

ANC 2E Meeting Minutes August 31, 2015

Minutes for the Meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair. Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Jones, Howard, Starrels, Birch, Clausen and Roaché were present, constituting a quorum.

Administrative

Approval of August 31, 2015 ANC 2E Public Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda of the August, 2015 ANC 2E public meeting. The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.

Approval of the June 29, 2015 meeting minutes was deferred to the September meeting.

Public Safety Report

MPD Lt. Hoyle reported on crime activity in 2D: As opposed to other parts of the city, crime is down in general in 2D and violent crime is down 15% over last year. Theft is down 4%. No current issues. The community can reach Lt. Hoyle at roland.hoyle@dc.gov. or 301-775-5221 (cell phone). Emergencies should be called to 911.

Commissioner Roaché thanked the MPD for the All Hands on Deck event held on 27th street over the weekend to promote safety in the community.

Financial Report - Commissioner Jones makes a motion to approve the ANC 2E quarterly financial report. the motion is seconded and carries 8-0.

Community Comment

Debbie Young of Taste of Georgetown gives a brief overview of this year's 22nd annual event being held on Oct. 3 on K St. between Wisconsin Avenue and Thomas Jefferson St, NW from 11-4 PM.

Chris Murphy of Georgetown University introduces himself in the new role of Government and Community Relations working alongside Corey Peterson (Neighborhood Life Liaison) also present.

Commissioner Lewis gives an update on progress of the archeological dig of the Yarrow Mamout site on Dent Place. A new senior level architect is working on the site *pro bono*. He urges CAG to let their members know that this project is an excellent opportunity for much

needed private donations. Commissioner Birch reiterates that the DC Preservation desperately needs fund to continue/complete the project.

Ruth Warner of Councilman Jack Evans' office reports that the council is still in recess and will return on September 15th.

Commissioner Jones reports that DC Clean Rivers will hold a project meeting on October 3rd. DC Water will be presenting more information at the October ANC 2E public meeting.

Rich Hines of CAG reports that DC water workers are leaving asphalt patches on the 2700 block of P St. and not leaving the bricks to be replaced there. He requests help from DC WASA and Ron asks Ruth Warner if Jack's office can assist. Ruth affirms and asks for an email to be sent to Councilman Evans' office.

Jack Jacobsen, Ward 2 Board of Education representative gives an update of current projects.

New Business

Commissioner Solomon makes the following motion:

ANC 2E supports the efforts of the Burleith Citizens Association, Hillandale Homeowners Association, the Citizens Association of Georgetown, Georgetown University, the Georgetown University Student Association, and other affected parties to achieve relief from significant adverse impacts resulting from the current airplane arrival and departure routes and operating hours at Reagan National Airport.

The motion was seconded and passes without opposition, with Commissioner Jones recused.

Commissioner Solomon makes the following motion:

ANC 2E supports the Burleith Citizens association in the request for traffic calming at four intersections:

37th St., NW at S St., NW

37th St., NW at Whitehaven Pkwy., NW

and 35th St., NW at both S and T streets, NW.

In addition, ANC 2E requests DDOT to put in appropriate signage on the east side of 35th street north of T street to indicate that there is no parking between 8 AM and 4 PM in the evening.

The motion is seconded and passes 8-0.

Commissioner Jones made the following resolution:

ANC2e strongly supports Bill 21-0218, referred to as Lots 804, 814, 820, 822 in Square 1230 Eminent Domain Authorization Act of 2015. We find the Bill is necessary in order to prevent undue harm to the residents with properties adjacent to this alley, who have believed for years that this is a public alley and have relied on District maintenance of this alley, trash collection, emergency and other services. The current out-of-state tax lot owner is attempting to financially profit at a significant cost to many residents by blocking access to their historic accessory service structure, as well as potentially harm this historically open space. ANC2e greatly appreciates DC Council supporting this Bill.

The motion was seconded and passes 7-0 with one abstention.

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion:

ANC 2E acknowledges the concern of excavation of 1065 Thomas Jefferson St., NW and the potential problems with this excavation in relation to the surrounding structures and that structure itself, for that matter, that is being excavated and the water problems.

the motion was seconded and passes 8-0.

ABC:

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion:

ANC 2E protests the application of ABRA-097883, Hop, Cask & Barrel (Class A) 1717 Wisconsin Ave., NW on the grounds of peace, order and quiet. We look forward to working with the applicant towards a satisfactory agreement.

The motion was seconded and carries 8-0.

Commissioner Howard departs the meeting for the evening at 7:40 PM.

Zoning

Rich Hines of the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG) makes comments on the proposed final zoning regulations for R-zoned property in the Historic district.

Commissioner Birch proposes that ANC 2E join with CAG in the comments drafted by CAG in the matters pertaining to Georgetown. The motion is seconded and carries 7-0.

Old Georgetown Board

Commissioner Birch chaired the OGB portion of the agenda.

Commissioner Lewis made the following motion:

With regard to 1662 34th St., NW:

ANC 2E prefers Scheme A, as its footprint is more in keeping with the principle that an addition should be subsidiary to the original building and because Scheme A preserves visibility of a portion of the original fabric of the rear façade. We have concerns about the amount of glass at the rear, because of its appearance and because it can create excessive light spillage into the center of this block and would also raise privacy issues. We urge the Board also to consider reducing the height of the addition.

The motion was seconded and carries 8-0.

Commissioner Jones made the following motion:

With regard to 1422 Wisconsin Ave., NW:

With regard to 1422 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, ANC2e does not oppose the concept as presented and have no concerns regarding the mass, height, or setback of the proposal. We are supportive of the minor east façade changes and restorations and ask the applicant to consider the context of the second floor with the alteration proposed. With regard to the west façade, we strongly encourage the applicant to consider installing infrastructures which will mitigate the impact upon the adjacent DC Public School. We strongly encourage the installation of a brick wall or similar substantial infrastructure between this property and the school campus. ANC2e is not opposed to the glass roof and wall design as long as elements include tile or other screening devices which would prevent viewing into the building from the school campus, but would permit views from inside the proposed addition toward natural light. It is noted that similar type screening devices over glass have been approved in concept by the Old Georgetown Board.

The motion was seconded and carries 7-0.

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion:

With regard to 1206 Wisconsin Ave., NW:

ANC 2E supports the plans presented for 1206 Wisconsin Ave., NW and we have no objections.

the motion was seconded and carries 7-0.

Commissioner Roaché made the following motion:

With Regard to 3058 R St., NW OG 15-307 (HPA 15-55):

ANC 2E opposes the proposal as presented. ANC 2E has concerns about the proposed ceiling to floor windows that are more consistent with a modern building and not the historic character of this Georgetown property. This addition will be visible from the street in public view. There is also concern about water run off from the proposed addition that adds 181 square feet of roof to the property.

Neighbors in the abutting properties raise concern that the significant excavation may have an impact on the continued viability of several trees (magnolia and dogwood) in their yards because of the extensive roots of these trees. Per neighbors report it is estimated that the magnolia tree roots are about four feet above the ground level (measuring 50 inches and 55 inches in circumference). ANC 2E suggests an arborist be involved to further investigate the impact construction may have on the trees. Additionally, there are neighbor concerns regarding site access and that the public alley not be used for construction staging blocking neighbors access to their garages.

The motion was seconded and carries 7-0.

At 9:33 with no further business on the agenda Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carries 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Maysak
ANC 2E