

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



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*Charles L. Howe, 3B02, Secretary*  
*Horace Kreitzman, 3B04*

ANC-3B Minutes  
July 14th, 2005

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:08 pm. Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Since representatives from WMATA were at the meeting, they were added to the agenda.

Commissioners present

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

Commissioner absent

3B05 – Amy Bowman

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

A representative was not able to attend the meeting so a police report for PSA 204 was not presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Town Hall: Consideration of Resolution to Approve a Stipulated License.** Paul Holder, one of the partners who owns Town Hall, described the work that has been done on the building to date. They have added significant soundproofing so that noise does not emanate out the front or back of the building as well as upgrading the electrical system. In addition to major interior upgrades, they have fixed the roof, improved the exterior façade, and have also cleaned up the lot and taken away substantial amount of debris. They have also spent approximately \$40 thousand to modernize the kitchen.

The restaurant is expected to open sometime in August and will have a dining capacity of 110. They plan on having food service to 11:30 on weekdays and 12:30 on weekends. Future plans also call for opening for lunch and brunch on weekdays and weekends.

As they had consistently stated at previous ANC 3B meetings in March and May, their intention has been to apply to ABRA for extended hours. They have now made their application to ABRA asking for a substantial change to their license, e.g., longer hours, and would like ANC 3B to consider granting them a 45-day stipulated license allowing them to

stay open later while their application is being considered by ABRA. The specific hours are negotiable.

Milton Grossman, a resident of Hall Place, asked Tom Felder, attorney for Town Hall when they had applied for a substantial change. Mr. Felder told him that the request had been submitted to ABRA on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Grossman expressed concerns by Hall Place residents that Town Hall would be more of a bar scene than a restaurant and that patrons would take up parking spaces on Hall Place. Mr. Holder said that complimentary or heavily subsidized parking will be available from Solomon that covers about twenty spaces.

Mr. Grossman expressed further concerns that neither he nor his neighbors were given adequate notice that Town Hall was asking for extended hours or a stipulated license from ANC 3B so that they did not have the opportunity to voice their objections. Commissioner Gordon countered that Hall Place residents had repeated opportunities to express their concerns in several ANC 3B meetings going back to February. She further stated that ANC 3B was well aware of their concerns and had addressed them on several occasions. Finally, Commissioner Gordon said that ANC 3B had heard from many other residents in addition to those who live on Hall Place and they expressed a lot of support for Town Hall and the extension of their hours.

Commissioner Gordon read the proposed resolution which would grant Town Hall a stipulated license allowing them to stay open until 1:30 on weekdays and 2:30 on weekends. Commissioner Kreitzman seconded the resolution and it passed 4-0.

**WMATA Briefing: ORION Bus Noise and N8 Bus Route Plans.** Representatives from WMATA addressed concerns about the ORION buses (the small commuter bus). The said that speakers will be turned off on the D2 buses as of July 18<sup>th</sup> and that testing of new brakes was proceeding. Although it will a year to fit the entire fleet of 42 buses with the new brake lines, the D2 buses would get the new brake lines first. Regarding long-term plans, all the current ORION buses will be replaced by 2010. The specific type of replacement bus has not been decided but it will probably be a 30 foot rather than a 26 foot bus.

David Erion of WMATA said that changes to the N8 Bus Route plans were scheduled to be considered at Board hearings in July. The hearings, however, have been delayed until at least October while WMATA conducts more comprehensive usage studies.

Commissioner Gordon asked for clarification on the order of repair of the brake lines. She was assured that the D2 buses were first in the queue. She also asked if there had been any studies done or complaints about the air quality inside the buses. WMATA representatives did not know and would get back to ANC 3B with a response.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Announcement of Documentary on Glover Park Softball.** Anne Savage, representing Jennifer Crescenzo, announced that a screening of Jennifer's documentary on the history of the Glover Park Softball League would be aired at the Stoddert softball field Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 9 pm. All are welcome. ANC 3B through the St. Luke's Development Corporation contributed to the costs of developing this project.

**Opening of “My Bakery” on Wisconsin Avenue.** David Escobar and George Gutierrez announced they were opening their third “My Bakery” store in Glover Park on Wisconsin Avenue. The store will be an all around bakery and an internet café. Validated parking will be available in back of the building (located at 2233 Wisconsin Avenue, NW). Seating capacity is about 62 inside and 32 in the outside atrium. Hours of operation will be 7 am to 10 pm on weekdays with later hours on weekends. They are scheduled to open on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. They do not have a liquor license but plan to apply for one. Commissioner Lane notified them that Glover Park was a moratorium zone and that there were no full liquor licences (CR) available but they could apply for a beer and wine only (DR) license as they were not restricted.

