

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



*Melissa J. Lane 3B03, Chair
Tamela Gordon 3B01, Vice-Chair
Amy Bowman 3B05, Treasurer
Charles L. Howe, 3B02, Secretary
Horace Kreitzman, 3B04*

**ANC-3B Minutes
February 10, 2005**

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

**3B01 – Tamela Gordon
3B02 – Charles L. Howe
3B03 – Melissa J. Lane
3B04 – Horace Kreitzman
3B05 – Amy Bowman**

APPOINTMENT OF HORACE KREITZMAN TO COMMISSIONER OF 3B04

Commissioner Lane announced that Horace Kreitzman had successfully petitioned to fill the seat for ANC 3B04. A resolution was introduced appointing Commissioner Kreitzman and passed 4-0. Commissioner Kreitzman made some introductory remarks.

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT

Officer Fitch gave the police report. Between the first 39 days of 2004 and 2005, there has been a 45 percent decrease in crime PSA 204. Also, a traffic officer, Dave Baker, has been appointed to take the place of Officer Tony MacElwee who was reassigned to the Palisades neighborhood. Officer Baker is due to start on February 13th. Commissioner Howe asked that Officer Baker attend the March 10th ANC 3B meeting.

A number of members of the audience reported problematic areas for Officer Baker to address his traffic enforcement efforts. Commissioner Gordon asked that people e-mail the areas to the ANC 3B address so that a list could be compiled and given to the new traffic officer. Someone also asked Officer Fitch about getting photo radar installed on Wisconsin Avenue to try to abate speeding. Officer Fitch is unaware of the process of having it installed but would check on it. Commissioner Bowman asked that MPD inform ANC 3B if they intended to install photo radar.

NATIONAL PARK POLICE REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Enforcement of Vacant Property Law: 2028 37th Street. Robert Hyman of the GPCA and Jeff Duncan, the owner of 2030 37th Street, gave a briefing on the status of the vacant property at 2028 37th St. This property has been empty for approximately 3 years. The owner of the house was in attendance.

Jeff Duncan explained that the house started to deteriorate due to neglect two-three years ago. For example, a water pipe burst, damaging his property; trash and debris accumulated in the yard; and eventually the electricity and water were turned off (he is not certain about whether or not the gas has also been turned off). The problem with the property has been reported to numerous D.C. agencies including DCRA. The owner of the property has received many citations but as yet has not registered the property as a vacant house with the city. He stressed the point that the owner only has to register the property as vacant and then comply with DC regulations regarding vacant properties so that adjacent properties are protected.

DCRA has not taken appropriate action to refer the case to the Attorney General's office for enforcement. J. Duncan asked that ANC 3B write a letter to DCRA asking for an explanation on why they have not followed through. He said that because of lack of DCRA enforcement, the owner has been unwilling to register it appropriately.

[N.B. Commissioner Lane announced that the owner of the property was taping the meeting. Per a conversation with Gottlieb Simon, ANC Executive Director, an hour before the meeting, it was decided that the owner could tape the meeting as long as that fact was announced and no one had any objections.]

Commissioner Bowman asked the owner of the property if she had anything to say but she declined. Commissioner Bowman asked her to register the property for the nominal fee thus solving the issue. She responded that she had nothing to say.

Commissioner Howe asked J. Duncan if he was worried about a natural gas incident. He said he was because he was not sure if the gas was still on. Commissioner Gordon asked him if he would like to see a safety inspection by DCRA and he indicated yes.

MPD officers warned the owner of the property that if there was a disaster (water, fire, etc.) involving the house that MPD and other fire and protective services would be authorized to break-in to the property.

Commissioner Bowman will write a letter to DCRA about enforcement regarding the property.

Proposed Tree Removal on Fulton Street, NW. Commissioner Gordon introduced Mel Silicki who currently lives in the 3700 block of Fulton Street but is building two semi-detached houses at 3810 and 3812 Fulton Street. He is planning on putting a driveway in for the houses but to do so, a city tree would have to be removed in order to accommodate a driveway at 3812. The D.C. Department of Urban Forestry requires the ANC to approve the removal of the tree before it will give its approval.

A number of Mr. Silicki's potential new neighbors in the 3800 block of Fulton Street expressed serious concerns with the style of the proposed houses, the installation of driveways, damage to the environment caused by the construction, and removal of the tree.

