

**Minutes for the Meeting of  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

**January 3, 2012**

Georgetown Visitation School, 35<sup>th</sup> and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chairman Ron Lewis, with Commissioners Starrels, Jones, Solomon, Lewis and Birch present, constituting a quorum.

**Approval of January 3, 2012 Agenda**

The agenda for the January 3rd, 2012 ANC 2E public meeting was approved on a motion by Commissioner Solomon (Commissioner Starrels seconded) by a vote of 5 -0.

**Administrative**

***Approval of November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Minutes***

The minutes for the November 28th, 2011 ANC 2E public meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Starrels (Commissioner Solomon seconded) by a vote of 5 -0.

***Public Safety and Police Report***

MPD Officer Kate Fitzgerald reported a 12% decrease in violent crime and a 12-14% increase in property crimes (burglary and thefts).

Commissioner Solomon asked about staffing changes in 2012, and the MPD reported they would report that information in the future.

Commissioner Solomon asked about the Holiday crimes, and the MPD reported they did not have statistical numbers at this time.

Commissioner Starrels asked for more enforcement regarding illegal parking blocking traffic.

***Financial Report***

Commissioner Solomon reported the finances of ANC 2E remain secure.

***Transportation Report – including O&P Street Update***

Commissioner Lewis reported DDOT will be reestablish the stop on M St, NW between Wisconsin Avenue and 31st St, NW, and stops for north and southbound Circulators on Wisconsin Avenue at P St, NW. Several steps need to take place before these stops are formally reestablished (the sign crews must go out to install signage, drivers must be notified and retrained to use the stops, the Metrobus website and NextBus system must be updated) but that should take no longer than a few weeks.

After making the change in October 2011, DDOT studied the on-time performance of the route, compared it to data from a year ago, and found there was a small improvement in performance. However, when weighed against sacrificing rider convenience, DDOT does not think the small gain in operating performance justifies eliminating the stops.

Regarding O&P street renovation:

Commissioner Solomon reported the project is on time, and the Community is fortunate to have the upgraded infrastructure.

Commissioner Jones reported the contractor stated the center running rails are in poor condition, and they are unable to salvage the entire rail below the top face. In order to repair the rail and all infrastructure connections to the rail, this is causing a shift in the budget. The contractor hopes to have the first cobblestone street completely finished by the end of January 2012.

### ***Public Works***

Commissioner Jones commended the DPW Leaf Collection Crew and supervisor on a job well done. If there is still any remaining work to be done, please notify Commissioner Jones. The Lead SWEEP Inspector for Ward 2 has been nominated for the Cafritz Award. DPW SWEEP Inspections are planning to increase their patrols in the early morning hours ahead of the trash collection crews.

Holiday trees and wreaths will be picked up curbside from January 3 to January 14. Remove all decorations and place the greenery in the treebox space in front of your home between Monday, January 2, and Monday, January 9. Please do not put the trees in plastic or cloth bags. Trees collected between January 3 and 14 will be recycled. Any trees not collected by January 14 should be set out with your trash to be picked up as space in the trash trucks allows over the following weeks.

### ***Officers and areas of particular interest in 2012***

Commissioner Birch made a motion to approve the ANC2E Officers' positions and ANC2E Commissioners areas of particular interest for the year 2012. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0

### **ANC2E Officers 2012**

Commissioner Ron Lewis – Chair  
Commissioner Bill Starrels – Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Ed Solomon – Treasurer  
Commissioner Jake Sticka - Secretary

In accordance with the ANC2E by-laws, Commissioners Tom Birch and Ed Solomon are designated Vice-Chairs as well.

**ANC2E Commissioners' areas of particular interest for 2012**

Designation of areas of Commissioners' particular interests for 2012

Commissioners Bill Starrels and Tom Birch to be Liaisons for ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) matters;

Commissioner Ed Solomon to be Liaison for Public Safety matters;

Commissioners Tom Birch and Jeff Jones to be Liaisons for Historic Preservation and Zoning matters;

Commissioners Ron Lewis, Bill Starrels and Jake Sticka to be Liaisons for Transportation matters;

Commissioner Charles Eason to be Liaison for WASA matters;

Commissioner Jeff Jones to be liaison for DPW matters;

Commissioner Bill Starrels to be the ANC2E-designated nonvoting member of the board of the directors of the Georgetown Business Improvement District;

Commissioners Bill Starrels and Charles Eason, as alternate, to be Liaisons to the Georgetown Business Association;

Commissioners Charles Eason and Tom Birch to be Liaisons to Tudor Place;

Commissioners Ed Solomon, Jake Sticka, Jeff Jones, Ron Lewis and Bill Starrels to be Liaisons for community and university relations; and

Commissioner Charles Eason to be Liaison for Library matters.