**Consideration of Curb Cut for 2407 Tunlaw Road.** Don DeFranceaux and his wife asked for a waiver to put in a curb cut in front of their house as they have no alley to provide parking. The curb cut would be 15 feet. Although it would take away one public parking spot, it would take two cars off the street. The DeFranceauxes sent out 62 notices to their neighbors alerting them to the plan and asking for their approval. They received 26 favorable responses back and did not receive any negative responses.

Commissioner Gordon introduced a motion of write a letter to the Zoning Board supporting the waiver for the DeFranceauxes under current zoning laws. Commissioner Lane seconded the motion and it passed 3-1 with Commissioner Howe opposed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**Treasurer’s Report.** As the Treasurer was absent, no treasurer’s report was presented.

**Approval of the June 2005 Meeting Minutes.** Commissioner Gordon presented the June 2005 minutes for approval. Commissioner Gordon presented a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Kreitzman seconded, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0 (attached).

**OPEN FORUM:**

- **Jim Bubar and Pat Bitondo of Babe Ruth Baseball expressed serious concerns over the use of Guy Mason field by Georgetown University Women’s Fast Pitch Softball team. Babe Ruth serves approximately 200 youth between 13 and 15 years old who play roughly 120 games there per year. They were concerned not only with problems in scheduling the field but also with changing the configuration to accommodate Women’s fast pitch and also with construction on the backstop and bleachers. They also said that although plans were not final, construction was suppose to start on the field by August 1. Commissioner Lane asked for clarification about the type of construction but was told that DPR had not divulged specifically what they were doing. Jim Bubar asked that ANC 3B keep an eye on this project as there were many things about it that were anything but transparent. Commissioner Gordon asked for constituent input on the issue and will ask DPR was the MOU, construction plan, and scheduling plans.**

**Pat Bitondo discussed how ANC 3B passed a resolution in probably 1999-2000 that stipulated that the field be used only by 13-15 year olds for baseball and by adult softball teams. Rick Gersten said that most D.C. fields for youth sports were in bad shape and that additional stress on this field could destroy it.**

- **Rick Gersten asked about the re-striping in front of Stoddert School. Commissioner Lane said that she had put in the order for the work and would follow-up on it.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Commissioner Gordon asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.**

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**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVING A STIPULATED LICENSE  
FOR TOWN HALL, INC.**

WHEREAS, Town Hall Restaurant located at 2218 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, in ANC 3B filed a request with ABRA on May 26<sup>th</sup> for a substantial change in their hours of operation from 11 AM to 11:30 PM to 11 AM to 1:30 AM on weekdays and 11 AM to 2:30 AM on weekends;

WHEREAS, Town Hall Restaurant desires open operations in late July or early August and to carry on business in said substantial change request prior to ABRA Board approval;

WHEREAS, to operate under substantial conditions, a stipulated license must be issued by ABRA and approved by ANC 3B; and

WHEREAS, a stipulated license is issued for 45-days with a possible renewal for 45-days if ABRA has not taken action;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3B approves the issuance of a stipulated license for 45 days pending final ABRA action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of the stipulated license that Town Hall honor the following hours of operation: 5 PM to 1:30 AM Monday through Thursday; 5 PM to 2:30 AM Friday; 11 AM to 2:30 AM Saturday; and 11 AM to 1:30 AM on Sunday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a valid protest has been determined by ABRA at the roll call hearing then, in the event, Town Hall Restaurant will cease operation of the substantial change until all protests are resolved.

ADOPTED, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 by a vote of 4 yea and 0 nay.

We hereby certify this Resolution to be true and correct.

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/s/  
**Tamela Gordon**  
Chair, ANC 3B

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

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ANC-3B Minutes  
June 9th, 2005

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:01 pm. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. None forthcoming, the agenda was approved.

Commissioners present

3B01 – Tamela Gordon  
3B03 – Melissa J. Lane  
3B04 – Horace Kreitzman  
3B05 – Amy Bowman

Commissioner absent

3B02 – Charles L. Howe

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

Officer Rock gave the police report. He said the biggest reduction in crime has been in stolen autos with an overall decline of 9 percent. He said that we may see a spike in burglaries, however, in the coming months as the weather has improved and people are leaving their windows open more often.

Commissioner Bowman asked if patrols could be increased on Wisconsin Avenue when the bars closed as a woman was assaulted during that time recently. Officer Rock agreed.

Officer Baker, PSA 204 Traffic Officer, gave an update on traffic. The average speed for violators on New Mexico and Wisconsin is still in excess of 40 mph so rigorous enforcement continues. The issue about dumpsters impeding the road on Calvert at St. Luke's has been solved though. The development company agreed to move everything into the confines of the construction site. Finally, enforcement of parking restrictions at Stoddert field soccer games on Saturdays was also stepped up. With the cooperation of the Stoddert Soccer organization, the situation has greatly improved. Commissioner Bowman asked Officer Baker to also check and make sure alleys were not blocked during the games too.

