

Minutes for the Meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

September 30, 2008

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Commissioner Solomon, Chair, with Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Lowenstein, Starrels, Birch and Eason present, constituting a quorum. Before the first vote after the financial report, Commissioner Skelsey joined the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Public Safety and Police Report

Commissioner Lewis reported on recent public safety matters, and MPD Sergeant Hackley reported on recent crimes within PSA 206 and responded to questions from Commissioners and the community. Statistics on recent public safety incidents are available at <http://crimemap.dc.gov/presentation/query.asp>. There is also a Second District web site including crime information at 2D_mpd@yahoo.com.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of ANC 2E held on September 2, 2008 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Eason (Birch second) by a vote of 5-0 (Lowenstein abstaining, not having been at that meeting).

Financial Report

Salary for Work Performed in August 2008

Commissioner Lowenstein reported that at the request of Commissioners, Melanie Gisler began a transition to her position as Executive Director of ANC 2E in August 2008 and performed 12 hours of work for ANC 2E during that month. To compensate Ms. Gisler for her work during August 2008, Commissioner Lowenstein moved (Solomon second), after discussion, to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E approves and ratifies compensating Ms. Melanie Gisler for administrative work she performed for ANC 2E during August 2008 at a rate of \$12.50 per hour for 12 hours of work, for a total of \$150.00. ANC E approves and ratifies increasing the total salary budget for Fiscal Year 2008 by \$150.00 and increasing the budget for payroll taxes for Fiscal Year 2008 by \$50.00.

Approval of an ANC 2E Budget for FY 2009

Commissioner Eason noted that the 2009 fiscal year for ANC 2E begins October 1, 2008, and moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed after discussion by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E adopts as a budget for FY 2009 the same budget as for FY 2008, as amended.

A copy of the FY 2009 budget as so adopted is attached to these minutes.

Transportation Report

Commissioner Starrels reminded the community that the ANC Transportation Committee, chaired by Commissioners Starrels and Lewis, meets and confers regularly with the District Department of Transportation and other District government officials about transportation-related issues of interest within ANC 2E and that community input and suggestions are welcome and encouraged.

Commissioner Lewis reported that the Department of Transportation has approved a federal-aid Transportation Enhancement project of \$40,000 for rehabilitating some of the streetlight poles in Historic Georgetown, to begin in the spring of 2009, in response to ANC 2E's request for such funding.

Change of Date for November Public Meeting

Commissioner Solomon reported that the upcoming November meeting of the Commission was inadvertently scheduled for November 4, which is Election Day. Since the evening of Election Day is not a convenient or appropriate time for an ANC 2E meeting, Commissioner Eason moved (Birch second), after discussion, to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Starrels not present):

The previously adopted schedule of 2008 ANC 2E meetings is revised so that the next scheduled date for a public meeting of ANC 2E will be Monday, November 3, 2008, instead of Tuesday, November 4, 2008, at Georgetown Visitation School at 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Councilmember Jack Evans spoke about current topics of interest to the community, including police protection during special events in October and the District of Columbia fiscal year 2009 budget, and he responded to questions from Commissioners and community members.

Commissioner Solomon raised the issue of noise from an air conditioner unit on the roof of Hardy School. He reported that the school will work to dampen the noise.

Representatives of the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority discussed a sewer separation project planned for Q Street NW west of the Buffalo Bridge. They agreed to keep traffic flowing throughout the project to the maximum extent possible and to working with the community to minimize disruption during construction.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Items

Lawyers Have Heart 10K Race

A representative of the Lawyers Have Heart 10K race scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2009 requested the Commission's support for the race, a portion of which is planned to be run in ANC 2E on K Street, Canal Road and the Whitehurst Freeway. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E supports the Lawyers Have Heart race scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2009, a portion of which is to be run within ANC 2E on K Street, Canal Road, and the Whitehurst Freeway, with the stipulation that the sponsors of this event talk with the residential and commercial property management at Washington Harbour about minimizing the impact on the Georgetown waterfront area.

