ANC-3B Minutes
July 8th, 2004

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

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

Commissioners absent
   3B01 ā Vacant
   3B04 ā Vacant

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT:

A representative from the 2nd District Metropolitan Police Department was not able to attend to a police report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Status Report by Friends of Glover Park on Programming for the Proposed New Stoddert Recreation Center. Before the status report by the Friends of Glover Park, Penny Pagano, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Patterson, spoke about the proposed new recreation center. She said that Councilmember Patterson was very enthusiastic about the project and that it would be the first new recreation center in Ward 3 in a decade. She addressed community concerns regarding the size and scope and said that the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation was designing the building to be much smaller than other recreation centers. It would consist of primarily a gymnasium, a multi-purpose room, and/or a room for the pre-school Co-op program. Ms. Pagano said that information about the plans would be posted to Councilmember Pattersonis web site as they became available. She then again stressed that DPR was taking community concerns into account as they develop their plans.

Cathy Fiorillo, co-chair of the Friends of Glover Park gave presented a press package of articles that have been published on the proposed recreation center in the last three years. She also passed out a questionnaire from DPR on programming. She said DPR will be scheduling meetings in a couple of weeks with preliminary drawings. She also said that DPR has not developed specific plans with schedules and milestones at this point.

Because of the length of the agenda, only a limited question and answer period was allowed. The Commissioners agreed to hold meetings dedicated solely to this issue in September when DPR issues its plans. Continued concerns were expressed about building a new recreation center, whether or not residents had an avenue to vote on it, the preservation of green space, parking limitations, and the size of the center. A member of the audience also expressed concerns that the tenor of the debate about the center had taken racial undertones.

Finally, a member of the audience asked that the Commissioners state their positions on the new proposed recreation center. Commissioner Lively and Commissioner Howe stated that they were reserving judgment until DPR presented new plans. Commissioner Lane stated that she supported the new center but that it had to be designed taking into concerns about size, preservation of green space, parking, and staffing.

**Report on the ABRA Hearing to Extend the Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium.** Commissioner Lane asked Milton Grossman, ANC 3B’s lawyer, to give a briefing on the ABRA Hearing on July 7th. Mr. Grossman said that a number of people testified in support of the continuation of the moratorium including Commissioner Lively, Commissioner Lane, Commissioner Nancy Nord from ANC 3E, Jarrett Farrier, President of the Glover Park Citizens Association, as well as interested neighbors who live close to the Wisconsin Avenue commercial strip. Mr. Grossman felt the hearing went well and a decision is due from ABRA on July 14th at 10 am.

**Update on the St. Lukeis Condominium Project.** Commissioner Lively said that the project was on schedule and that no major problems had been encountered thus far.

**Update on Proposals Received in Response to ANC 3B/St. Lukeis Development LLC Call for Proposals.** Commissioner Lane stated the call for proposals between March 11 and June 30 resulted in 10 proposals from 4 organizations for roughly $60 thousand. She stated that the Commissioners and St. Lukeis Development LLC will be meeting during the summer to decide which proposals to award. Total award money is $25 thousand.

One of the proposers was Friends of Guy Mason. Commissioner Lane asked for clarification from Mr. Grossman, President of FoGM, about the memorandum of understanding between St. Lukeis Development LLC and the Massachusetts Avenue Heights Citizens Association (MAHCA). That agreement called for a dollar amount to be donated to FoGM. Mr. Grossman stated that Paul Cunningham, president of MAHCA, had told him that the money would not be donated to FoGM but that MAHCA would keep it to support their future projects.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Massachusetts Avenue Deli: Proposed Liquor License Transfer.** Mr. Louis Nichols, lawyer for the new owners of the Massachusetts Avenue Deli, introduced his clients. He stated that the liquor license held by the previous owners was being transferred to the new owners with no change in type or scope of the license. As such, no ANC action was required.

