



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 5th, 2018; 6:30 p.m.  
Georgetown Visitation School, Heritage Room – 1524 35th Street NW

**Call to Order**

Chair Joe Gibbons called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Commissioners Ed Solomon (2E01), Joe Gibbons (2E02), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Jim Wilcox (2E06), Monica Roache (2E07), and Zac Schroepfer (2E08) were present.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Approval of the ANC's September 5th, 2018 Meeting Agenda

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's September 5th, 2018 meeting agenda. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's July 2nd, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's July 2nd, 2018 meeting minutes, Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

**Administrative**

Public Safety and Police Report

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Discussion Regarding Recent Car Break-Ins in the Neighborhood

Lt. Darren Haskis, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. He said that the neighborhood has recently seen an increase in the number of thefts from automobiles. He encouraged local residents to not leave any valuables in their cars.

Commissioner Solomon encouraged local residents to report any car break-ins that they see in the neighborhood to MPD.

Commissioner Wilcox said that he has recommended that MPD increase their "car bait" efforts in order to deter thefts from automobiles in the neighborhood.

Introduction by Katie Mustian, the New DC Public Schools Community Action Team Coordinator for Wards 2 and 3

Katie Mustian, the new DC Public Schools (DCPS) Community Action Team Coordinator for Wards 2 and 3, introduced herself to meeting attendees. She said that she acts as the community's liaison to DCPS. She said that she can be reached via email at: [Katherine.Mustian@dc.gov](mailto:Katherine.Mustian@dc.gov).

### Approval of the ANC's FY 2018 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Chair Gibbons moved to approve ANC's FY 2018 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Schroepfer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

### Community Comment

#### Update from the Mayor's Office

Chair Gibbons presented a Community Commendation to Richard Livingstone, an outgoing Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS).

Mr. Livingstone encouraged local residents to attend Mayor Bowser's Maternal & Infant Health Summit on Wednesday, September 12th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place NW. He also said that the Mayor's Office is partnering with the Humane Rescue Alliance to encourage dog owners to pick up their pets' waste. He added that local residents can report any areas with large amounts of pet waste to the Mayor's Office, who will conduct targeted educational outreach in the area.

Mr. Livingstone introduced Alyssa Ryan and James Cerasia, the new Ward 2 representatives for MOCRS. Ms. Ryan and Mr. Cerasia introduced themselves to meeting attendees and gave an overview of their professional backgrounds.

#### Update from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the DC Council will return from its summer legislative recess on Monday, September 17th. She said that the DC Council's Committee of the Whole will hold a hearing regarding DC Council Bill B22-913 - the "Tipped Wage Workers Fairness Amendment Act of 2018" on Monday, September 17th. She added that the Committee of the Whole will also hold a hearing regarding DC Council Bill B22-839 - the "Amplified Noise Amendment Act of 2018" and DC Council Bill B22-900 - the "Amplified Noise Amendment Emergency Amendment Act of 2018" on Thursday, October 4th.

#### Presentation by the Office of Disability Rights

Mathew McCollough, the Director of DC's Office of Disability Rights (ODR), gave an overview of ODR's work. He said that ODR acts as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance office for the DC Government. He also said that ODR makes sure that DC residents with disabilities have access to DC Government services. He gave an overview of the statistics for the number of DC residents who have disabilities.

Director McCollough said that the ANCs, as a part of the DC Government, are required to ensure that their public meetings are accessible to residents with disabilities. He said that this includes ensuring that the spaces that the ANCs meet in are ADA-compliant. He added that ODR has

helped ANC 2E to ensure that the ANC's upcoming Small Cell Town Hall at the City Tavern Club is accessible to residents with disabilities.

#### Update from the Georgetown BID

A representative from Washingtonian gave an overview of the 2018 Taste of Georgetown event, which will take place on Sunday, September 23rd from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on K Street NW in lower Georgetown.

#### Other Community Comments

Commissioner Solomon said that Georgetown Main Street will be holding a Wander Wisconsin business passport event on Saturday, September 29th and Sunday, September 30th. He said that passports for the event can be picked up in the parking lot of TD Bank at 1611 Wisconsin Avenue NW.

#### Announcement Regarding the ANC's Small Cell Town Hall on September 13th, 2018

Chair Gibbons gave an overview of the ANC's upcoming Small Cell Town Hall, which will be held on Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 pm at the City Tavern Club, 3206 M Street NW. He said that the town hall will co-sponsored by ANC 2E, the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG), and the Georgetown BID. He added that Barney Krucoff, DC's Interim Chief Technology Officer, will give a presentation during the town hall, and that representatives from the various wireless and small cell providers will be present.