***2012 meeting dates***

Unless otherwise notified, the public meeting will be held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Georgetown Visitation School, 35<sup>th</sup> Street at Volta Place, in the Main Building. In weeks in which Monday is a federal and D.C. holiday, the public meeting will be held on Tuesday.

In the event the D.C. government is closed because of snow or other unexpected causes on a day on which an ANC 2E meeting is scheduled, the ANC 2E meeting will be held on the next weekday evening unless notice is otherwise given on the ANC 2E website.

2012 ANC 2E public meeting schedule:

January 3 (Tuesday)

January 30

February 27

April 2

April 30

June 4

July 2

**No scheduled meeting until September**

September 4 (Tuesday)

October 1

October 29

December 3

The meeting information and dates for ANC 2E meetings during 2012 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Starrels (Commissioner Birch seconded) by a vote of 5 -0.

**Standing resolutions**

***ANC 2E website***

Commissioner Lewis made a motion as follows (Commissioner Jones seconded) which was approved by a vote of 5-0:

During 2012, ANC 2E will be continuing to revise and update its website. ANC 2E bylaws, agendas, minutes, budgets, meeting dates, and Commissioner Lewis's recusal policy as included on the website remain in effect, but other matters on the website should be treated as not in effect pending completion of the review and updating process.

***Security Trust Fund***

Commissioner Solomon made a motion as follows (Commissioner Jones seconded) which was approved by a vote of 5-0:

Resolved, that this Commission approves the ANC's participation in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the \$25 fee for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The Chair and Secretary are authorized to execute the requisite agreement.

## **Community Comment**

Commissioner Solomon reported a concern regarding the building that collapsed in the 1400 block of Wisconsin Avenue, and if the front façade is safe. Further investigation with DCRA is planned.

Ruth Werner reported that the DC Council is back in session and the Historic Preservation Bill is up for its first reading. As of January 1, 2012 the new Ward boundaries are in effect.

## **New Business**

### ***West Power Plant update – GSA plans and procedures for disposition***

Tim Sheckler of the General Services Administration reported his office is responsible for disposing of Federal Government property in the National Capital Region. Currently, there is a market and environmental analysis being completed for the West Power Plant at 29<sup>th</sup> and K Streets, NW, and the property is expected to be marketed for public auction by spring of 2012 and sold by the end of summer 2012. The award is to go to the highest bidder. The property is currently unzoned, and the GSA is not planning to evaluate potential uses of the property. A public scoping meeting is planned on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 2012, place and time to be determined

### ***Friends of Volta Park designated as the official community representative for Volta Park***

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to designate the Friends of Volta Park as the official community representative for Volta Park (Commissioner Birch seconded) The motion passed by a vote of 5-0

### ***GU Campus plan update***

Commissioner Lewis made a motion as follows (Commissioner Jones seconded) which was adopted by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E approves and ratifies all filings, testimony and other actions to date by ANC 2E or on behalf of ANC 2E by ANC 2E Commissioners Lewis, Solomon, Starrels or Jones with respect to the Georgetown University 2010-2020 Campus Plan in proceedings before the D.C. Zoning Commission, Z.C. Case No. 10-32, and confirms that such filings, testimony and actions reflect the position of ANC 2E. ANC 2E authorizes ANC 2E Chair Lewis, or in his absence ANC 2E Vice Chair Starrels or Vice Chair Solomon, to file on behalf of ANC 2E, directly or through counsel, such proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and conditions in those proceedings, either as a separate ANC 2E filing or together with one or more other parties, as he or they believe to be warranted in light of the record in the proceedings and the ANC 2E position.

