioner Howe announced that the site of the former Echo Deli will now be a Subway restaurant.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.