

Minutes for the Meeting of  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

November 3, 2014

Georgetown Visitation School, 35<sup>th</sup> and Volta Place, NW Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair.  
Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Jones, Cassey, Starrels, Birch, Quinn and Steury were present, constituting a quorum. Commissioner Cassey left at 9:10 p.m.

Administrative

Approval of September 29, 2014, ANC 2E Public Meeting Agenda  
Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda of the September 29, 2014, ANC 2E public meeting. The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.

Public Safety Report

Sgt. Phillip of MPD reported that eighteen officers in our area will now be equipped with body cameras. He also reported that theft from autos is one of the biggest problems in the neighborhood, mainly because cars and garages are left unlocked. He encouraged homeowners to be aware of the identities of all contracted workers on their property, to report suspicious persons and to be aware of their surroundings at all times.

Commissioner Starrels requested that illegal bus parking be enforced between M St. and the waterfront. Commissioner Solomon reminded residents that there is one space of legal parking for residents only between a posted No Parking sign within 25 feet from a corner. Commissioner Birch announced that residents are requesting more police visibility in the residential areas. Sgt. Phillips stated that these requests would be addressed.

Financial Report

Commissioner Jones made the following resolution:

ANC 2E approves payment of consulting compensation of \$50 per month to Larae Marsh of Marsh Bookkeeping Service, for independent consulting services relating to accounting and bookkeeping for employment taxes, for an at-will period as determined in the discretion of ANC 2E from time to time, of up to one year. Payments through October 30, 2014 are authorized by a resolution by ANC 2E in 2013. Payments beginning November 1, 2014 will be made quarterly or periodically at such other times as may be agreed to, with a maximum of \$600.00 for the total of such payments in any twelve-month period.

The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.

Transportation Report

Commissioner Lewis reported that with regard to the Pennsylvania Ave. bridge project, the engineers are taking ANC 2E's recommendations under serious consideration and will present plans and findings in the next month. Commissioner Starrels announced a new program to install red light cameras at Wisconsin and M Streets and at Key Bridge.

Department of Public Works Report

Commissioner Jones explained the new procedure for Emergency No Parking signs and reminded residents that the DPW leaf program is beginning this month.

Community Comment

Ruth Warner from Jack Evans' office reminded residents to vote in the Nov. 4 DC

election. Candice Mosely of Georgetown University reminded residents that there would be a test of the emergency siren system and that in the event of a real emergency residents should “shelter in place”.

### ABC

Commissioner Birch made the following motion:

**ANC 2E has no objection to the extended operating hours as permitted under District of Columbia law for New Year’s Eve, December 31, 2014, for ABC-licensed establishments with which it is a party to voluntary agreements that specify the permitted operating hours.**

The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.

Commissioner Jones made the following motion with regard to 1515 Wisconsin Ave., NW (ABRA-095966):

ANC 2E moves for approval of the settlement agreement for 1515 Wisconsin Ave., NW.

The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.

Commissioner Jones made the following motion with regard to 1419 Wisconsin Ave., NW, MYIA, LLC (ABRA-096102):

ANC 2E moves to approve the settlement agreement for 1419 Wisconsin Ave., NW.

The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.

Commissioner Jones made the following motion with regard to 1529 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Yummi Crawfish (ABRA 096169):

ANC 2E moves to approve the settlement agreement for 1529 Wisconsin Ave., NW.

The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.

Discussion and action with regard to 3218 M St., NW, J. Paul’s (ABRA 72358) was tabled until the December meeting.

### Old Georgetown Board

Commissioner Birch chaired the meeting for the discussion of Old Georgetown Board items.

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion with regard to 3220 Prospect St, NW OG 14-353 (HPA 14-686):

**ANC 2E appreciates the evolution of the project as presented. We still have concerns about loading areas for trucks, that they be off the streets and not in front of the project. We like the direction which the project is taking in terms of scale and glazing and materials.**

**The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.**

**Commissioner Lewis made the following motion with regard to 3324 Dent Pl, NW OG 15-032 (HPA 15-045):**

The historic house on this property suffered from neglect as a vacant property for many years. A tree that fell on the second story several years ago delivered the coup-de-grace, sadly, and made razing the house the only feasible option.

Now the property’s owner wants to build a much larger house on the property.