### ***Safeway***

Safeway representative, Craig Muckle reported that the fence screening which appeared to be a billboard for the general contractor, has been removed and replaced with tennis court (non-advertising) screening.

Mr. Muckel reported there is room for making a curb cut for three lanes for exiting and entering the grocery store. DDOT is evaluating if the impacts of a proposed curb cut. A discussion ensued between the community and the Commissioners regarding this. Mr. Muckle said in response to a question that there was no need for a motion of support at this time.

### **Old Georgetown Board**

Commissioner Birch chaired the meeting for consideration of the following OGB-related matters.

#### PRIVATE PROJECTS:

**1. SMD 01, 1738 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 12-026 (HPA 12-053)**

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal to for a 2-story rear addition. After discussion between Commissioners and the representative, Commissioner Solomon made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of: 4-0

ANC2e is has no objections to the changes presented.

**2. SMD 02, 1669 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 12-071 (HPA 12-124)**

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal to make alterations to window, awning and blade sign. After discussion between Commissioners and the representative, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 3-0 and 1 abstain :

ANC2e is mindful of the historic nature of this row of buildings in Book Hill and encourages the OGB to take into account those historic preservation matters in this project. The ANC2e favors business proposed at this location and encourages all those involved to proceed with an activity that is least disruptive and takes maximum advantage of the interior space available to the business.

**3. SMD 03, 3254 O Street, NW, OG 11-162 (HPA 11-255)**

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal to demolish and reconstruct a garage with an enlarged footprint. After discussion between Commissioners and the representative, Commissioner Jones made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC2e strongly objects to the concept as proposed. The concept damages the historical character of this alleyway which contains service structures. The massing is too large. The design of the trellis/walkway between two buildings on this property further changes the entire historic character of the entire lot, and fragments the current open garden structure. We find the trellis/walkway to be unprecedented and unusual, and seriously erodes the historic character of the main house, as well as from the service structure.

Zoning relief is likely to be required for this proposal. This design proposal takes an unusually high number of technical steps to minimally gain zoning relief. ANC 2E requests these technical design factors be considered so possible zoning relief is not mitigated. Under no circumstances should the garage dwelling be used for residential purposes.

**4. SMD 03, 3254 O Street, NW, OG 12-083 (HPA 12-137)**

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal to make alterations to the rear of main house and remove the chimney. After discussion between Commissioners and the representative, Commissioner Jones made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC2e has no objection to the concept as proposed.

**5. SMD 03, 1432 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 12-025 (HPA 12-041)**

Neither the applicant nor any representative presented their proposal for sign and a rolling grille. After discussion between Commissioners, Commissioner Jones made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E, in the absence of a presentation before our body, objects to the concept as proposed of the rolling grille because it is contrary to the historical nature of the neighborhood.

**6. SMD 03, 1510 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 12-082 (HPA 12-136)**

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal to make alterations to storefront, and sign scheme. After discussion between Commissioners and the representative, Commissioner Jones made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of :

ANC2e objects to the concept as proposed due to the awning not meeting HPO Standards. It is noted in Chapter 25 of Historic Preservation Offices Standards for Signs Awnings Marquees, the following:

An awning shall not be designed as a continuous element that spans multiple storefronts, window openings, or door openings.

An awning shall relate to and fit within the masonry opening or frame of the storefront, window, or door where it is located.

An awning shall maintain a minimum clearance of eight (8) feet above the ground.

ANC2e supports two separate awnings within the two separate windows.

**7. SMD 05, 3288 M Street, NW, OG 12-073 (HPA 12-126)**

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal regarding a deck. After discussion between Commissioners and the representative, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC2e has no objection to the plans as submitted.

**8. SMD 05, 2810-12 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, OG 12-014 (HPA 12-014)**

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal to add rear addition with basement, replace windows, signs and awnings. After discussion between Commissioners and the representative, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of :

ANC2e appreciates the presentation. The ANC2e favors Awning choice #3. The glass vestibule is very well done and adds character to an otherwise indelible building. ANC2e likes the project overall.

**At 9:30 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Lewis moved (Commissioner Solomon seconded) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.**

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

Jeff Jones  
Acting-Secretary, ANC 2E