**Liquor License Renewals for Holiday Inn, Old Europe, Sushi-Ko, Heritage India, Faccia Luna, and Basura.** Several liquor licenses are up for renewal. Commissioner Howe, whose district includes these establishments reported, that they are no problem issues with Holiday Inn, Sushi-Ko, Old Europe, or Basura but that serious vermin and rat problems
continued with the Faccia Luna and Heritage India trash area. Commissioner Howe introduced Kevin McFillin of Faccia Luna to discuss the issue as well as the changes that have been made to Faccia Luna.

Mr. McFillin stated that after being closed for several months because of a grease fire that Faccia Luna has reopened as Kavanaugh's Pizza Pub. Mr. McFillin has bought the restaurant has bought the restaurant from his partners. Only a few changes have been made. The menu and ambiance will still be very similar to the former restaurant.

Addressing the trash problem, Mr. McFillin said that even when his restaurant was closed, they were being fined because they are in the same building as Heritage India and share the same trash area. D.C. issues fines to a building rather than establishments within it since they cannot determine specifically who is causing the trash problem. He said that meetings have been called with management company but that Heritage India does not often participate.

In order to try to get more leverage over each establishment in order to get the trash area cleaned up, Commissioner Lane introduced a resolution to develop individual voluntary agreements with Kavanaugh's and Heritage India rather than continue to include these establishments in the Austin Grill agreement. Commissioner Lively seconded the resolution (attached). The measure passed 3-0.

DDOT Briefing on Disposition of Disability Parking Signs. A DDOT representative was scheduled to attend the meeting but did not show up so Commissioner Lane explained the issue. As part of last year's road construction in Glover Park, six disability spots were installed (3 on the wood-line of W Street and 3 on the wood-line of 42nd Street). ANC 3B Commissioners were told at the time that by the Federal Highway Administration representation, Joses, Quinones, that the spaces were mandatory because the construction was funded via Federal funds and therefore subject to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. Several months ago, a Glover Park resident went to DDOT to ask that more disability spaces be installed. DDOT was unaware that these spaces existed and as it turns out, they do not meet D.C. regulations for installation of spaces. Since the spaces are on D.C. land rather than Federal land after all, DDOT made the determination that they be removed. Commissioner Lane has spoken with DDOT about this issue and had gotten agreement that if the disability spaces are removed then those spaces would be converted to 2 regular spaces thus increasing available parking in the area by 12 spaces. A Glover Park resident, however, disagreed with this solution and called DDOT to tell them that ANC 3B requested the disability spaces. DDOT is thus researching the issue with the DDOT and Federal Highway staff involved in the construction.

Commissioner Lane asked current and former commissioners if they recalled ANC 3B requesting the spaces. These commissioners were in unanimous agreement that ANC 3B did not make such a request. Commissioner Lively who was actively involved with DDOT and FHA in the project said the installation of the spaces was required by the Federal Highway Administration representative.

Members of the audience and the Commissioners expressed agreement with the idea to eliminate the six disability spaces, replaced them with 12 regular spaces, and work individually with Glover Park residents with special needs to fulfill their requirements. Commissioner Lane will continue to work with DDOT on the issue.
Illegal Dumping Related to Moving In and Out of Group Homes. Commissioner Lively explained that there has been increasing problem with dumping as a result of frequent transitions in group rental houses in the neighborhood. Several neighbors have lodged complaints. Commissioner Lively and others have been in touch with at least one of the owners of several group houses. He said he would address the problem. Commissioner Lively said that he would work with Inspector Cleveland Ray to undertake another SWEEP (Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program) campaign to alert residents of proper avenues to dispose of material. Also, since these homes are often rented students and young professionals, a suggestion was made to contact AU and Georgetown about educating their students. Finally, a member of the audience suggested that a list of benevolent agencies be provided to residents of group house so they are aware how to donate any unwanted furniture, clothing, etc. Commissioner Lively agreed to follow-up on these solutions.

Bike-a-thon in Glover Park in September. Commissioner Lively reported that a Bike-a-thon on Saturday, September 18th, that would intermittently close streets in Glover Park. The non-profit event is scheduled to use 37th Street to Tunlaw Road to New Mexico. Depending on how long these streets are closed, they effectively cut off western and southern Glover Park from getting out of the neighborhood. Commissioner Lively will talk to Eric Gilliard, Executive Director of the Washington Bicyclist Association, to try to work out a more feasible route through Glover Park.

