ANC – 3B Minutes
October 8, 2009

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. The agenda was accepted, seconded and passed 4-0. Commissioners present were

3B01 – Cathy Fiorillo
3B02 – Jackie Blumenthal
3B03 – Melissa Lane
3B04 – Howie Krietzman, absent
3B05 – Brian Cohen

2nd District Police Report: Sergeant Toliver who handles our beat from 3-11 pm, delivered the police report. There was nothing significant to report about our neighborhood but there has been a great deal of car window smashing in the business district on Connecticut Ave. Officer Toliver could not discuss any details about the issue.

Old Business

Update on Guy Mason Recreation Center Renovation. Michelle Molotsky was on hand to deliver the update. This is for Phase 1 ($3.2M) which will address ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) upgrades. The building will close the end of 2009. Most programs will move to Jelleff while renovations are going on. Finalizing the design and securing permits will occur through February and construction will happen between March 2010 and 2011. There is a community meeting to receive input slated for October 22. In response to a question regarding asbestos abatement, steps were taken to remove asbestos in Guy Mason within the last two years.

New Business

Grant Request from FoGP for Haunted House at Guy Mason. Community resident John Verghese asked the ANC for $278.88 on behalf of Friends of Glover Park. The money will be used to help Cleveland Dent, former director of Stoddert Recreation Center and now at Guy Mason, to create a haunted house at Guy Mason for Halloween. The request was moved, properly seconded, and passed by unanimous consent.
**Resolution Related to Circulator Bus Route.** A resolution to extend the Circulator Bus Service to Calvert Street was presented by Commissioner Cohen. The resolution was moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent. This resolution is attached to these notes.

**Resolution on D.C. Gay Marriage Proposal.** Commissioner Cohen presented a resolution to urge the D.C. Council to pass the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009. The resolution was moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent. This resolution is attached to these notes.

**Issues Related to FY 2010 School Budget Cuts.** Commissioner Cohen presented a resolution urging the Mayor to reverse the recently announced budget cuts and restore full funding to Stoddert Elementary School. School officials had recently cut funding to all schools but not equally. Stoddert was hit particularly hard hit (down $400,000) because its budget also had to absorb moving to the temporary school during renovations on the permanent facility. The cuts included laying off two teachers: a new reading specialist and a Spanish teacher. It was moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent. The resolution is attached to these notes.

**Open Forum**

Owners of Gin & Tonic were on hand to request a change in the hours for their liquor license. Gin & Tonic inherited from The Grog & Tankard, their ABRA license and a Voluntary Agreement with ANC 3B. Their current ABRA license requires everyone to be out of the bar by 1:30 AM, Sunday through Thursday and 2 AM on Friday and Saturday nights. The other bars on our strip have ABRA licenses that extend from 2 AM, Sunday through Thursday and 3 AM on Weekends. The owners would like to be in line with the other establishments in Glover Park and are asking for ANC 3B’s support.

The question of their Voluntary Agreement was raised. It turns out the VA with the Grog & Tankard was very old and only dealt with trash issues. This needs to be updated and Commissioner Blumenthal said that she would get together with the owners to begin this update.

Commissioner Lane said that the request to extend Gin and Tonic’s hours would be put on the November agenda. Because it deals with ABRA, the community will need to be informed and comments solicited. Consequently, the ANC may not come to any conclusion regarding Gin and Tonic’s request until December.

**Administrative:**

**Treasurer’s Report.** Commissioner Cohen also presented the treasurer’s report for September. It stated a beginning balance of $27,015.92 on September 1, 2009. There were no deposits and two withdrawals: $4.32 in bank fees and $175.65 (check #1140) to Verizon. Closing balance was $26,835.95. Checks to be written in October were the Verizon phone bill and the grant check to Friends of Glover Park for the Guy Mason Halloween Party.
Commissioner Cohen presented the FY 2010 Fourth Quarter Financial Report. It stated a beginning balance of $16,522.77 for the month of July. There were deposits of $10,924.10 comprised of our District Allotment and $140 returned portion of the Babe Ruth Baseball Grant. Checks written were $262.06 for telephone services, $300 in grants and $48.86 for bank fees. This left an ending balance of $26,835.95.

