



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

**Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale**

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Mr. H. Alan Brangman, Chairman, and Members of the Board  
Old Georgetown Board  
401 F Street NW, Suite 312  
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Dear Chairman Brangman and Members of the Board:

On January 30th, 2023 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on February 2, 2023:

**With regard to OG 23-086 (HPA 23-149) Curb Lane of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue, NW:**

Georgetown is a national historic district drawing visitors from around the world. As ANC 2E previously expressed to the Old Georgetown Board (OGB), this pilot project's aesthetics, combined with its level of usage, plus its impact to traffic flow and safety, cannot be supported as a long-term solution for our village. The ANC urges OGB to be clear that this temporary pilot project needs to conclude at the end of 2023. The ANC welcomes the opportunity to review new ideas from this applicant. For OGB's reference, attached is the ANC's December 2022 resolution regarding this essentially unchanged application (Attachment A).

**With regard to SMD 2E03 - OG 23-036 (HPA 23-964) 1669-1671 Wisconsin Avenue, NW:**

This is the second review of this project by ANC 2E. It is noted that since the original review last summer the eight-unit residential use request has been scaled back tremendously, which is good, but concerns remain.

Firstly, ANC 2E expected and was promised follow up from the applicant during the planning phase that did not occur as the ANC had expected, though two emails were sent to the prior commissioner. This limited the community's time to review any changes tremendously which caused great frustration. There was a productive call with several neighbors and the applicants today, January 30th, and the ANC has been promised and will expect more timely updates from the applicant as the process proceeds.

COMMISSIONERS:

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Based on the limited time received to review the plans ANC 2E asks that the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) seeks to address this initial list of concerns in its review:

- The ANC is concerned with the massing of this entire project and especially with the size of the new freestanding dwelling in the rear.
- The ANC asks that the OGB pays close attention to materials used, including but not limited to windows, siding, roofing, trim, and potential landscaping.
- The ANC has questions as to the permissible allowance of the balcony on the west side of the proposed real dwelling.
- Currently the ANC is pleased to see that the proposed windows have been removed from the north side of the real dwelling but remains concerned to see the structure built on the property line, diminishing light and open space for the homes on Reservoir Road NW that abut this property.

While ANC 2E sees progress with the revised design, the ANC cannot yet support the current plans that were provided last Wednesday.

**With regard to SMD 2E03 - OG 23-097 (HPA 23-160) 1659 Wisconsin Avenue, NW:**

ANC 2E thanks Ankie Barnes, who is the architect for the owner, for coming to the ANC meeting to explain the background and the steps taken in reference to this temporary structure. The ANC acknowledges and expects that the structure will be removed no later than March 15th, 2023. Should the owners consider building a similar structure in the future, the ANC expects that all proper permits will be obtained well in advance

**With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 23-087 (HPA 23-150) 1408 28th Street, NW:**

This home is one half of a set of 1850s twin attached Victorian homes. Third floor additions are very uncommon in historic Georgetown, thus ANC 2E requests that the Old Georgetown Board carefully examines the impact that this proposed third floor addition would have to Georgetown's historic architectural character and streetscape, including the flow of light.

ANC 2E also notes that Georgetown homes very rarely have second or third floor outdoor decks, as having such can compromise the privacy and peace of neighboring properties.

**With regard to SMD 2E07 - OG 23-066 (HPA 23-129) 1523 26th Street, NW:**

ANC 2E encourages the Old Georgetown Board to look closely at the massing and proposed materials for this project. The ANC appreciates that the homeowner has worked with neighbors and there is no opposition from them.

**With regard to SMD 2E07 - OG 23-084 (HPA 23-147) 3114 R Street, NW:**

ANC 2E has historically opposed roof decks and therefore does not support the proposed deck on the roof of the third floor of 3114 R Street NW. The rest of the project is supported and the ANC thanks the architect and the homeowners for taking the time and effort to restore this beautiful gem of a home in the heart of historic Georgetown.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Miller', with a small mark above the 'i'.

Elizabeth Miller  
Chair, ANC 2E