Breast Cancer Event Lunch Stop in Georgetown

A representative of the D.C. Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk for the Cure reported that the walk, using sidewalks only with no street closures, has scheduled a lunch stop on the grounds of the Jelleff Boys and Girls Club.

Approval and Ratification of 2007 Grant to the Georgetown Senior Center

Commissioner Solomon reported that the Georgetown Senior Center, which provides activities and transportation for senior citizens, has used a grant made by ANC 2E in 2007 to support yoga classes for seniors, one of its activities. Commissioner Eason moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed after discussion by a vote of 6-0 (Starrels not present):

Resolved, by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E:

1. That the Commission acknowledges receipt of documentation provided by the Georgetown Senior Center ("Grantee") in support of expenditures made pursuant to the Commission's grant made to the Grantee in the amount of \$1,000 during Fiscal Year 2007 (the "Grant"), which Grant was intended to cover expenses associated with transportation to, and participation in, yoga classes for senior citizens.

2. That the Commission finds that the documentation provided by the Grantee indicates that the Grant was used for the purposes intended by the Commission in the award of the grant.

Zoning and Planning

Old Georgetown Board

No Action:

During the meeting, at the request of Commissioner Eason and without objection, the following project was removed from the list of projects to be considered by ANC 2E and was placed instead on the list of projects that ANC 2E would not review at this time:

1855 Wisconsin Avenue (Safeway)

Commissioner Lewis recused himself from the consideration and vote on all of the following Consent Calendar and Regular Calendar items relating to the Old Georgetown Board on the ANC 2E agenda for this meeting.

Consent Calendar:

Commissioner Starrels moved (Lowenstein second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E refers the following project to the Old Georgetown Board without objection:

3000 P Street, NW, Residence, new brick garden wall at rear to replace wood fence, O.G. 08-322 (H.P.A. 08-484).

Regular Calendar:

Georgetown Branch Library, 3260 R Street, NW, O.G. 08-274 (H.P.A. 08-407):

Commissioners and community members discussed the Old Georgetown Board's consideration of this project at the Old Georgetown Board's September 4, 2008 meeting. No presentation by the applicant was made at this ANC 2E meeting and no ANC 2E resolution was proposed.

3235 P Street, NW, O.G. 08-314 (H.P.A. 08-478):

Concept plans were presented for alterations to the front façade for new windows. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Skelsey moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0

While ANC 2E respects the care with which the architect has proposed conversion of the ground floor to a commercial use, we value the existing original historic fabric of this intact 19th century façade and we encourage the Old Georgetown Board to carefully consider the proposal.

1605 30th Street, NW, O.G. 08-298 (H.P.A. 08-346):

This project relates to alterations to a window/door opening at the rear and a deck. No presentation was made at this meeting. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason moved (Lowenstein second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Birch and Solomon not present):

In the absence of plans or a presentation by the applicant, the Commission cannot comment fully on the proposed project. We express concerns about the indication that the project includes construction of a deck.

3007 Q Street, NW, O.G. 08-321 (H.P.A. 08-485):

Concept plans were presented for alterations to the rear, terrace, replacement roof, landscaping, retaining walls, a wood fence, skylights, a basement entrance, and relocating a dormer. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason moved (Lowenstein second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Solomon not present):

ANC 2E has no objection to the plans as presented. We encourage the applicant to look at construction methods that would maximize the permeability of any driveway surface clear that outdoor HVAC equipment will be roof-mounted.

After further discussion relating to public space issues under the jurisdiction of the District Department of Transportation, Commissioner Lewis moved (Lowenstein second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

We understand that a project at 3007 Q Street NW proposes to widen the entrance to the driveway across public space. We are concerned that a permit be issued only if DDOT's Urban Forestry Administration concludes that such a widening would not adversely affect the nearby trees.

3058 R Street, NW. O.G. 08-281 (H.P.A. 08-414):

Revised concept plans were presented for a one-story side addition, alterations to windows, window replacements and a fence. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason moved (Lowenstein second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

In the absence of plans or a presentation by the applicant, the Commission cannot comment on the proposed project.