Presentation by Councilmember Harold Brazil. Councilmember Brazil spoke of a number of issues currently facing the District of Columbia. He spoke extensively of crime issues especially in some of the eastern wards where juvenile crime is on the increase. He is working on legislation which addresses this problem. He thinks part of the solution is to provide positive alternatives for kids to get them off the street. He also thinks that resources for MPD such as more cameras, more transportation equipment (segways, bikes, etc.) need to increase and that MPD needs to deploy their resources more effectively.

Councilmember Brazil also spoke of D.C. emergency preparedness plans. He said that the city is targeting a lot of resources to this planning. Although complete plans are not there yet, planning efforts are on target.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Approval of the June 2004 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the June 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:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.
Resolution Supporting Development of a Voluntary Agreement With Heritage India

WHEREAS securing commercial trash areas is a perpetual problem in the Wisconsin Avenue business sector in Glover Park;

WHEREAS unsecured waste food sources attract rodents who serve as vectors of disease;

WHEREAS ANC 3B has entered into voluntary agreements or memoranda of understanding with restaurant and bar establishments in the Wisconsin Avenue business sector which includes provisos about securing and cleaning trash areas;

WHEREAS ANC 3B entered into a voluntary agreement with Austin Grill that including the provision that Austin Grill would partner with Kavanaugh’s Pizza Pub (formerly Faccia Luna) and Heritage India to resolve the problems associated with their shared commercial trash area;

WHEREAS Heritage India has not cooperated with Austin Grill and Kavanaugh’s Pizza Pub in addressing the problem;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3B supports development of voluntary agreements directly with Heritage India and Kavanaugh’s Pizza Pub to especially address the problem of unsecured waste food sources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if agreement can not reached with any of these establishments that ANC 3B will file an amendment in protest of their licenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3B authorizes Milton Grossman, Esq., to represent ANC 3B as legal counsel, in developing a voluntary agreement with Heritage India.

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/s/
Melissa J. Lane, Chair
July 8, 2004

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As Witnessed by Commission Secretary
Charles L. Howe
July 8, 2004

Commission Action: [X] Approved [ ] Disapproved
Vote (of 3) Commissioners: 3 in favor with 0 opposed.
ANC 3B Commissioners present: Charles L. Howe (02); Melissa J. Lane (03); Christopher J. Lively (05)
ANC-3B Minutes
June 10th, 2004

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:10 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

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT:
No representative was available to attend the meeting because of security preparations for the Reagan State funeral.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the Proposed Extension for the Liquor License Moratorium in Glover Park.
Commissioner Lane announced that the ABRA hearing was scheduled for July 7th at 9 am at ABRA headquarters, 941 North Capitol Street, N.W.

Report by D.C. Parks and Recreation on the Status the Proposed Design for Stoddert Recreation Center. Many citizens attended the meeting to discuss the proposed new recreation center for Stoddert so most of the meeting was dedicated to this issue.

- Cathy Fiorillo, Co-President of the Friends of Glover Park, gave a brief history of the project. Planning started in 2001. Two surveys of community residents were done, the most recent one last year. There have also been some community events such as an ice cream social and that the theme of the Glover Park Citizens Association's 2003 Glover Park Day was the new Stoddert Recreation Center.
- Councilmember Kathy Patterson (Ward 3) expressed strong support for the new recreation center. It would be the first one built in Ward 3 in 9 years, lagging behind all other wards. She said that there were still issues to be worked out especially in terms of the size of the facility and the impact on parking but that she welcomed all residents to provide input in order to resolve these issues. Finally, she
said that one of the greatest benefits of this center was that it would resolve a two-fold problem. It would be used by Stoddert Elementary School students during the day for physical education and assemblies, facilities currently not available at the school. It would also provide a place for state-of-the-art center for Glover Park children.

- Lisa Franklin-Kelly with the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation said that at this point only a site plan had been developed and that more detailed plans would be forthcoming. She agreed that these plans would be made available on a web site when they became available.

