

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

April 4, 2006

Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by the Chair, Commissioner Solomon, with Commissioners Eason, Starrels, Moore, and Clements present, constituting a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Ratifying ANC 2E testimony at Hearing of DC Councilmember Carol Schwartz: Commissioner Eason moved (Starrels Second) to ratify testimony given on March 29, 2006 which passed by a vote of 5-0.

ANC 2E Grants: Commissioner Moore reminded the attendees that today was the deadline for ANC grants. A total of \$5,000.00 would be distributed with a maximum of \$1,000.00 for an individual grant. The applications would be considered at the May 2nd meeting.

Burleith and Georgetown Clean-up Announcements: The Burleith Clean-up would begin at Ellington Stadium at 38th and R Streets on April 18th at 9:00 AM. Additionally, the Georgetown clean-up would be held in conjunction with Earth Day on April 22nd. This event would begin at Volta Park and Rose Park for West and East Georgetown, respectively.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Sinkhole Presentation by WASA: Jodie Russell and Frank Soloduca of WASA presented a summary of the WASA study of sinkholes in Georgetown. Walking tours and closed circuit television cameras within the sewer were used to determine the status of street holes in Georgetown. Some temporary patching had already begun. The final construction plan would be completed October 31, 2006 and work would begin in January of 2007. A total of thirteen sinkholes were confirmed in Georgetown, seven of which were related to a sewer defect.

Commissioners Lever and Skelsey arrived at this time.

Police Report: Sergeant Jackson presented the police report for the Metropolitan Police Department. He relayed some recent incidents to the community. The week prior to the ANC meeting, MPD responded to several incidents in Burleith following the Georgetown University loss in the NCAA Basketball Tournament. Additionally, a streaker was arrested on Sunday. Commissioner Clements inquired as to the status of the robbery incident on 33rd Street. Sgt. Jackson responded that three arrests were made with one individual later released. He also said the robbery was drug related. Commissioner

Moore announced that the Partnership for Problem Solving meeting with MPD would now be held at Visitation before the ANC meeting each month, beginning in May. Peter Isler asked that MPD be more diligent in citing drivers who disregard the pedestrian crosswalk at Wisconsin Avenue and O Street.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 28, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed by Commissioner Clements.

Hyde School: Anne Jenkins, the principal at Hyde, requested support from the ANC since Hyde was recently mentioned as a District Public School that could be closed. She cited high test scores and burgeoning numbers of in boundary students over the past four years. Commissioner Skelsey moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E totally supports the presence of Hyde Elementary School located in Georgetown. It excels in its academic achievements because of its wonderful teachers and staff, it is well supported by a strong parent body, its in - boundary student body has been growing as Georgetown's family population is expanding and it is the only public school left in Georgetown. ANC 2E also hopes that the Addison School which has been identified as a future school for special needs and is located on the Hyde campus becomes a reality as the two schools would share and compliment one another.

International Prayer for Peace: Linda Greenan of Georgetown University announced that the school would be hosting the International Prayer for Peace on April 26th and 27th. The event was expected to draw up to one thousand people. This would be the first year the event was held in the United States. The Archdiocese of Washington DC had requested street closures for a procession on the first night of the event from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. This would affect the 3500 and 3600 blocks of P Street, the 3600 block of O Street, and 36th Street between N and P Streets.

Announcement of Work at Rose Park: DC Parks and Recreation announced capital improvement plans for Rose Park, which included a new basketball court and resurfacing of the tennis courts. Commissioner Moore moved (Eason Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the fine partnership that has existed for many years between Friends of Rose Park, Inc., and the District's Department of Parks and Recreation. Rose Park is a vibrant park in our community today because of the improvements that have been achieved by these two organizations working together. ANC 2E heartily supports and approves the capital improvements scheduled for spring/summer of 2006, including resurfacing of the tennis courts, the basketball court and the area between the two locations.

NEW BUSINESS

ABC Matters

Agraria Restaurant (Application #74934): The owner, general manager, and assistant general manager presented plans for a Voluntary Agreement. The VA had been agreed upon by CAG and the Washington Harbour condominium board. The capacity of the restaurant would be 450 with 65 of those seats outdoors. Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E accepts and approves the Voluntary Agreement presented to us on April 4, 2006 and we appreciated the cooperation shown by all the interested parties.

Special Items

Marine Corps Marathon: Bret Schmidt of the Marine Corps presented plans for the annual event to be held on October 29, 2006. The course would include a stretch in Georgetown across the Key Bridge and onto M Street. Road closures would be in effect from 8:00 am to approximately 10:30 am. Additionally, a water point would be on M Street. More information about the race can be found at www.marinemarathon.com. MPD would assist with crowd control. Commissioner Starrels moved (Eason Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E supports the marathon and is proud that Georgetown is part of it but we do ask that there be good communication between the officials and the MPD who will be participating that day.

Clean and Green DC: Commissioner Eason moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Skelsey absent):

RESOLVED, by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E (ANC), that the ANC strongly endorses initiatives by the Mayor's Office of the Clean City for a "Clean and Green DC," and specifically "Clean and Green DC Day" on April 22, 2006, as well as the "Adopt A Block" program, and encourages all citizens and civic organizations to participate in these important programs which benefit our neighborhoods.

