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

2nd 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). 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 June 2005 Meeting Minutes.** Commissioner Lane presented the June 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.
This resolution was introduced and considered during a regularly scheduled public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, June 9, 2005 in which a quorum was present.

Resolution of ANC 3B

In regards to

Creation of a Newsletter for the Constituents of ANC3B

Whereas the commissioners of ANC 3B are elected by the voters and therefore have an obligation to report directly to their constituents on the actions of the Commission as well as to provide information regarding issues relevant to Glover Park residents;

Be it resolved that ANC 3B approves the creation of an ANC3B newsletter to be distributed not less than 2 times annually either via US mail or by door to door distribution as appropriate to the Single Member District or relevant address.

Be it also resolved that ANCB approves the allocation of funds not to exceed $5,000 per issue to both create and distribute this newsletter to all of the constituents of ANC 3B.

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Commission Action:
[ ] Approved [ ] Disapproved

Vote (of 5 ) Commissioners:____ in favor with _____ opposed.

/s/ _______________________________ Date:_______
Melissa Lane, Chairman

/s/ _______________________________
Date:_______
As Witnessed by Commission Secretary
Charles Howe