- Kurt Bedenbaugh of the Temple Group introduced the Marshall Group who presented the site plan. As currently planned, the building will look like a one story building from most angles because the gym will be below grade. Because of parking concerns, the number of parking spaces now planned is between 35 and 40.

- Many citizens asked to speak.
  - One general concern expressed by many was that the currently proposed recreation center is still too big.
  - More information is needed on the impact on parking since public parking spaces are at a premium in Glover Park.
  - Since parking is a serious concern of neighborhood residents, Commissioner Lane introduced a resolution asking the D.C. Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study in the area where the recreation center will be located and give ANC 3B recommendations on this issue (attached).
  - Questions were asked regarding the displacement of trees on the site. Dov McCauley, the DPR arborist, stated that a minimum amount of trees would be taken down. He also stated that one of the trees on the site is already dead, a second smaller one also needs to be removed, and that the ash trees planted by the current tot lot should also be removed because this type of tree is not good to plant in recreation areas.
  - Questions were asked on whether or not the Center could be built closer to the school or on school property altogether. Commissioner Lane said that the Mayor's Office, Kathy Patterson's office, and ANC 3B were looking into that question with the D.C. Public School System but the issue had not been resolved yet.
  - A question was raised about the schedule for the next Friends of Glover Park meeting. Cathy Fiorillo agreed to hold the September meeting during the evening so that more neighborhood residents could attend.
  - A question was asked on the likely impact on the field itself. Temple Group responded that the playing field would be minimally impacted. Instead of six soccer fields, there would only be room for five. The ball field will lose some space in centerfield but not a significant amount. Temple Group also said that the field would be closed for a year during construction for safety reasons but that DPR would work on finding alternate fields for the soccer and softball teams in the interim period.
  - A question was asked whether or not there would be busing into the neighborhood after the new Center is built. There are no plans for busing people into the neighborhood to use the new Center and that there are many new, bigger recreation centers being built throughout the city.
  - One resident asked if the center could be built along the lines of the renovation of Oyster School which used the 21st Century fund. Councilmember Patterson said the outcome of that effort was a mixed bag.
because although students had a brand new state-of-the-art facility, they had lost outdoor recreational space.

- A statement was made that the current drawings were inadequate. DPR will be presenting more detailed drawings including elevations. Since a number of concerns were raised, DPR will take these concerns into account and present a new set of comprehensive drawings at the September 9th ANC 3B meeting.
- A number of residents also expressed support for a new facility.

NEW BUSINESS:
None.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Approval of the May 2004 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the May 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:
None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.
Resolution Requesting the D.C. Department of Transportation
Conduct a Traffic Study for the Proposed New Stoddert
Recreation Center

WHEREAS a recreation center is currently planned to replace the current Stoddert Recreation Center;

WHEREAS plans for the new center call for a building that is substantially larger than the current 600 square foot building;

WHEREAS lack of public parking is a perpetual problem in Glover Park in general and specifically on the streets adjacent to the Center, i.e., 3900-4000 blocks of Davis Place and Calvert Street and the 2500 blocks of 39th and 41st Streets;

WHEREAS all D.C. Recreation Centers are available to all members of the community; and

WHEREAS a new larger Center may attract increased traffic to the area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3B will request the D.C. Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study of the areas most likely to be effected by an increased demand for public parking as a result of a larger recreation facility and provide recommendations to ANC 3B.

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Melissa J. Lane
Chair  June 10, 2004

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As Witnessed by Commission Secretary
Charles L. Howe

Commission Action:
[ X] Approved [   ] Disapproved

Vote (of 3) Commissioners: _3_ in favor with _0_ opposed.

