

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



Melissa J. Lane 3B03, Chair
Christopher J. Lively, 3B05, Vice-Chair
Charles L. Howe, 3B02, Secretary/Treasurer
Vacant, 3B01
Vacant, 3B04

ANC-3B Minutes
September 9th, 2004

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. Commissioner Lane asked if there were any changes to the agenda. None forthcoming, the agenda was approved.

Commissioners present
3B02 ñ Charles L. Howe
3B03 ñ Melissa J. Lane
3B05 ñ Christopher J. Lively
Commissioners absent
3B01 ñ Vacant
3B04 ñ Vacant

2nd DISTRICT POLICE REPORT:

Captain Jacobs of MPD gave the police report. He said that crime in PSA 204 (formerly PSA 205) is down 20 percent. Asked if there was any information on the case of tire slashings on Tunlaw Road and Calvert street, he said there were no suspects and the case was still being investigated. Asked about the case of the sexual assault in Glover Archbold Park on September 5th, Captain Jacobs deferred to the National Park Police representative since the park is in their jurisdiction.

Commissioner Howe asked Cpt. Jacobs about the problem with rude desk personnel at the 2nd District and when it would be ì cleaned up. Cpt. Jacobs acknowledged the continuing problem and said that the desk sergeant program had been re-established to try to deal with it.

NATIONAL PARK POLICE REPORT:

Sergeant Alan Griffith from the National Park Police reported on the assault case. He described the crime saying the victim was a female who had been jogging. She was dragged off the path by the assailant beaten, threatened, raped, and knocked unconscious. The woman regaining consciousness and left the Park at the 42nd and Davis Place exit, went home and called police. At this point, there are no suspects in the case and the investigation still in the early stages. Sergeant Griffith stressed that this was an unusual crime for the area and that robberies in the Park were more common. The Park Police will keep the community informed as the investigation continues. If anyone has any information on the case, Sgt. Griffith asked that they call the NPS communication number at 202.619.7105.

Commissioner Howe asked about that the Park Police to investigate the homeless man living in the Park south of Holy Rood Cemetery. The sergeant said he would do so and that the Park are patrolled and homeless people roused from areas near neighborhoods.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report on the ABRA Hearing to Extend the Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium.

Milton Grossman gave the results of the ABRA hearing. On July 7th, representatives from ANC 3B, ANC 3C, GPCA, MPD, and neighborhood residents testified in front of ABRA in support of a 5-year continuation in the liquor license moratorium. On July 14th, ABRA issued a 3-year continuation.

Illegal Dumping Related to Moving In and Out of Group Homes. Commissioner Lively gave an update on the dumping problem emanating from group houses. He has talked to Inspector Ray from DPW about increasing inspections and ratcheting up an education program aimed at letting residents know proper City procedures for disposing of bulk items.

A member of the audience asked about an incident where bulk trash was dumped behind someone else's house and then that resident was fined. Commissioner Lively urged residents to contact their ANC representative in that type of case. Another member of the audience added that they should also call the mayor's call center at 202.727.1000.

Bike-a-thon in Glover Park in September. Commissioner Lively gave an update on the Bike-a-thon that was scheduled to go through Glover Park on September 18th. The route has now been changed to go east of Glover Park rather than through it.

Update on the St. Luke's Condominium Project. Commissioner Lane announced the awardees for the \$25 thousand donation from St. Luke's Development Corporation. They include a) Jennifer Crescenzo for a video history of the Glover Park Adult Softball League, b) the Stoddert PTA for books and computer equipment for the library as well as playground improvements, and c) Friends of Guy Mason for a new backstop and water fountain for the baseball field, partial donation for a new kiln, and landscaping improvements around the Center.

Rodent Problems Resulting from Problems with Restaurant Trash Containment on Wisconsin Avenue. Commissioner Howe reported on progress being made to solve this problem. Austin Grill and Kavanaugh's are both installing trash compactors and will not be used the area for trash that up until now was shared between these two restaurants and Heritage India. Trash pick-ups for these restaurants will be scheduled for 3 to 4 times per week and their trash areas will be locked. Heritage India has not been in communication about their trash area but Commissioner Howe stated that a property manager indicated their lease may not be renewed.

Upper Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Study. A community-wide meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28th, at 7 pm at Georgetown Day School. The purpose will be to present to the community the newest version of the plan. ANC 3B will send out an e-mail blast reminder with a link to the latest plan.