#### Announcement Regarding Georgetown University's Georgetown Community Day on September 15th, 2018

Christopher Murphy, the Vice President for Government Relations and Community Engagement for Georgetown University, said that the university's annual Georgetown Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 15th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Healy Lawn. He said that the event will feature family-friendly activities.

#### Announcement Regarding the Continuation of the District Department of Transportation's Dockless Vehicles Program

Chair Gibbons said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has extended the agency's current dockless vehicles pilot program through December of 2018 with new requirements for dockless vehicle operators, including that all bikes must have a mechanism that allows for the bikes to be locked to bike racks, and that all operators must educate their users on how to properly use the vehicles. He said that the program extension keeps in place DDOT's current cap on how many vehicles each operator is allowed to have in the city.

Chair Gibbons said that Capital Bikeshare recently launched several electric-assist bikes called Capital Bikeshare Plus.

#### Announcement Regarding ANC Best Practices for Old Georgetown Board Projects Placed on the Board's Consent Agenda

Chair Gibbons gave an overview of the process for how certain Old Georgetown Board (OGB) projects are placed on the board's consent agenda each month. He said that the ANC thus moves projects placed on OGB's consent agenda to the ANC's own "No Comment" agenda.

Discussion Regarding the Proposed Creation of a Community Park at the Southwest Corner of the Intersection of Prospect Street and 37th Street NW

Commissioner Schroepfer gave an overview of his proposal to create a community park in the open space located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Prospect Street and 37th Street NW. He said that he hopes that the park will provide a space for students and local residents to study and relax.

Discussion Regarding the Proposed Capital Bikeshare Station in Burleith

Commissioner Solomon said that there have been some community concerns regarding DDOT's proposal to install a Capital Bikeshare station along Reservoir Road NW given the resulting need for a nearby space for the bikeshare rebalancing van to park, possibly during busy rush hours on Reservoir Road NW. He said that he is working with DDOT to explore alternate sites for the station.

**New Business**

Special Event Application for the Nation's Escape Triathlon on September 9th, 2018

Chair Gibbons moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the special event application for the Nation's Escape Triathlon on September 9th, 2018, however the ANC would like to receive at least 90 days' notice for any future special event applications.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Request for Additional Traffic Control Officers Along Wisconsin Avenue NW and/or the Intersection of 30th Street and K Street NW Immediately Following Labor Day

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E continues to see significant traffic congestion along K Street and Water Street between 27th Street and 33rd Street NW, particularly during the evening rush hour and during weekends. The cycletrack installation is not yet complete and the incomplete nature of the roadway may be contributing to some of the traffic congestion, particularly at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street NW and the intersection of 30th Street and K Street NW. Additionally, the heaviest traffic period of the year for the neighborhood tends to be the weeks after Labor Day.

With these traffic problems in mind, ANC 2E joins the Georgetown BID in requesting continued traffic control officer (TCO) deployment to the intersection of Wisconsin

Avenue and M Street NW. Furthermore, ANC 2E requests TCO deployment to either the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street NW with a coordinated plan between TCOs at that intersection and the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street NW in order to allow more northbound Wisconsin Avenue flow when necessary and/or the intersection of 30th Street and K Street NW to allow traffic to move more smoothly at the four-way stop sign, particularly when no pedestrians are present.

ANC 2E notes that Wisconsin Avenue south of M Street NW is often so congested that traffic extends to Water Street and K Street, leading to cars "blocking the box" at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street NW, and dangerous confusion between users, including significantly high volumes of vehicles, tour busses, cyclists, and pedestrians crossing the street. Fistfights and verbal altercations between the various users in the middle of the intersection are not unusual when the traffic comes to a frustrating halt in the intersection.

ANC 2E further notes that the intersection of 30th Street and K Street NW presents other challenges - it is a four-way stop sign on the way to exiting Georgetown with significant pedestrian crossings and cyclist traffic. The four-way stop sign frequently holds vehicular traffic unnecessarily (i.e. when no pedestrians are present or when there is no north/south traffic). This holding of traffic contributes significantly to east/west traffic congestion along the K Street and Water Street NW corridor and TCO assistance in moving this traffic through the intersection would provide significant benefits to overall traffic mobility in the corridor south of M Street NW.

Considering the above, ANC 2E requests that DDOT strongly considers the ANC's request for TCO management in the ANC's community, particularly until phases 2 and 3 of the cycletrack installation are complete, in order to ensure that all users of the ANC's roadways are safe and that traffic moves at an optimal and efficient pace.

### **Community Comment (Continued)**

#### **Discussion Regarding Neighbor Concerns About the Alley Along 31st Street Between the C&O Canal and M Street NW**

Several local residents expressed their concerns regarding the increase in rodents in the alley along 31st Street between the C&O Canal and M Street NW due to the improper disposal of commercial garbage in the alley.