OLD BUSINESS:

**WMATA Briefing: ORION Bus Noise and N8 Bus Route Plans.** Arturo Lawson discussed the issue of squealing brakes. WMATA realizes that the brake noise has been a problem for awhile. They are working on a new brake pad that should solve the problem. The pad will be tested on one of the buses. If it works, the pads will be used on the rest of the fleet. Mr.

Lawson also stated that this fleet of ORION buses was coming to the end of their useful life as they were put into service in 1999 and expected to last approximately five years. WMATA will be replacing the ORION with a generation of smaller buses using current technologies.

Mory Watkins, a Glover Park resident, challenged Mr. Lawson about the ORION bus saying it was the wrong bus for the wrong purpose and that coming up with a solution to the problems has taken over eighteen months. Mr. Lawson disagreed with the use of the buses but said that WMATA was working on the problem and hoped to have it solved in the near future.

Commissioner Gordon asked what the time frame was for the new buses and for retrofitting the old buses with new brake pads. Mr. Lawson did not know the specific time frame but said he would e-mail the information to the ANC web address ([anc3b@yahoo.com](mailto:anc3b@yahoo.com)). Mr. Douglas Stallworth from DDOT said that DDOT and WMATA were talking to different manufacturers and that it would take approximately two years for new bus procurement.

Commissioner Bowman asked about the time frame for solving the current noise problem. Mr. Lawson said he would have to get back to ANC 3B with that information. Commissioner Lane asked him if he would consider coming to the July 2005 ANC 3B meeting with that information and he agreed.

**Report on N8 Bus Route Extension Trial Period.** David Erion of WMATA gave a report on the six-month trial period for the N8. Based on the ridership data, WMATA is recommending to its Board that the N8 extension be made permanent but that the N8 service itself be limited to weekdays only. Before any changes are made, the Board will hold public hearings. Mr. Erion did not have a date for the hearings but said he would let the Commission know so that we would have a chance to testify on the issue.

Mr. Watkins asked Mr. Erion if WMATA ever looked at the ridership data by hours. He responded that WMATA are reviewing those data and eliminating or adding service to some routes depending on the information.

**Austin Grill: Current Problem with Trash Management.** Cecilia Riddle is the new manager of Austin Grill. She is aware of the trash issue and is addressing it. One of the problems is that the owners of the building next door have put up a fence blocking them from access to the alley so they've had to put the trash in front of the building at night. She has arranged for six-day trash pick-up and the restaurant does use a compactor. She stressed that if anyone had any problems with the restaurant, that they should call her on her cell phone and she would address the problem immediately (703.328.1874). Asked about the fence blocking the back exit, she said that the biggest problem is that it impacts the safety of her workers by blocking their exit. The issue has been reported to DCRA for resolution.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Briefing on "Jonah's Treehouse."** Rick Gersten, a long-time Glover Park resident, gave a briefing on a new early education venture. Rick and his wife established this new business focusing on drama, movement, and early childhood teaching. They have rented play and

production space at 2121 Wisconsin Avenue in Glover Park and have hired a teaching staff. Classes are open to children and toddlers. The business is set to open on September 1. An open house will be held after Labor Day. Fees will be \$20 per class for 11 classes. The space also includes a “party room” that could be rented out for children’s birthdays, etc.

**Presentation of Guy Mason/Georgetown Joint Project.** Bob Haldeman, Center Director for Guy Mason, and Bob Krasne, representing Whose on Deck, gave a briefing on plans to bring intercollegiate fast-pitch women’s softball to Guy Mason field. Georgetown University will be using the field and in exchange will provide funding and support to help renovate the Center and improve safety and landscaping by upgrading the fencing, bleachers, and backstop. Commissioner Kreitzman asked how the different dimensions would be handled by the different leagues that play there. Mr. Haldeman replied that for women’s fast pitch, for example, that a temporary pitching mound as well as fencing at the 275’ mark would be added.

**OPEN FORUM:** None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**Plans for ANC 3B Newsletter.** Commissioner Gordon announced plans to publish an ANC 3B newsletter that will cover important issues in the neighborhood and be published approximately 2-4 times per year. Commissioner Gordon introduced a resolution for up to \$5k of ANC 3B money to be used to publish it. The resolution was seconded and passed 4 to 0 (attached).

**Treasurer’s Report.** Commissioner Bowman reported that ANC 3B had \$22,446.96 in the bank as of June 2005.

**Mid-Year Election of Officers.** By prior agreement last January, ANC 3B planned to switch officers in mid-year except for the treasurer. As such, Commissioner Lane resigned as chair and Commissioner Gordon resigned as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Lane made a motion to nominate Commissioner Gordon for the position of Chair who in turn nominated Commissioner Lane for Vice-Chair. These motions were seconded and each passed 4-0.

**Approval of the May 2005 Meeting Minutes.** Commissioner Lane presented the May 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 4-0 (attached).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.