

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B

### GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



#### ANC – 3B Minutes

October 11, 2007

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no changes. A motion was made to accept the agenda, it was seconded and passed 4-0. Commissioners present were:

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

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> District Police Report**

Officer David Baker ([david.baker@dc.gov](mailto:david.baker@dc.gov), 410-610-5166) gave the police report. Crime was down in September by 17%. The police currently have a campaign watching pedestrian crosswalks and ticketing both violators in cars and pedestrian themselves. Officer Baker made 5 arrests in September of drivers not yielding to a pedestrian. He mentioned that folks are not stopping at the stop sign at Manor Place and Huidekoper Street and tickets are being given out.

#### **Old Business**

**Update on Stoddert Rec Center.** Mary Cheh, Ward 3 Councilmember reported on the status of the Stoddert Rec Center. On October 9, Ms. Cheh and Alan Lew, Director, DCPS Facilities, met to discuss the Stoddert School/Rec project. DPR is ready to go with the Rec Center project but DCPS has done little on the project. Mr. Lew may delay Stoddert School until 2009 as there are schools in worse condition. He is inclined to have DPR start the project and DCPS will play catch-up later on. Councilmember Cheh does not agree with Mr. Lew's plan, and thinks it will create havoc with the entire project unnecessarily burdening the community. She emphasized to Mr. Lew that the project needs to be integrated and coordinated. Mr. Lew is to report back to Councilmember Cheh with an alternative plan.

When asked about the renovation of the Guy Mason Recreation Center, Councilmember Cheh said there is \$1.5million in the current '08 fiscal year budget for a study and designrenovation project. Milton Grossman, Chair of Friends of Guy Mason (FoGM),

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announced that on November 1 at 7 PM, FoGM would host Clark Ray, the acting head of DPR, and all interested community members are invited to that meeting.

**Update on Wisconsin Avenue Streetscape.** Melissa Bird, Office of Planning, Neighborhood Planning Coordinator, gave a status update on the Wisconsin Ave Renovation Streetscape project. Attached to these notes is the report that she delivered to the ANC meeting. Work is scheduled to begin in Fall of 2008.

Ms. Bird also introduced the idea of a Main Street Organization Project for Glover Park with a paid staff person. The goals of this Organization would be to improve our commercial district and serve as a liaison between businesses and residents. This generated quite a bit of discussion, mostly on the negative side. Many people felt Glover Park has enough organizations as is and while another organization might be a good idea, anyone who might be interested in joining such a group was most likely already volunteering with other Glover Park organizations. Ms. Bird commented there are many business districts in more needy neighborhoods and district resources would most likely be funneled to those economically deprived neighborhoods. She did agree to have the Office of Planning set up a round table discussion with business owners, leasing agents and residents to address the empty storefronts in Glover Park.

Jim Lively mentioned Glover Park has some historically significant sandstone curbs especially on 37<sup>th</sup> Street. Contractors, from PEPCO, have been unknowingly tearing them up and replacing them with concrete. Neighbors need to be vigilant and contact PEPCO if they see street repair men damaging these significant and historic curb-cuts.

**Development Plans for 2440 Wisconsin Avenue.** Douglas Yurechko, Director of Development ([dyurechko@adamsinvestment.com](mailto:dyurechko@adamsinvestment.com) and 202-841-3435) from Adams Investment Group, gave an update for 2440 Wisconsin Ave. The building is going well and the project should be finished in January 2008. The builders biggest concern is they cannot find tenants. They are hopeful a Fedex/Kinko's will be their first floor tenant in tandem with a space for ATM machines. The building is being built to accommodate a restaurant on the first floor, 2100 square feet of office space on the second floor and two apartments on the third floor. Mr. Yurechko mentioned leasers look at foot traffic and aesthetics when considering a property. Commissioner Cohen asked why rents could not be lowered. Mr. Yurechko answered property owners look at comparable prices in nearby buildings when considering pricing per square foot.. If near-by owners are getting high rents, then the owner in question wants the same.

**Status of Minute Clinic at CVS.** Commissioner Blevins reported that the State Health Planning and Development Administration issued only 2 Certificates of Need (COD) for Minute Clinics: one to the CVS in Dupont Circle and another to the CVS on Bladensburg Road. Commissioner Blevins stated he will write to the state agency asking for an additional CON for the Glover Park CVS location.

**ANC Liquor License Moratorium Status.** ANC 3B will ask ABRA to come to our November meeting to address questions regarding the Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium. Our December meeting will be dedicated to hearing from the community regarding the moratorium. In January there will be a vote to either support the moratorium as is, revise it, or recommend lifting it.

**Ceviche Request for Liquor License Renewal.** Ceviche's owner, Mr. Mauricio Fraga-Rosenfeld, was present to discuss his business and ask the ANC support renewing his liquor license application. He also agreed to update the existing voluntary agreement executed with Austin Grill before Ceviche came to Glover Park. Commissioner Blevins presented a resolution to support Ceviche's request to renew their license. The resolution was seconded and passed 4-0.

### **Open Forum**

- The November ANC meeting will focus on the rat problem in the rear commercial area within the 2300-2400 blocks of Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
- A question was raised as to who is responsible for the garden plot at 37<sup>th</sup>, Calvert and Wisconsin Ave (the triangle). It is not being maintained. Commissioner Lane will determine if it is the responsibility of DDOT or Walnut Street Development (Georgetown Heights Condominiums).

