

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B

### GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



ANC – 3B Minutes

February 8, 2007

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no changes to the agenda: acceptance of the agenda was seconded and passed 3-0.

Commissioners present

3B01 – Cathy Fiorillo  
3B02 – open  
3B03 – Melissa Lane  
3B04 – Howie Krietzman, absent  
3B05 – Brian Cohen

## **2<sup>nd</sup> District Police Report**

Officer Dave Baker gave the report and delivered the February 1, 2007 Newsletter for PSA 204. Overall crime is down 5%. He stated that he had no update to the armed robberies at Pizza Hut, 2338 Wisconsin Ave on January 21<sup>st</sup> and February 1. If folks have any concerns, whether crime or traffic, they are encouraged to call Officer Baker.

## **Discussion with Mayor Fenty and Councilmember Cheh**

Mary Cheh has been present at both ANC meetings this year as well as Dee Smith, Director of Constituent Services for Councilmember Cheh. Councilmember Cheh introduced Mayor Fenty and said there were two issues that she would like Mayor Fenty to focus on for the evening: Glover Park's Wisconsin Avenue's streetscape and the condition of Guy Mason.

The first issue addressed by Mayor Fenty was our Streetscape. Mr. Fenty was pleased that the Office of Planning was working on securing funds from Restore DC and said that he direct DDOT to work on setting aside funding to improve this commercial

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corridor. Melissa Bird from the DC Office of Planning estimated that the total cost would be \$2-4M. To do “value engineering” (the minimal and still consider a renovation completed) would cost \$1-2M. Commissioner Lane will ask DDOT to come to our next ANC meetings to give updates.

Next, Mayor Fenty discussed Guy Mason. He said that he had quite a bit of experience at building and renovating recreation centers in Ward 4 and he “will not delay the budget process for a year. Usually it costs about \$200k for conceptual drawings to be done and I will put that in the budget for FY 2008.” Mr. Milt Grossman, President of Friends of Guy Mason, gave an overall report on the history of Guy Mason and its current status. In the 10 years since Friends of Guy Mason has been organized, the group has done what it could to maintain the interior of the building when DPR was either unwilling or unable to make repairs. FoGM has also put in a new playground and fragrance garden. In 2004, Neil Albert, then current director of DPR, had architects do some initial designs for an upgrade. The major problem the architects brought up was that Guy Mason should be made handicapped accessible. If this were done, much of the current center’s space would be lost thereby necessitating expansion of the center. Mr. Grossman said that FoGM was agreeable to expanding the center.

Mr. Grossman went on to say there are two sets of needs: the first being safety. The building has vermin, asbestos, a bad roof and sinking floor. Mayor Fenty asked his assistant, Abby Frankson, to make sure these safety needs were taken care of. Again, he will put money into FY 2008 budget to do conceptual drawings to address the second need of modernizing the building and making it more useful.

Mayor Fenty then asked for questions from the floor. Pat Clark asked what his administration felt was the district’s greatest needs. Mayor Fenty responded schools. He added that housing was also at the top of his list and his staff has spent a lot of time ensuring that everyone has heat and shelter this winter. Another woman asked about the parking lot at Guy Mason and why VA and MD cars can park there all day long without repercussions. Guy Mason Center Director, Robert Haldeman, stated that when Whole Foods was built, that area became a right of way and so parking was no longer under the control of DPR. Again Mayor Fenty asked his assistant to determine what could be done to keep cars away that are using the lot for free all day parking. Finally, a little girl asked Mayor Fenty three questions for a report that she was doing for Black History Month. 1) What do you like best about being mayor? “Helping people” 2) Do you have a lot of paperwork? The Mayor had no comment but pulled out his black berry and just waved it at the audience. 3) Are you ever funny? Mary Cheh answered that question by saying that at a meeting at a hotel someone said the mayor was late because he first had to knock on every room door. With that, the Mayor thanked Mary Cheh for inviting him to our meeting and left to visit another community meeting.

## **Old Business:**

**Grant Request from GPCA.** The ANC 3B voted unanimously to support the GPCA's grant request for \$720 for new software for Judie Guy to edit and write the Glover Park Gazette. It was noted that the check will be made out to the Glover Park Citizens Association and not an individual person.

**Glover Park Retail Study.** Melissa Bird reported that she will request a grant to Restore DC for \$25k for technical assistance to set up a Wisconsin Ave Business Association that will include merchants and professional businesses between Calvert and Whitehaven Parkway. She expects to get the grant and will have the first meeting soon.

**Neighborhood Crosswalks.** Jeff Jennings from DDOT reported that crosswalks cannot be repaired between December and March as the epoxy does not adhere to the street in cold weather. It was brought up that pedestrians are not happy with the 15 second cross walk light at Whole Foods as it is too quick for people to cross the street. Mr. Jennings said that he would enter that situation into the District's Service Request System but not to be too optimistic as engineers have specifications by which they set cross walk timers. To add time would slow traffic on all of Wisconsin Avenue.

## **New Business:**

**Pay and Display Meter Request.** Commissioner Lane submitted a letter that she had sent to Emeka Moneme, Notimated Director of the District Department of Transportation, requesting that "pay and display" meters be installed in our commercial district. There are three benefits for installing these meters; 1) more cars can be parked on a strip than with traditional meters, 2) the street looks better, and 3) there is more space on the sidewalks.

## **Administrative:**

**Treasurer's Report.** Brian Cohen stated a beginning balance of \$15,418.05 for the month of January; expenditures were \$25 for an ANC Security Fee and an ending balance for January 2007 of \$15,393.85.

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

## **Open Forum**

None.

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.