ANC 3B Commissioners present:

Charles L. Howe (02); Melissa J. Lane (03); Christopher J. Lively (05)
ANC-3B Minutes  
May 6, 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 ñ Charles L. Howe  
3B03 ñ Melissa J. Lane  
3B05 ñ Christopher J. Lively

Commissioners absent  
3B01 ñ Vacant  
3B04 ñ Vacant

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT:

No representative was available to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution on Smoke-Free Workplaces in D.C. Sharlene Krantz gave an overview of the legislation introduced by Councilmembers Patterson and Fenty as well as the ballot initiative on Smoke-Free Workplaces in D.C. Because the legislation has stalled in Committee, the Coalition for Smoke-free Workplaces in D.C. is petitioning to have the measure (Initiative 66) included on the November ballot for the general election. Opponents of the initiative (primarily the Restaurant Association) has sued to keep the measure off the ballot. Because the issue is caught in the court system, there may not to be enough time to get the required signatures to have the initiative placed on the ballot. Despite this problem, Commissioner Lane introduced a resolution to include Initiative 66 on the November ballot. The resolution passed unanimously.

Report by D.C. Parks and Recreation on the Status of the Guy Mason and Stoddert Recreation Center Projects. A community meeting was held on April 26th about the Stoddert Recreation center. A number of issues of concern were brought up at that meeting including the size of the proposed new center. Because of these concerns, DPR is revising the plans and will present them at the June 10th ANC 3B meeting.
Plans for renovating Guy Mason Recreation Center are in the early stages. Decisions are pending on whether to a) demolish the current building and build a new one; b) renovate the current building; or c) renovate and expand the current building.

Status of the Tenley Fire Station Project. Commissioner Howe gave an update on the Tenley Fire station. No progress is being made. Former contractors are suing the city and the city is countersuing. In addition, the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) is considering an application to designate the façade of the building as an historic landmark. Commissioner Howe stated concerns with an historical designation because requirements often conflict with public safety objectives. Commissioner Howe introduced a resolution to endorse a resolution of ANC 3F which recommends that HPRB deny historic landmark status to working fire and EMS facilities. The resolution passed unanimously.

Update on the Proposed Extension for the Liquor License Moratorium in Glover Park. Commissioner Lane reported that the ABRA hearing has been scheduled for early July.

NEW BUSINESS:

Plans for Installation of a Pocket Park at 42nd Street and Davis Place, N.W. Glover Park residents Monette Melanson and Rosalie Werback presented their plans for installing a small park at the T-intersection of 42nd Street and Davis Place. They are planning both hard- and soft-scaping. Hardscaping will include the installation of two benches (one has been installed and is awaiting word from DDOT on whether it will be retroactively approved) and a chess table accessible to persons with disabilities. Softscaping will include native grasses and plants and maybe one or two new trees. They are working with Judy Tiger from GrowDC on appropriate plantings. They submitted an application to DDOT on April 23rd and a review hearing has been scheduled for June 24th. Commissioner Howe asked if they had community backing for this project; Ms. Melanson and Ms. Werback indicated that a number of individuals had volunteered to help them. They also said that they would have a table at Glover Park Day on June 5th to provide information and solicit donations. J. Lively asked if they would consider smaller benches in order not attract any homeless people from moving in. Also, a women whose an artist suggested that they contact the Arts community at Guy Mason about designing and creating a chess table as a donation. Ms. Melanson and Ms. Werback agreed to check on that possibility.

Commissioners Lane, Lively, and Howe complimented Ms. Melanson and Ms. Werback on their project. Commissioner Lane will send a letter of support to DDOT officials prior to the June 24th hearing.

Liquor License Renewal for Echo Deli. Commissioner Howe reported that he had checked with the 2nd District Metropolitan Police Department and that there were no offenses against Echo Deli, located at 2216 Wisconsin Avenue, NW. However, Bill Strydesky, the owner of the property, reported that the proprietors of Echo Deli had moved out without notice on the previous Sunday night and that they owed a lot of back rent. The Commissioners agreed that because of this problem, ANC 3B will write a letter to ABRA regarding the current status of the business. (Because their liquor license was issued in a moratorium zone, it cannot be transferred elsewhere.) Commissioner Lane agreed to contact Milton Grossman, the lawyer who does pro bono work for ANC 3B, about sending a letter.
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Approval of the April 2004 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the April 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 there were any issues the community would like to bring up. Commissioner Howe stated that a problem had arisen in Holy Rood Cemetery. A number of homeless persons are sleeping there. Commissioner Howe will contact Bennie Goodman from the National Park Service (who has jurisdiction over the cemetery) and discuss ways to solve the problem.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.