ANC – 3B Minutes
November 8, 2007

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Blevins asked that discussion of the October minutes be tabled until the December meeting. A motion was made to accept the amended agenda, it was seconded and passed 4-0. Commissioners present were:

3B01 – Cathy Fiorillo, absent
3B02 – Alan Blevins
3B03 – Melissa Lane
3B04 – Horace Kreitzman
3B05 – Brian Cohen

2nd District Police Report

Sargeant Toliver gave the crime and traffic statistics. There has been an 8 percent increase in crime over this 30-day period last year driven mostly by a 55 percent increase in property crimes. Violent crimes have also increased from 1 last year at this time to 5 this year. To combat this increase, the 2nd District plans to put more “walking officers” (mainly police recruits) on the street. Per the traffic statistics, Officer Baker wrote 66 violations during the month and made four traffic-related arrests.

Captain Hill and Lieutenant Dignan introduced themselves. They are new to the 2nd District having transferred over as part of the new PSA 208 (formerly PSA 306 in the 3rd District). Capt. Hill’s phone number is 202.730.1901. Lt. Dignan is the evening watch commander at 2D. His numbers are 202.615.7139 and 202.715.7300.

An arrest has been made in the assault at Good Guys on November 3rd. Commissioner Blevins reported that the victim of the incident was burned over 70 to 80 percent of his body and remains hospitalized.

Old Business

Briefing from ABRA on Liquor License Moratorium. Fred Moosally, General Counsel for the Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) (202.442.4435), discussed different options that can be considered regarding a moratorium. These include a) the length of time to recommend (e.g., 3 years, 5 years), b) whether or not to consider “caps” on licenses (e.g.,
the number of a given type of license is set but licenses are not transferable unless a given license is “free and clear.” For example, if a business fails and there are tax liens then the license is no longer in play and cannot be transferred; a new license can be issued.), c) allowing DR (beer and wine licenses) to switch to CR licenses, d) if a decision is made to increase a given type of license, a recommendation can also be made to phase in increases, and e) an ANC can also request that a moratorium requirements be amended after two years.

Mr. Moosally also discussed enforcement of “food requirements” for CR licensees (full restaurants serving wine, beer, and spirits). Quarterly reports detailing food sales are required to be submitted to the Office of Tax and Revenue. Those establishments who do not file reports can be suspended. This increase in enforcement is to ensure that full service restaurants do not become de facto “taverns” (a different license category in which the percentage of food sale is much lower).

**New Business**

**Vermin Problem, 2300-2400 Block of Wisconsin Avenue, NW.** Commissioner Blevins described the problem of rat infestation especially in the 2400 block of Wisconsin Avenue behind the restaurants on the Westside of the street. Representatives were present from Bourbon, Kavanaugh’s, Heritage India, Ceviche, Grog and Tankard, JP’s, and Vanguard Realty. DC government agencies represented included the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), the D.C. Department of Public Works (DPW), and ABRA.

Commissioner Blevins asked Inspector Sumner (202.645.7190) from DPW to detail her activities regarding this problem. She said there was a continuing problem with scattered trash but that there had been improvement in the situation overall. Commissioner Blevins asked who was responsible for policing the trash areas, i.e., the management companies or the businesses, and was told it was a joint effort but that businesses were directly responsible.

DCRA representatives Linda Argo (DCRA director) and Eric Rogers suggested that the Department of Health (DoH) be contacted to help address the problem. They are responsible for rat abatement. In other parts of the city, “rat packs” have been established between the community, businesses, and the DC government to directly address infestation problems. DoH also runs training sessions for businesses on effective methods of rat abatement.

Commissioner Blevins asked the businesses represented about their methods to combat the problem. Many have exterminators but since they are not coordinated, the rats are running from one establishment to the other. A more effective strategy may be to pool resources and jointly hire an exterminator to do all the businesses at once. The owner of Ceviche said he would designate one of his staff persons to coordinate extermination with the other businesses. Commissioner Blevins offered to establish a “rat task force” if that would help.

**Open Forum**

None.

**Administrative**
**Treasurer’s Report.** Commissioner Cohen gave the treasurer’s report. The beginning balance for the month was $17,863.14. Expenses for the month were $293.40 along with a credit (the district allocation) of $3,460.27. The ending balance was $21,030.01. A motion was made to approve the treasurer’s report. It was seconded, and passed 4-0.

Approval was requested and granted for expenditures of $87.62 for the Verizon bill and $31.99 for reimbursement of expenses for copying and postage for Commissioner Blevins.

**October Minutes.** Discussion of minutes was tabled until the December meeting.

**Date Change for the December meeting.** Because of scheduling conflicts, Commissioner Lane announced that the December meeting of ANC 3B would be held on Tuesday, December 4th, at 7 pm at Guy Mason rather than on Thursday, December 13th as originally scheduled.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded and passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.