Inspector Sonya Street, the Lead Ward 2 Solid Waste Inspector for the Department of Public Works (DPW), said that DPW will continue to inspect the alley and issue fines to violators as appropriate.

### **New Business (Continued)**

#### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Vehicular Traffic on the Sidewalk at the Intersection of 27th Street and Q Street NW**

Commissioner Roache moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E appreciates the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Public Space Regulation Division for identifying illegal abuse of a curb cut at 1539 27th Street NW. The ANC is completely appalled by the illegal use of a public walkway handicap ramp as a driveway. The ANC acknowledges and supports the DC Government's claim to the misappropriation of the public space. Furthermore, the ANC agrees with DDOT's recommendation to remove the curb cut at that location.

ANC 2E has notified the homeowner at 1539 27th Street NW about the removal of the adjacent curb cut. The homeowner understands the importance of the curb cut removal but asks that the handicap access at the southeast corner of 27th Street and Q Street NW move from the 27th Street side of the corner to the Q Street side of the corner since that area is missing a ramp. This would provide handicap access while eliminating the driving on the sidewalk. The homeowner wants to maintain the driveway that has been on his property since the 1900s. The ANC asks that DDOT examine if this is a possibility.

ANC 2E recommends that DDOT use bluestone as the replacement material for the removed curb cut.

### **Zoning**

#### **Zoning Commission Application for a Technical Correction or, in the Alternative, a Modification of Consequence, to ZC Order #15-18 and ZC Order #15-18A at 2715 Pennsylvania Avenue NW**

Commissioner Wilcox moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E acknowledges that it has been provided with a copy of the currently-pending amendment as part of the submission in Zoning Commission Case No. 15-18B and has been afforded the opportunity to comment on it. ANC 2E resolves not to take a position in this matter.

### **Old Georgetown Board**

#### **SMD 2E03 - OG 18-327 (HPA 18-592) 1235 Potomac Street, NW**

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

#### **SMD 2E03 - OG 18-219 (HPA 18-403) 3251 Prospect Street, NW**

Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E has no comment regarding the project.

#### **SMD 2E03 - OG 18-289 (HPA 18-548) 3251 Prospect Street, NW**

Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E notes that the alterations proposed by the applicant will barely be visible from public space and that the proposed addition will be in a courtyard surrounded by non-contributing structures that have no apparent architectural relationship to the historic district. That being the case, ANC 2E cannot identify any historic preservation-related concerns about the proposed project.

That being said, ANC 2E notes that the project has been met with universal opposition from residents of the square in which the project is located and that the applicant has apparently applied to the Old Georgetown Board for approval for its concept design in an effort to build momentum for an application now pending before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration. That being the case, ANC 2E respectfully requests that the Old Georgetown Board defers action on this application until it is clear that the project will move forward.

SMD 2E03 - OG 18-310 (HPA 18-575) 3255-3259 Prospect Street, NW

Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E is concerned about the height and mass of the revised penthouse. Otherwise, ANC 2E has no comment with respect to the revised concept design proposal.

SMD 2E03 - OG 18-325 (HPA 18-590) 3210 Volta Place, NW

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-315 (HPA 18-580) 3135 M Street, NW

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-125 (HPA 18-231) 3602 Prospect Street, NW

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E notes that at the June 2018 ANC and Old Georgetown Board meetings, the applicant was directed to go to the Board of Zoning Adjustment before returning with plans as the plans require a zoning exception. Unfortunately, the applicant has not visited the Board of Zoning Adjustment and as such, the ANC does not have direction as to whether or not the plans will be acceptable from a zoning perspective.

ANC 2E also notes consistent neighbor objections to the addition. Neighbors note that while the proposed addition is smaller than previously requested, it will still extend significantly past the next door neighbors' homes. The ANC cannot support the plans as

is and recommends that the applicant speaks to the Board of Zoning Adjustment prior to returning with new plans.

Furthermore, ANC 2E recommends that the applicant continues to work with neighbors to develop a plan with less impact on light and air for the neighbors to the east and west, noting that both next door neighbors are comfortable with an addition to the top of the home.

SMD 2E06 - OG 18-251 (HPA 18-472) 1237 31st Street, NW

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

SMD 2E07 - OG 18-303 (HPA 18-568) 2525 P Street, NW

Commissioner Roache moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding this matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E objects to the rear third floor addition for the following reasons:

- The third floor addition will significantly change the shape of the existing structure and impact the appearance of the building and its symmetry.
- ANC 2E is concerned that the master bedroom window on the third floor will violate other property owners' rights to privacy.
- Neighbors have indicated that they will deny roof access due to security concerns.
- Neighbors were not notified of the proposed project.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 9:42 pm.