3217 P Street, NW, Marvelous Market, O.G. 08-305 (H.P.A. 08-469):

Concept plans were presented for alterations: new signs, light fixtures, a roof terrace, railing, and paving for outdoor dining. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the overall components of the plan proposed for Marvelous Market. However, we are unable to support the proposal for a roof terrace and railing because of its high visibility to Wisconsin Avenue and inappropriate character to the historic aspects of the commercial sector.

1045 31st Street, NW, O.G. 08-299 (H.P.A. 08-445):

No presentation was made for this proposal involving a window opening. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Skelsey second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Lowenstein not present):

ANC 2E has reservations about the window opening proposed and calls to the attention of the Old Georgetown Board the lack of sequence and compatibility of the proposed window with the existing windows.

2928 M Street, NW, Commercial, O.G. 08-270 (H.P.A. 08-403):

This proposal involved concept plans for alterations to a storefront, razing a rear garage, and a one-story rear addition. No presentation was made. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

In the absence of plans or a presentation by the applicant, the Commission cannot comment on the proposed project.

3206 N Street, NW, Neyla Restaurant, O.G. 08-307 (H.P.A. 08-471):

Concept plans were presented for alterations for an LED Imagic weave display. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E very much opposes the concept as presented because it simply in no way, shape or form lends itself to the historic nature and fabric of Georgetown.

1218 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Third Edition, O.G. 08-310 (H.P.A. 08-474):

Permit plans were presented for a projecting sign. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E does not support the blade sign as proposed for the restaurant known as Third Edition because this restaurant already has ample signage that fronts Wisconsin Avenue and there is no need for additional signage; and this blade sign is not consistent with our policy on blade signs on the main commercial corridors in the Georgetown Historic District.

1237 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Puma, O.G. 08-306 (H.P.A. 08-470):

This project involves an internally-illuminated sign. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E objects to the proposed internally illuminated sign. In the absence of a presentation, we do not know what this means. Since this store is located on the Wisconsin Avenue corridor, we want to be especially sensitive to signage.

1250 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Ed Hardy, O.G. 08-303 (H.P.A. 08-467):

Permit plans were presented for replacement storefront, signs and light fixtures. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the proposal as presented for 1250 Wisconsin Avenue, NW.

3251 Prospect Street, Prospect Place – Café Milano, O.G. 8-271 (H.P.A. 08-476):

Plans were presented for a rear one-story addition with roof terrace within a courtyard. The Old Georgetown Board has determined that this project is not visible from public

space and therefore has forwarded it to the Historic Preservation Review Board for consideration there. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E is concerned about and would object to a roof terrace within this property. ANC 2E notes objections by immediate neighbors to a roof terrace on the proposed one-story addition.

Further, AC 2E asks that the Historic Preservation Review Board take no action until an earlier request to the Old Georgetown Board is complied with that the property owner supply a comprehensive plan for review.

At 9:32 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Starrels moved (Lewis second) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

Ron Lewis
Secretary, ANC 2E

Attachment: ANC 2E Budget for Fiscal Year 2009

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**Budget – Fiscal Year 2009****October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009****Approved by ANC 2E at its September 30, 2008 Meeting**REVENUE

District Allotment \$22,381

Interest 100

Miscellaneous 0

TOTAL REVENUE \$22,481

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**Budget – Fiscal Year 2009 – page 2**EXPENSES

Administrative

Salary and Wages

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| Salary of Executive Director | \$12,150 |
| Payroll Taxes | 1,130 |
| Office rent | 2,100 |
| Telephone and Communications | 1,500 |
| Internet Services | 132 |
| Public Communications | 1,200 |
| Professional Services | 1,000 |
| ANC Security Fund | 25 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 1,500 |
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| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | \$20,737 |
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| NET SURPLUS (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS | \$1,744 |
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| Capital (Non-Recurring) Expenses | |
| Fireproof file cabinet | \$1,000 |
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| UNALLOCATED SURPLUS | \$744 |
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