Commissioner Cohen also presented a draft budget for fiscal year 2010. It starts with a balance of $23,000; district allotment of $14,326 and disbursements of $100 for local transportation, $575 for telephone services, $250 for postage and delivery, $100 for printing and copying, $1,000 for the purchase of services, $100 for office supplies, $1,000 to purchase office equipment, $100 bin bank charges, $500 for petty cash and $14,000 in grants. It is estimated that the ANC 3B estimated ending balance for fiscal year, 2010 is $18,601.00.

All financial reports were moved, properly seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

**September Minutes.** Commissioner Lane presented the minutes from the September 2009 meeting. A motion was made to accept them. It was seconded and passed by a vote of 4-0.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:45. The next meeting will be held November 12 at 7 PM at Guy Mason.
ANC 3B Resolution on Circulator Bus Service in Glover Park

Whereas The residents and businesses of Glover Park are highly dependent upon frequent, reliable bus service.

Whereas The Circulator bus service provides an important link between Glover Park and other parts of Washington DC, and is an important supplement to existing bus service.

Whereas DDOT considered cutting Circulator bus service, but ultimately reversed this decision.

Therefore, ANC 3B thanks DDOT, Mayor Fenty, and Councilmembers Evans and Cheh for their efforts to retain this service.

Furthermore, Extending the Circulator route a short distance to Calvert Street would provide better service for Glover Park resident, more customers for local businesses, and more riders for the Circulator Bus.

Therefore, ANC 3B requests that DDOT consider extending the existing Wisconsin Avenue Circulator bus route to extend north to Calvert St.

This resolution is approved by ANC 3B by a vote of 4 to 0 on October 8, 2009.

/s/ Melissa Lane  
ANC 3B Chair

/s/ Cathy Fiorillo  
ANC 3B Secretary
ANC 3B Resolution on Stoddert Elementary School Budget Cuts

Whereas Stoddert Elementary School is a critical Glover Park institution, housing approximately 300 students from pre-K through 5th Grade.

Whereas District of Columbia Public School officials have cut Stoddert Elementary’s budget by approximately $400,000.

Whereas These cuts will have a significant impact on academic programs at Stoddert Elementary.

Whereas Stoddert Elementary is currently undergoing a significant transition, with a new principal and students housed in a temporary building.

Whereas The announced budget cuts will exacerbate the difficulty of this transition, affecting academic opportunities for hundreds of families in ANC 3B.

Therefore, ANC 3B urges Mayor Fenty, the District of Columbia Public Schools, and the City Council to reverse the recently announced budget cuts and restore full funding to Stoddert Elementary

This resolution is approved by ANC 3B by a vote of 4 to 0 on October 8, 2009.

/s/ Melissa Lane  
ANC 3B Chair

/s/ Cathy Fiorillo  
ANC 3B Secretary
ANC 3B Resolution on City Council Consideration of Marriage Equality for Same-Sex Couples in Washington DC


Whereas Individuals and organizations are attempting to enlist Advisory Neighborhood Commissions throughout the District of Columbia in an effort to oppose this legislation.

Whereas ANC 3B believes that marriage is a right that should be open to all residents of the District of Columbia, regardless of race, creed, color, religion, or sexual preference.

Whereas Cities and States throughout the Nation have and are recognizing this right.

Therefore, ANC 3B urges the Council of the District of Columbia to expeditiously pass the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009, and urges Mayor Fenty to sign this legislation immediately upon passage.

Furthermore, ANC 3B urges other Advisory Neighborhood Commissions throughout the District of Columbia to support the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009.

This resolution is approved by ANC 3B by a vote of 4 to 0 on October 8, 2009.

/s/ Melissa Lane  
ANC 3B Chair

/s/ Cathy Fiorillo  
ANC 3B Secretary