ANC – 3B Minutes
January 8, 2009

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The Chair asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was moved, properly seconded, and passed by unanimous consent.

All Commissioners were present:

3B01 – Cathy Fiorillo
3B02 – Alan Blevins
3B01 – Melissa Lane
3B04 – Howie Kreitzman
3B05 – Brian Cohen

Election of Officers. Commissioner Kreitzman made a motion that the current officers remain in their existing roles: Chair: Melissa Lane; Vice Chair: Alan Blevins; Treasurer: Brian Cohen; and Secretary: Cathy Fiorillo. The slate was approved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

2nd District Police Report. Sergeant Toliver and Officer Baker gave their monthly reports. The officers once again reminded us to lock up autos and bring anything of worth into the house. GPS’s are the current, most stolen item from cars. Officer Baker may be reached at david.baker@dc.gov. Officer Toliver’s phone number is 240-375-3388. The greatest concern for metropolitan police at this time is planning the Inauguration. The bridges between Virginia and the District will be closed for 24 hours.

The police department has a campaign underway to encourage pedestrians to cross the street in crosswalks. If you get stopped by an officer for jaywalking, the fine is $20. If a driver does not yield to a person in any part of a crosswalk, the driver is subject to a $250 ticket and 3 points against their license. If a driver is caught a second time, the fine goes up to $500 and 6 points.

Officer Baker responded to a question about making a U-turn. It is legal to make a U-turn unless there is a sign stating otherwise or a double yellow line with slashes through it.

OLD BUSINESS
New Office of Planning Representative. Mr. Andrea Linauro (andrea.linauro@dc.gov, 202-442-7605) from the Office of Planning introduced himself. He is a new OP planner. OP is in the process of moving their offices to the Reeves Center at 14th and U Streets, NW. He will come to the February meeting to give an update regarding our Wisconsin Avenue business corridor. There were negative comments regarding the lack of progress on the strip. New street lights and parking meters were promised at least a year ago.

Briefing on Status of Guy Mason Recreation Center Renovation. Sarah Moulton from DPR was on hand to discuss the renovation of the Guy Mason Recreation Center. She said that although a new master plan has been completed to fully renovate and add an addition to Guy Mason, the funds needed, $9 million, were not approved. Instead, DPR received $3.5 million to renovate the building. Ms. Moulton reiterated from a November meeting with her Director, Clark Ray, that DPR’s goals for Guy Mason will be to get full funding to do the entire project. While they are lobbying for that money, renovations will be phased in such a way to allow only minimal distortion to the overall renovation plan. Scaled back renovations will begin this summer. Sophia Henry asked if the $3.5 million for this project was safe and the answer was not necessarily given current economic conditions. There was also a question of who would be responsible for this job. Alan Lew’s office has been in charge of these types of project of late and D.C. Council is currently deciding how much Mr. Lew’s department can safely handle.

Briefing on Status of New Stoddert Recreation Center. Regarding Stoddert, Commissioner Cohen reported that this project is fully funded, has architects assigned, and progress is being made. This project calls for renovation and expansion of the existing school combined with a new, larger recreation center. The design team meets every other week with representatives from the Stoddert School and Glover Park community. Plans are being made to present preliminary drawings to the community in February. Groundbreaking is set for summer 2009 with completion by September 2010. The school and community are committed to having the school children reside somewhere on the school grounds (possibly demountables) during the renovation/building.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution to Recommend Sun-setting or Dissolving Liquor License for JP’s Night Club. Commissioner Alan Blevins asked Mike Papnicolas, owner of JP’s Night Club at 2412 Wisconsin Avenue, to come to the ANC meeting and discuss the night club’s status. It was destroyed by fire in January 2008. Mr. Angelo Magifan, the Real Estate Property Manager who managed the building, was also present. Commissioner Blevins had asked that the landlord come also but they did not show up. Mr. Papanicolas stated that he had been in business for 20 years at that location. Although it may look like there has been no activity since the fire, Mr. Papanicolas filed a request on October 30, for a demolition permit to raise the building. Mr. Papanicolas was asked if he received a settlement and he answered that he had received $170,000. He said his plan is to rebuild the night club. Mr. Magifan could not add much in the way of comments to the evening because he was the property manager before the fire. Since the fire, there has been no rental income and consequently no need for property management. Commissioner Blevins ask if Mr. Papanicolas was interested in converting the license to another status. The answer was no. Mr. Magifan mentioned that the partnership of the owners is solid and that they certainly have the funds to rebuild. Commissioner Blevins introduced a resolution recommending the dissolution of the ABRA license Number 8511 (attached). The resolution was moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.
OPEN FORUM

Sophia Henry asked the status of the Safeway renovation. Although Safeway has been in contact with GPCA, they have not contacted the ANC. Commissioner Lane said she would contact Safeway.

Howard Traul of Benton Street asked if the ANC could lobby the district government to make it mandatory for insurance companies to notify Department of Motor Vehicles when car insurance is dropped or added by a customer. This is done in many states. As it stands here, insurance companies comply with our law and only notify the DMV when someone stops their insurance policy with that agency. Then DMV assumes that the driver does not have insurance and issues a ticket. If the DMV were notified by the driver’s new insurance company, this red tape mix up would not occur. Dee Smith from Mary Cheh’s office asked Mr. Traul to stay after the meeting and she would direct him to the person who may be able to initiate that law.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution on ANC Security Fund. Commissioner Cohen introduced a motion to approve a contribution of $25 to the ANC Security Fund. This contribution is a requirement by the D.C. Auditor. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Consideration of Resolution to Raise Annual Limit on ANC 3B Grants. Commissioner Cohen introduced a resolution to raise the annual ANC 3B Grants from $2,000 to $2,500. The resolution was moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

Treasurer’s Report Opening Balance: November $21,771.25

Withdrawals: $4.15 (Bank Service Fees)

$89.84 (Verizon, Check #1122, phone bill)

Closing Balance: $21,676.91

Petty Cash

Opening Balance: $76.93

Withdrawals: $27.12 (Cohen: mailing, photocopying for quarterly report)

Deposits $0

Closing Balance: $49.81

Treasurer’s Report Opening Balance: December $21,676.91

Withdrawals: $3.78 (Bank Service Fees 12/9)

Closing Balance: $21,673.12

Petty Cash

Opening Balance: $49.81

Withdrawals: $0
Deposits $0

**Closing Balance:** $49.81

Checks to Be Written In November 2009
ANC Security Fund
Phone Bill
Replenishment of ANC Petty Cash Fund

The quarterly statements for the period October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008 was presented and is attached to the notes.

Approval for all financial statements was requested, approved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

**Approval of November Minutes:** Approval of November minutes was moved, properly seconded, and passed by unanimous consent.

**Approval of December Minutes:** Approval of December minutes was moved, properly seconded, and passed by unanimous consent

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment.** Chairman Lane asked if there was a motion to adjourn. It was properly seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.