The original house was a small two-story structure located toward the east side of the property, leaving a green swath to the west and a smaller green space to the east, with a rare verdant view into the center of the block.

We urge as the preferred option that a new house be limited to the size and location of the footprint of the original house and to the height of the original house. This would be in keeping with the historic use and appearance of the property. It would be a just result as well.

If the Board feels otherwise, however, we urge at least that a side setback of 8 feet or more be required from the property line on the west side and a side setback to the east; that the front façade be no further forward than the façade of the adjacent house to the east; that lot coverage be no greater than 30%; and that if three stories are allowed, the third story have dormer windows.

The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.

Commissioner Lewis made the following motion with regard to 1728 Wisconsin Ave., NW, OG 15-015 (HPA 15-028):

**ANC 2E has no objection to moving the second floor forward and no objection to a second story addition. However we do object to the third story of the building as it is out of keeping with the buildings to the immediate south.**

The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.

Commissioner Steury made the following motion with regard to 1723 Wisconsin Ave., NW, OG 15-016 (HPA 15-029):

**ANC 2E has concerns about the third story addition at 1723 Wisconsin Avenue in order to maintain the appearance of the facade of this building and its contribution to the streetscape in this block of upper Wisconsin.**

The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.

Commissioner Jones made the following motion with regard to 1513 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 14-321 (HPA 14-602):

**ANC 2E opposes both proposed Options to this building because of the unique tight physical constraints that would severely damage the historic character of this property and also the damage it would create in context with the surrounding properties. ANC 2E believes that many of the Board's policies would be circumvented by the proposal's current plan, such as, "that new additions serve as subordinate elements to historic buildings in the Old Georgetown historic district. The additions should not become the dominant element, regardless of what the zoning regulations may allow." ANC 2E believes these Options would have a significant impact to this particularly fragile block of properties, due to no alleyways, institutional buffers, sufficient green space or other type buffers between this property and the adjacent residential properties. We believe that the proposed additions on the rooftop would substantially alter the historic character of this building and should be strongly discouraged. The Options would be clearly viewable from Wisconsin Avenue and substantially change the streetscape view. This is counter to the Old Georgetown Board Recommended Guideline that "Additions to roofs that are visible from a street or substantially alter the historic character of the building are discouraged." No backyard addition should be permitted in that it would alter the historical context between this building and adjacent properties. It should be noted that both the adjacent neighbors and the Citizens Association of Georgetown have voiced strong concerns.**

**ANC 2E is unable to take a firm position or to offer our recommendations to OGB on account of late submission of the plans and no opportunity for neighbors or the ANC to review the plans sufficiently in advance.**

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion with regard to 3107 N St., NW:

ANC 2E has no objections to the expansion and encourages the project's architects to work with the representatives from the adjacent church to try to get an alternate solution for the loss of the vent. We also draw attention to the safe maintenance of the foundations of this historic church and the inclusion of whatever underpinnings are necessary to assure safety and stability in connection

with any excavation associated with the addition.

The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion with regard to 1065 Thomas Jefferson St., NW, OG 14-346 (HPA 14-679):

**ANC 2E has concerns and objection to the penthouse: it is too big, too tall for this structure. ANC 2E has concerns about the materials that have been proposed and that can be seen from the park view from the east and from the canal. We would like materials more in keeping with the historic nature of this area. We support the removal of the stucco which takes it back to the original materials and makes for a better project. ANC 2E wants to make a note that digging a basement in this area might be problematic because of water problems, leakage, etc. that is prevalent in this two block radius around the canal.**

The motion was seconded and carried 7-0.

Commissioner Birch made the following motion with regard to 1319 30th St., NW, OG 15-027 (HPA 15-040):

**ANC 2E is pleased with the attention that is being given to restore and revive this house and has no objection.**

The motion was seconded and carried 7-0.

Commissioner Birch made the following motion with regard to 2907 P St., NW, OG 15-026 (HPA 15-039):

**ANC 2E has no objection to the plans for a two story addition at 2907 P St. with the caveat that OGB consider a reduction in the rear extension of the addition so as not to unduly compromise the light of the residents to the east. As for the change in the bay roof ANC 2E would call attention to the historic suitability of what is proposed.**

The motion was seconded and carried 7-0.

At 9:48 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn the public meeting session of ANC 2E. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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for  
Ron Lewis, SMD 02  
Chairman, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E