Heritage India Lounge Operations. Commissioners Lively and Howe reported that Heritage India was opening on Friday and Saturday nights at 11 pm and staying open until 2 or 3. No food is served, only alcohol. There is a cover charge and live music. Commissioner Lively and Jarrett Ferrier, President of the GPCA, visited the restaurant and confirmed this information. This type of operation may be in violation of their liquor license agreement and has been turned over to the ABRA for investigation.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Friends of the Earth on Pending Legislation in front of D.C. Council. A representative was not able to attend and the presentation was deferred until the October ANC 3B meeting.

Presentation from the Coalition to Save Stoddert Park. Amy Bowman, Tamela Gordon, Courtney Cunningham, Tim Silva, and Rich Gersten gave an overview of their activities saying that their main interest was to save the greenspace around the Stoddert Recreation Center. One of their suggestions is to have the new recreation center placed on the west side of the school over the existing basketball court. An audience member pointed out that that was school property. Commissioner Lane stated that the new school superintendent had partnered with the mayor to co-locate recreation facilities with schools and co-location was being explored for the new Stoddert facility.

The Coalition also stated that they had concerns about traffic flow and parking as well as maintaining full usage of the field.

Proposal by the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority to Change the N8 Bus Route to Serve Glover Park. Arturo Lawson and David Erion gave a brief overview of the issue: AU stopped shuttle bus service to Glover Park in May 2004 leaving many students without any viable public transportation alternatives. As such, the students petitioned WMATA to change the N8 bus route to cover Glover Park. Since the N8 route is an underutilized route, WMATA felt that they could increase the efficiency of the route by also including Glover Park. They felt they could accommodate this change without spending a great deal of money. The downside is that periodicity would increase a little: to 20 minutes on weekdays and 30 minutes on weekends.

The Commissioners supported the proposal with some changes: 1) other effected ANCs also be contacted and their support solicited, 2) the route be changed from going up Fulton to Wisconsin and around Calvert be changed to looping around 42nd to Edmunds, back to Tunlaw and down New Mexico (e.g., the old AU bus loop), and c) that it for a six month trial period initially. The Commissioners were in agreement that the bus route change would benefit public safety. Commissioner Lane introduced a resolution supporting the N8 bus route change with the above caveats. Commissioner Lively seconded the resolution. It passed unanimously (attached).

DDOT Permit to add Driveways at 3810-3812 Fulton Street. Home owners at 3810 and 3812 Fulton petitioned DDOT to add driveways to this location. DDOT asked for ANC 3B support and it was granted.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Approval of the July 2004 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lane presented the July 2004 minutes for approval. Commissioner Lively presented a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Howe seconded, and the minutes were approved 3-0 (attached).

OPEN FORUM:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lane asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was so presented, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REROUTING OF METROBUS N8 IN GLOVER PARK

WHEREAS MANY RESIDENTS OF GLOVER PARK ARE STUDENTS, FACULTY, OR EMPLOYEES AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OR ITS LAW SCHOOL AND;

WHEREAS AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS TERMINATED SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE IN MAY 2004 AND;

WHEREAS THE LACK OF ANY BUS SERVICE RAISES SERIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS BECAUSE PEOPLE WALKING TO AND FROM THE CAMPUSES MUST NAVIGATE ONE TO TWO MILES ON POORLY LIT STREETS, SOME ALONG WOODED AREAS;

WHEREAS THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY HAS PROPOSED REROUTING THE N8 BUS TO SERVE THE GLOVER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD AND;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ANC 3B APPROVES REROUTING THE N8 BOTH ON A SIX MONTH TRIAL BASIS UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- APPROVAL IS ALSO SOUGHT FROM THOSE WARD 3 ANCs THAT WOULD BE IMPACTED BY THIS ROUTE CHANGE;
- RATHER THAN RE-ROUTING ONTO WISCONSIN AVENUE AND CALVERT STREET, THE ROUTE BE MORE TRUNCATED BY FOLLOWING THAT OF THE FORMER AU SHUTTLE BUS ROUTE: EAST ON NEW MEXICO AVENUE, SOUTH ON 42ND STREET, EAST ON EDMUNDS STREET, NORTH ON 39TH STREET, AND WEST ON TUNLAW ROAD BACK TO NEW MEXICO AVENUE; AND
- IN ORDER TO PRESERVE PUBLIC PARKING SPACES, THE BUS STOP ON 39TH STREET AT TUNLAW ROAD BE MOVED TO TUNLAW ROAD WHERE THERE IS NO PUBLIC PARKING.

_____/s/_____
Melissa J. Lane
Chair

September 9, 2004

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As Witnessed by Commission Secretary
Charles L. Howe

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Commission Action:

Approved Disapproved

Vote (of 3) Commissioners: 3 in favor with 0 opposed.

ANC 3B Commissioners present: Charles L. Howe (02); Melissa J. Lane (03);
Christopher J. Lively (05)