### **Administrative**

**Treasurer's Report.** Commissioner Cohen presented the treasurer's report. For the month of September: Opening Balance: \$18,182.23  
Withdrawals: \$129.32 (Bank Service Fees); \$689.77  
Deposits: \$500 (Refund of Bank Fees from June-September 2007)  
Closing Balance: \$17,863.14

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report, it was seconded, and passed 4-0.

**September Minutes.** Commissioner Lane asked for approval of the September minutes. A motion was made to approve, seconded, and passed 4-0.

### **Adjournment**

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

**GLOVER PARK**  
**COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ANALYSIS**

**IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY MATRIX**

ITEM RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTIONS	TIME FRAME	COMMENTS	SCHEDULE
<b>Urban Design, Public Realm &amp; Pedestrian Environment</b>			
1. Relocate news stands to selected locations	Short-term	Not DDOT item	
2. Survey existing street tree conditions and replace damaged or diseased trees. Add new street trees where missing.	Short-term	\$30,000	Spring 2008
3. Design and implement street tree box improvements such as planting and wrought iron fences.	Short-term	\$75,000	Spring 2008
4. Improve Key mid-block crosswalks. Re-stripe cross walks.	Short-term	\$30,000	Spring 2008
5. Replace “cobrahead” pole light with more pedestrian friendly pole light fixtures	Long-term	\$250,000 design 1,000,000 construction	Design Spring 2008 Construction Spring 2009
6. Supply and install flower baskets on the pole lights	Long-term	Not DDOT item	
7. Design, supply and install banners on pole lights. Design of the banners to reflect the identity of Glover Park	Long-term	Not DDOT item	
8. Improve pedestrian access routes. Provide safer walkways through existing alleys, path ways, open spaces, easements, and possibly privately own properties. This includes walkways from neighborhoods to Wisconsin Avenue as well as alleys from Wisconsin Avenue to off-street parking lots. May involve pavement improvements, vegetation removal, fencing, guard rails, steps, and better lighting	Long-term	\$100,000 Design \$500,000 Construction	Design Spring 2008. Construction 2009
9. Continue discussions about possible widening of sidewalks and associated relocation of street curbs.	Long-term	\$75,000 for analysis and design	
10. Promote and support active use and	Long-	Not DDOT item	

improvements of underutilized or under-construction properties.	term		
11. Design and implement the North “Gateway” at Calvert Street.	Long-term	Not DDOT item	
12. Design and implement the South “Gateway” at 35 <sup>th</sup> Street or Whitehaven Parkway.	Long-term	Not DDOT item	
13. Initiate discussion with building owner to improve raised open space at the Georgetown Plaza.	Long-term	Not DDOT item	
14. Redesign and reconfigure the vehicular pattern at the Chevron Gas station to improve pedestrian safety	Long-term	Initiate discussion with private property and develop design. \$50,000	Design Spring 2008
15. Design and implement improvements of the sidewalk along Guy Mason Park. Improvements may include replacement of existing fence, widening of sidewalk, relocation of street lights and parking meters, introduction of seating.	Long-term	Design \$75,000 Construction \$200,000	Design Spring 2008  Construction Spring 2009
<b>Parking</b>			
1. Replace existing parking meters on Wisconsin Avenue and 37 <sup>th</sup> Street within the commercial district with pay-and-display master system.	Short-term	In DDOT plan	
2. Remove and replace existing parking regulation signs. Simplify signing.	Short-term	Minimal cost	
3. Eliminate the Residential Parking Permit zone in front of the Sheffield apartment building and replace metered parking	Short-term	Minimal cost	
4. After operation of the new meters has been in place for some time, use the meter utilization data to help set parking pricing for peak periods.	Short-term	Minimal cost	
5. Consolidate the existing bus stops at Hall Place and W. Place near W. Place. Allow parking at the abandoned bust stop location.	Short-term	Minimal cost	
6. Work with businesses to develop consistent and more visible directional signs for off-street parking lots. Indicate after hours	Short-term	Minimal cost	

parking options on the signs.			
7. Open discussions with the following businesses regarding after-hour use of their parking facilities: CVS, Whole Foods, and 2150-2178 Wisconsin Avenue.	Short-term	Minimal cost	
8. On-going maintenance of pedestrian access paths.	Short-term	??	

Total estimated cost: \$2.2 million.

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Resolution with Regard to the Renewal Application  
of Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA)  
License Number 77247: Ceviche Wisconsin L.L.C., t/a  
Ceviche


**Commissioner Blevins Introduced the Following Resolution:**

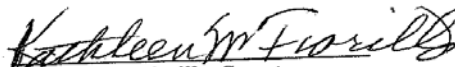
*Whereas*, at the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, Ceviche Wisconsin L.L.C., t/a Ceviche, located at 2404 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., in the District of Columbia, approached and requested the support of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, Government of the District of Columbia, for the renewal of their liquor license with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA);

*Whereas*, Ceviche Wisconsin L.L.C., t/a Ceviche has displayed within their storefront windows the required red-poster placard providing public notice of the company's intent to renew their liquor license application, as required by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA). Therefore, the public has duly been notified and given the opportunity to express their consent or objection to this application at the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B, where there was public statements in support of renewing this liquor license;

*Therefore be it Resolved*: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B supports renewing Ceviche's ABRA License Number 77247, and recognizes the prior existing voluntary agreement and requests the applicant to update it with the establishment's own information and execute the revised Voluntary Agreement with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B to be included and filed with this Resolution.

**The Resolution was Properly Seconded and Passed Unanimously (4-0).**

  
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Melissa J. Lane, Chair

  
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Kathleen W. Fiorillo, Secretary