Commissioner Gordon reminded them that the only issue before ANC 3B was whether or not to approve the removal of the city tree. Commissioner Gordon offered to set up a meeting between the neighbors, Mr. Silicki, and herself to discuss the numerous concerns that they had expressed. The neighbors and Mr. Silicki agreed to such a meeting. The Fulton Street residents wanted ANC 3B to vote one way or the other on the tree. Commissioner Gordon stressed that by deferring the vote to next month, that was tantamount to a “No” vote since nothing could happen without ANC 3B approval regarding the tree.

Commissioner Kreitzman asked the residents if getting in touch with a city planner might help resolve the situation. They agreed it would. Melissa Bird, who is the new Ward 3 Planner from the D.C. Office of Planning, introduced herself, said she would be willing to meet with the group, and also identify someone from the development-side of OP to also review the issues. Ms. Bird can be reached on 202.442.7700 or at Melissa.bird@dc.gov.

Commissioner Kreitzman made a motion to table the vote on the tree until the March meeting. It was seconded and passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Howe opposed the motion.

Update on UWACS Transportation Study. The transportation portion of the UWACS Development study is progressing. The engineers have analyzed several lighted intersections on Wisconsin Avenue between Whitehaven Parkway and Western Avenue. The most dangerous one was found to be the intersection of Calvert Street and Wisconsin Avenue. One of the goals of the traffic study is maximize the efficiency of traffic flow on Wisconsin Avenue while also maximizing safety. The next draft of the transportation portion is due to be released to the public in May. Public meetings will be scheduled to discuss it.

Commissioner Howe is concerned that the intersection of Fulton Street and Wisconsin Avenue has not yet been included in the study. Since this portion only included lighted intersections, that intersection will be included in later versions when intersections without traffic lights are evaluated.

Issues Regarding N8 Bus Route Extension. Pat Callahan, a resident of 4200 Cathedral Avenue, NW, expressed her concerns about the N8 bus route extension that was approved on a six-month trial basis at the ANC 3B September meeting. The route started on December 26th. Ms. Callahan feels that the route is noisy, disruptive, takes public parking spaces, and is underutilized. She also feels that it was implemented to solely for the convenience of AU students who she says “do not pay taxes.” She also contends that it was not approved by ANC 3D; they decided to remain neutral about the issue. Finally, she wants the bus route terminated immediately.

Many Commissioners took issue with Ms. Callahan’s assessment. Commissioner Gordon cited serious public safety concerns as a reason to keep the route as there is no other public transportation connection between Glover Park and AU/Spring Valley. Anyone who must walk between those areas must do so through dimly lit wooded areas. Commissioner Gordon also cited strong public support for the route as evidenced by dozens of e-mails received by ANC 3B. Commissioner Lane agreed fully with Commissioner Gordon and further stated that support was not solely from AU students but rather from a broad-based section of the community. For example, one e-mail supporting the route was from the Board President of one of the largest condominium buildings (250+ units) in Glover

Park/Cathedral Heights who strongly endorsed the route because many of their residents would not otherwise have access to medical and other facilities in the Spring Valley area. The commissioners also strongly stressed that the route was not established solely to support AU who used to run a shuttle bus service between Glover Park and its campus. While the original request came from concerned AU students who did not have safe transportation options, one of the reasons it was approved by ANC 3B in September 2004 was because it offered additional public transportation options to all residents of Glover Park. The trial period has thus far has shown that to be the case.

David Erion from WMATA said one of the reasons the new loop was established was to try to increase ridership on the N8 route. He said that WMATA was committed to the six-month trial period and would evaluate the new route after the period was over. In terms of parking, he said spaces will be added on Cathedral Avenue to make up for the loss of parking on New Mexico due to the establishment of bus stop. As for ANC 3D, he said that they were informed and decided not to take a position on it. Commissioner Lane agreed to call the Chair of ANC 3D to find out their position. Commissioner Kreitzman asked Mr. Erion if public notice was given about the route. Mr. Erion said yes.

The commissioners agreed that the N8 bus route extension should continue for the six-month trial period and then should be evaluated as to whether to discontinue it or make it permanent. Commissioner Lane asked Mr. Erion to work with Ms. Callahan to address the noise issue. He agreed to do so.

Update on Stoddert Community Center . Commissioner Lane gave a brief update on the plans for the Stoddert Community Center. Basically, little is new. DPR and DCPS are continuing to work together to meet their dual needs. DCPS has not given input to the latest plans. After they do and differences are resolved, DPR will come back and present the latest plans to the community. Originally that was estimated to be March but that is not going to happen. The commissioners agreed that the community would be given a few weeks notice before the next public meeting on the proposed new Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Saveur Restaurant Plans. Ed Jacobson, owner of Saveur Restaurant, is planning on selling the restaurant to Bill Thomas, owner of Bourbon. Mr. Thomas gave an overview of how he envisioned the new restaurant. It would be a full service restaurant that served breakfast, lunch, and dinner and would also be a kind of coffee bar. Mr. Thomas said he had no immediate plans about requesting a substantial change to the existing liquor license but when he did, he would be back to brief ANC 3B and ask for approval. He said future changes may include extending the hours to be open in the morning and possibly opening a roof deck.

