

Minutes for the Meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

December 2, 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, and Eason present, constituting a quorum. Before the first vote in the New Business agenda took place, Commissioner Skelsey joined the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Public Safety and Police Report

Commissioner Lewis reported on recent public safety matters, and an MPD detective as well as PSA 206 Sergeant Antoine 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 November 3, 2008 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Eason (Lowenstein second) by a vote of 5-0.

Financial Report

Approval of a payment with respect to employment taxes

Commissioner Lowenstein requested approval for payments relating to employment taxes to the U.S. Treasury, Internal Revenue Service in the amount of \$511.97 and moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E approves and ratifies payments to the U.S. Treasury with respect to prior employment taxes' interest and penalties in the amount of \$511.97.

CAG commendation for Commissioner Lowenstein

Denise Cunningham, President of the Citizens Association of Georgetown, presented the following commendation on behalf of CAG to Commissioner Jenna Lowenstein, who is concluding her two-year term on the Commission:

The Citizens Association of Georgetown

Commendation

to

Jenna Lowenstein

*For outstanding service to the community as
Commissioner of ANC 2E*

*We offer our gratitude for your dedication, insight
and voice of reason.*

December 2, 2008

*Denise R. Cunningham
President*

Transportation Report

Commissioners Starrels and Lewis reminded the community that the ANC Transportation Committee 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.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Commissioner Lewis reminded the community that the St. Albans School house tour takes place on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, and noted that this year all of the houses on this fine event are located in Georgetown.

Linda Greenan representing Georgetown University summarized a community meeting recently sponsored by the university to engage with the community at the early stages of planning for the university's 10-year campus zoning plan. She reported that future community meetings will be scheduled as plans progress and that filing a 10-year plan for review by the Zoning Commission is at least five to six months away.

Community members also discussed parking meters on Grace Street, an upcoming meeting at Duke Ellington School on student drop-offs and pick-ups, and other topics.

At this point Commissioner Lowenstein departed from the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Items

Verizon presentation to request support for Verizon's FIOS TV for DC

Kim Bassett representing Verizon described a proposed plan to bring FIOS (fiber optic) telephone, television and Internet service to Washington, D.C. in the second group of areas to receive this service and requested the Commission's support. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Skelsey second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E at its monthly meeting of December 2, 2008, with a quorum of commissioners in attendance, officially supports cable television competition in the District of Columbia as such competition influences rates, service quality and technological development. Further, we support the development of fiber optic video, data and voice transmission and approval of Verizon's cable television franchise agreement. Our support depends and is contingent upon continuing close coordination by Verizon with our community on the many issues involved, including placement of fiber optic cable below grade to the maximum extent possible, replacing above-grade wires and poles; working from manhole to manhole rather than digging in streets and sidewalks to the maximum extent possible; when digging is required, repaving streets curb-to-curb rather than cutting a trench and simply paving the trench; and expediting introduction of FIOS availability in our community.

Cycle Life presentation to request support for bicycle racks on K Street

A representative of Cycle Life described a proposal to use two parking spaces on the north side of K Street in front of their establishment for bicycle racks, which they would supply. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Lewis second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E endorses the proposal of donating two parking spaces for the use of two bicycle racks in front of Cycle Life at 3255 Water Street NW. The racks will be provided and maintained by Cycle Life for public use and Cycle Life will provide basic services for bicyclists. This endorsement does not include the design of the proposed bicycle racks, which we have not yet seen; Cycle Life has agreed to bring such design matters to the Old Georgetown Board. Also, we encourage the District Department of Transportation to evaluate the south side of Water Street for the possibility of additional parking spaces for cars.

Details of Merriment in Georgetown event

Denise Cunningham of the Citizens Association of Georgetown and John Wiebenson of the Georgetown BID described current plans for the Merriment in Georgetown event to be held on Sunday, December 7, on Wisconsin Avenue above M Street.

*ABC Issues***Tackle Box Voluntary Agreement**

Commissioner Starrels described a proposed Voluntary Agreement with Tackle Box. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E approves adoption of a Voluntary Agreement as described at our December 2, 2008 public meeting and, effective when such Voluntary Agreement is fully executed and approved, withdraws its protest in this matter.

Zoning and Planning

2903 Q Street, NW – Commissioners announced that a zoning-exception application relating to this property will be considered at the ANC meeting on January 6, 2009.

During the meeting, at the request of Commissioners Solomon and Skelsey and without objection, the following projects were removed from the list of OGB projects to be considered by ANC 2E and were placed instead on the list of projects that ANC 2E would not review at this time:

Safeway, 1855 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, O.G. 08-316 (H.P.A 08-480) (Solomon)
(While design matters subject to OGB review were not considered, Safeway representatives did discuss some traffic and construction matters, without a resolution being proposed or adopted by ANC 2E at this meeting.)

1319 34th Street, NW, Residence, O.G. 09-036 (H.P.A. 09-058) (Skelsey)

Old Georgetown Board

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

*Regular Calendar:***3237 M Street, NW, Outer Group – Aldo, O.G. 09-031 (H.P.A. 09-052):**

Permit plans were presented for alterations to a storefront. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 3-0 (Skelsey not present):

ANC 2E has reservations about changing the bays to a more modern “department store” look. ANC 2E will rely upon the expertise of the Old Georgetown Board for a final decision.

3251 Prospect Street, NW, Prospect Place – N Street building, O.G. 09-038 (H.P.A. 09-060):

Permit plans were presented for alterations to a storefront and rooftop mechanical equipment. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E will rely on the Old Georgetown Board to pay special attention to yet another phase to the evolution of this property. ANC 2E would very much like to see a cohesive, comprehensive plan presented instead of these piecemeal presentations.

1218 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Third Edition, O.G. 09-027 (H.P.A. 09-09-045):

Permit plans were presented for alterations to a storefront. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Skelsey second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the alterations to the storefront as proposed, provided they adhere to the historic look as presented.

3019 P Street, NW, Residence, O.G. 09-037 (H.P.A. 09-059):

Permit plans were presented for alterations to the rear, an underground pool addition, partial demolition, and rooftop equipment. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Skelsey moved (Starrels second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 4-0:

Despite previous approval by the OGB for equipment located as shown, ANC 2E is very concerned about the proposed location at grade for the air conditioning equipment due to its impact on the neighboring home and we encourage the architect to seek an alternative location including the possibility of placement on the roof at the rear in space adjoining the other three pieces of equipment.

1229 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Apple, O.G. 08-225 (H.P.A. 08-343):

Revised concept design plans were presented for demolition and new construction. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved

(Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 3-0 (Skelsey recused):

ANC 2E has reservations about the compatibility of the façade with the structures to the north and south. We also have reservations about the large window representing the Apple logo.

At 9:15 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Eason 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