FUTHER RESOLVED, that the ANC congratulates and extends its appreciation to the Citizens Association of Georgetown, Georgetown University and Hospital, the Burleith Citizens Association, the Hillandale Homeowners Association, and the Dent Place Association and their partners, for their commitment to this project and our neighborhood.

1242 Potomac Street: Commissioner Solomon moved (Starrels Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Skelsey absent):

Resolved, by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E (ANC) that the ANC appeals to the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) the issuance of permit #88614 for 1242 Potomac Street, NW on the basis that the issuance of said permit violate the laws and regulations of the District of Columbia.

Commissioner Eason moved (Clements Second) for the following addendum which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Skelsey absent):

Further resolved, that the ANC requests the District of Columbia Department of Consumer Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) to suspend the permit pending resolution of the ANC's appeal.

Zoning and Planning

Consent Calendar: Commissioner Clements moved (Moore Second) to approve the consent calendar, which passed by a vote of 6-0. The consent calendar included the following projects:

OGB 06-118, 3519 N St.
OGB 06-131, 3512 P St.
OGB 06-142, 3604 O St.
OGB 06-137, 3042 Cambridge Pl.
OGB 06-119, 1247 Wisconsin Ave.
OGB 06-134, 3318 Reservoir Rd.
OGB 06-130, 1418 33rd St.
OGB 06-116, 1617 29th St.
OGB 06-126, 1201 Wisconsin Ave.
OGB 06-139, 3265 N St.
OGB 06-125, 2926 P St.
OGB 06-130, 1418 33rd St.
OGB 06-121, 1525 28th St.

3251 Prospect Street: Plans were presented for the addition of a glass pyramid entry structure on the front of the building. Additionally, the clock currently in front of the property would be moved to the west. Commissioner Skelsey expressed concerns that the modern look of the structure was not in keeping with Georgetown even though the current building is somewhat contemporary. Commissioner Starrels was concerned that the addition looked like it belonged on a suburban mall. Commissioner Starrels moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E refers the applicant's proposal for an addition to the front lobby and new window openings to the Old Georgetown Board with our reservations about the suburban mall look in Georgetown.

1078 Wisconsin Avenue (OGB 06-141): Revised plans were presented for the property by Capital Restaurant Group. The current structure was constructed by the City Tavern Club in 1961. The project now only included one bay. Commissioner Skelsey stated that he did not appreciate the modern approach or materials. Commissioner Lever asked for plans that were more historic looking, even though he understood the building was only forty-five years old. Commissioner Starrels moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E does not support the contemporary design as presented for the façade of 1078 Wisconsin Avenue as it is not in keeping with the historic fabric of Georgetown and is not in keeping with the immediate block.

3108 P Street (06-135): Plans were presented for additional shutters, windows, and doors on the rear addition of the property. No neighbors were in attendance to oppose the project. Commissioner Moore moved (Starrels Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E supports the application and plans for the property at 3108 P Street as presented to the to the commission April 4 2006.

1353-55 28th Street (OGB 06-112): Two houses, at 1353 and 1355 28th Street, were to be connected in plans presented by the architect. The houses, constructed around 1863, were originally one home. The door at 1355 would be removed. Additionally, the windows would be altered to make the house appear more like one structure. Commissioner Moore moved (Eason Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E supports the application and the plans for the property at 1353-1355 28th Street as presented to the commission April 4 2006.

3100 Dumbarton Street (06-123): Plans were presented for several changes to the property. These included an addition at the fourth story level for a sixth bedroom and bathroom as well as a structure on top of the existing garage that would be adjacent to the neighboring property. Excavation under the rear yard would also add several parking spaces to be accessed through the garage. Lucy Morehead, the direct neighbor was opposed to the addition that would be touching her house as she worried about the structural integrity of her own structure. Several other neighbors were in attendance to oppose the project based on the historic fabric of the neighborhood, the impact of major construction, and the loss of light and air due to the addition. Commissioner Skelsey noted that the added bedrooms would also likely add parking spaces for any future owner. The house was to be sold following the renovations. Commissioner Moore moved (Eason Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E strongly opposes the concept plans as presented on April 4 for the property at 3100 Dumbarton Street for the following reasons:

- The neighbors will be adversely affected, particularly 1312 31st Street
- The proposed plans are out of character with Georgetown
- The congestion needed to complete the work as proposed will cause great disruption on Dumbarton and particularly on 31st Street.

2911 Dumbarton Street (06-138): The architect for the project presented plans to add a stucco pool house in the rear yard. The structure would include a bathroom and a wet bar. An agreement had been reached by the neighboring church to allow access for construction. Commissioner Moore moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Lever and Clements abstaining):

ANC 2E supports the application and plans as presented for 2911 Dumbarton as presented to the commission on April 4 2006

1507 33rd Street (06-133): Christian Zapatka presented plans for an addition to the house, dating back to the early 1800s. The footprint of the structure would remain the same but a basement addition would be excavated and the roof would be raised at the third floor level. Commissioner Lever asked if the basement would have proper egress. Mr. Zapatka replied that it would. Commissioner Lever moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E does not oppose the plans as presented for 1507 33rd Street.

1607 28th Street (06-132): Plans were presented to add a planted hedge and wooden gate to the grant of the house. The front stoop of the home would also be changed. Commissioner Eason moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the revisions as presented for 1607 28th Street.

At 9:25 PM, with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Clements moved (Solomon Second) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Submitted for the Approval of ANC 2E,

Brett F. Clements
Secretary, ANC 2E