Many residents who live next to and nearby it expressed serious concerns about a new restaurant. They cited a long history of difficult relationships with the different restaurants that have been there. Their primary concerns are to make sure noise, disruption, and trash are kept at a minimum; the establishment does not become a nightclub; parking problems are addressed; and a roof deck is not opened. They also expressed concerned that if the restaurant is open until 2 to 3 in the morning, it must serve food and not be another de facto bar.

Commissioner Bowman asked what the ratio of food to alcohol would be and Mr. Jacobson responded that it would be about fifty percent. Commissioner Howe stressed that no date had yet been set for the sale.

Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Thomas asked while the sale is being finalized that ANC 3B send a letter to the Alcohol Beverage Regulatory Administration supporting the transfer of the existing license from Mr. Jacobson to Mr. Thomas. This transfer would not include any substantial changes. Those would have to be petitioned for separately. A motion was made to write a letter to ABRA supporting the transfer of the current license. The motion was seconded and passed 5-0.

Melissa Bird, Ward 3 Planner, D.C. Office of Planning. Introduced herself during the briefing on the development of two houses on Fulton Street, NW.

OPEN FORUM: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Treasurer's Report. None.

Approval of the January 2005 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the January 2005 minutes for approval. Commissioner Gordon presented a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Bowman seconded, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0 (attached).

Purchase of Office Equipment and Supplies. Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to buy equipment and supplies. What little equipment is currently in the office is very old and in disrepair. Commissioner Gordon presented a motion to purchase equipment to outfit the ANC 3B office. Purchases will include a computer/monitor, printer, fax machine, phone, and telephone. Commissioner Gordon amended the motion to include office supplies such as paper, pens, stamps, and envelopes. Commissioner Krietzman seconded the motion and was approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.

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ANC-3B Minutes
January 13, 2005

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

3B01 – Tamela Gordon
3B02 – Charles L. Howe
3B03 – Melissa J. Lane
3B05 – Amy Bowman

Commissioners absent

3B04 – Vacant

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT:

Officer Tony MacElwee and Officer Greg Rock gave the police report. Overall, crime is down 17 percent between December 2003 and December 2004. Specifically, the number of incidents involving thefts from auto, burglaries, and general thefts have all declined.

Officer Rock reported that the problem with homeless people using the Laundromat as shelter had been solved. The owner of the building was finally located and he made the necessary repairs to the front door so that it now locks. Officer Rock also reported on an assault that happened on 1/13 in the 2300 block of Huidekoper. The suspect, described as a young, Hispanic male inappropriately grabbed a woman in the alley and then fled. The police have canvassed the area but have not found the suspect.

Commissioner Howe asked the officers to increase enforcement of crosswalk violations at Fulton Street and Wisconsin Avenue, e.g., automobiles not stopping to allow pedestrians to cross safely. Officer MacElwee said that no one has taken his place as traffic control officer since he was transferred to the Palisades area. Hopefully some one will be appointed by the next ANC meeting in February. Meanwhile, Officer Rock agreed to increase enforcement in the area.

NATIONAL PARK POLICE REPORT:

Sargeant Alan Griffith gave the NPP report. NPP has determined that the assaults that occurred in the wooded areas along 42nd street in September are not related but they have not identified suspects in either incident. Because of these assaults, 3 more officers have been assigned to the Section 2 (which includes Glover Archbold Park) and that 2 of those

officers cover the 2pm-10pm shift which is when the problems have generally occurred. Additionally, one officer is now dedicated to patrolling problem areas several times per week.

Jack Everett from the Glover Park Citizens Association asked about the process for reporting illegal dumping or planting. A person on W Street has introduced non-native plants to the park area and they are now encroaching further into the Park. Officer Griffith asked for the location and said he would refer the issue to the Environmental Crimes Division.

Officer Griffith said that another problem is illegal dumping of landscape waste. This dumping is also an environmental crime as it introduces non-indigenous plants into the forest. If citizens witness dumping in the area, they should report it to the Communications section at 202.619.7300 or 7105 and cite "Beat Area 313. To call the Section 2 station directly, the numbers are 202.426.7716 or 7719.

A resident asked about getting increased street lighting along the 2800 block of New Mexico. That section is right on the Park-line and is very dark. Sgt. Griffith said that NPP had no jurisdiction over street lighting in that area and suggested contacting DDOT to address the problem.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following slate was nominated and approved as officers of ANC 3B: Melissa Lane, Chair, Tamela Gordon, Vice-Chair, Amy Bowman, Treasurer, and Charles Howe, Secretary. It was agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary will serve for six month terms (January-June) and that the Treasurer's term will be for one year. Commissioner Howe voiced some concern with this plan, citing a conversation he had with Gottlieb Simon (ANC Executive Director) in which Mr. Simon indicated that terms must be one year. Commissioner Lane agreed to talk to Mr. Simon to get clarification.

OLD BUSINESS:

Missing Parking Meters on Wisconsin Avenue. Commissioner Howe reported that he will be meeting with DDOT Director Dan Tangherlini in the next couple of weeks about replacing meters on Wisconsin Avenue where the heads have been removed and only the poles are left.

Problem with City-wide Call Center. Commissioner Howe reported on his meeting with Councilmember Patterson about the city-wide call center (e.g., 202.727.1000) and that it is not working for many people. He plans to meet with her again about solutions to the problem.

Tia Gilbert introduced herself as the new Neighborhood Coordinator for Ward 3. She said that if citizens have a problem getting service from the call center that they should call her and give her the tracking number so that she can also follow-up on the problems. Her number is 202.727.2291. She also suggested using the on-line service so that citizens could better track the requests. Finally, she reported that Lisa Douglas has replaced Inspector Cleveland Ray, who retired, as the SWEEP Inspector for our area.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OPEN FORUM:

Robert Hyman from the Glover Park Citizens Association (GPCA) welcomed the new Commissioners and reported that plans were underway to spruce up Wisconsin Avenue in Glover Park. As part of its agreement with ANC 3B and the GPCA, St. Luke's Development Corporation provided funding to make aesthetic improvements on the Avenue.

Christopher Lively asked Commissioner Gordon about the status of replacing missing RPP (Zone Parking) signs on the 3900 block of Fulton Street and the 2800-3000 blocks of New Mexico Avenue. He said those blocks had been designated for zoned parking but that the parking signs were still missing. Commissioner Gordon asked Mr. Lively to provide her with any information he had and she would follow-up. He agreed to do so.

Commissioner Howe reported that two community meetings were scheduled about the Upper Wisconsin Transportation study: Wednesday, January 19th at St. Ann's at Tenley Circle, and Thursday, January 27th, at Guy Mason Recreation Center. Both meetings will be at 6:30.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Lane gave the Treasurer's Report. Only one expenditure was made in January. It was \$38 to cover the cost of name plates for the new Commissioners.

Approval of the December 2004 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the December 2004 minutes for approval. Commissioner Gordon presented a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Bowman seconded, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0 (attached).

Approval of the FY 2005 Quarterly Report. Commissioner Lane reported that ANC 3B started the quarter with a balance of \$18,285.23, received a district allotment of \$8,663.70, had expenditures of \$6,382.67 for an ending balance of \$20,566.26. Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to approve the report. Commissioner Howe presented such a motion, Commissioner Gordon seconded, and the quarterly report was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Approval of Resolution to Participate in the ANC Security Fund for 2005. Commissioner Lane reported that ANCs are annually required to either participate in the ANC Security Fund which protects individual ANCs against theft by officers or enter into a bonding agreement with a private source to protect the ANC. Most ANCs choose to pay the annual fee (\$25 in CY 2005) and participate in the Security Fund. Commissioner Gordon made a motion for ANC 3B to participate in the ANC Security fund, Commissioner Bowman seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING HORACE KREITZMAN
COMMISSIONER OF ANC 3B-04**

WHEREAS, the office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member District 3B04 was certified vacant, and the Board of Elections submitted a list of qualified candidates to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B following the period of petition circulation and challenge pursuant to D.C. Code 1-309.06 (d); and

WHEREAS, only the name of Horace Kreitzman was certified as a qualified candidate by the Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code 1-309 (d), if there is only one person qualified to fill the vacancy within the affected single-member district, the area Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners shall appoint the qualified person to the vacancy at its next regularly scheduled meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, requests that the Board of Elections declare the vacancy filled by Horace Kreitzman by publication in the District of Columbia Register.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, the Mayor, the Secretary of the Council of the District of Columbia, and Horace Kreitzman.

ADOPTED, February 10th, 2005.

We hereby certify this Resolution to be true and correct.

_____/s/_____
Melissa J. Lane
Chair, ANC 3B

_____/s/_____
Charles L. Howe
Secretary, ANC 3B