

**Minutes for the Meeting of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

May 4, 2015

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 May 4, 2015 ANC 2E Public Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda of the May 4, 2015 ANC 2E public meeting.
The motion was seconded and carried 8-0.

Ward 2 DC Councilmember Jack Evans discussed issues affecting the District and Georgetown in particular including Hyde-Addison elementary school renovation, the DC budget, the traffic issue at 34th St., NW, the new traffic guard installed at O and Potomac Street intersection and issues related to work done without a permit in Georgetown in particular 3107 Dumbarton St.

Commissioner Jones made the following motion:

**ANC2E RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HYDE-ADDISON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S FY16 FUNDING**

WHEREAS, a quality public education is essential to protect the health, welfare and safety of the District's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, basic school programming and health needs of children attending DC Public Schools should never be compromised;

WHEREAS, Hyde-Addison Elementary is a public elementary school in NW Washington that serves children and families across all eight wards in the District of Columbia, with the majority of students being out-of-boundary; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget for Hyde-Addison modernization project funding was eliminated, preventing the construction of a necessary building addition; and

WHEREAS, the proposed elimination of funding is a continuation of a cycle of delays and broken promises dating back to an original planned start date of 2013.

WHEREAS, Hyde-Addison School is overcapacity and the forecasted growth is to double by 2017 because of a combination of an expanded boundary and a "baby boom" the community is already experiencing; and

WHEREAS, Hyde-Addison lacks equitable conditions compared to other DCPS elementary schools, such as Hyde-Addison is the only school among 58 DCPS elementary schools that does not have functioning indoor and/or outdoor athletic facilities; and

WHEREAS, Hyde-Addison has no space to hold school assemblies, events, performing arts, sports practices or other meeting or event space; and

WHEREAS, the children are not able to have physical education programs or recess during inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, numerous other negative impacts include, not ADA compliant, lack of sufficient library space and resources, lack of sufficient cafeteria space, no arts instruction provided, a disjointed campus that exposes staff and students to poor weather conditions

WHEREAS, the proposed FY 2016 budget will undercut the years of investment and hard work that have made Hyde-Addison a high performance school and shake the confidence of parents, students and the community in the future of DC public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of these considerations, ANC 2E adopts the following resolution.

RESOLVED, ANC 2e stands with Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans, Hyde-Addison's Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO), Local School Advisory Team (LSAT) and the hundreds of families associated with the school to urge the District Government to reestablish the necessary funding to begin construction no later than June 2016.

We also urge the Department of General Services to expedite its process for planning and obtaining all the necessary permits to begin work by June 2016. This funding will enable Hyde-Addison to deliver high quality academic programs in conjunction with protecting the health, welfare and safety of the Hyde-Addison families and students throughout the District.

We believe all schools in the District deserve adequate funding, and by reestablishing funds for Hyde-Addison it should not affect the proposed funding for any other DCPS school.

The motion was seconded and carries 8-0.

Public Safety Report

MPD Commander Melvin Gresham introduced himself to the community along with new Area Lieutenant for Georgetown Roland Hoyle. Lt. Hoyle reported that crime in the area is down despite two recent robberies. He urged residents to keep valuables in cars secured and offered his cell phone: 301-775-5221 and email: Roland.hoyle@dc.gov for residents use. The contact for the Watch Commander is 202-438-4421. Cmdr. Gresham reminded residents to call 911 in an emergency, not the Area Lt. or Watch Commander.

Commissioners Solomon and Roaché announced the upcoming Public Safety meeting on June 25th.

Financial Report

(Treasurer) Commissioner Jones reported that finances are secure.

Transportation Report

Department of Public Works Report

Commissioner Jones explained that yard debris should be bagged separately from trash and put in tree boxes on recycling pick up day.

Community Comment

Cory Peterson of Georgetown U. Neighborhood Life reported that the Georgetown student move outs were improving in efficiency and cleanliness and announced that the university would pick up bulk trash and donations from the neighborhood by request during student move outs in May.

Joe Luther, President of the Georgetown University Student Association introduced himself and offered his email to the community: JEL85@georgetown.edu

eli Hoffman of the DCPS Outreach Team introduced himself tot he community and offered his contact information: elias.hoffman@dc.gov. www.emocdc.org

A GU student representative asked about he petition to keep the student body to 2010 Campus Plan and use the current buildings rather than building new ones. Commissioner Lewis noted the concern and commented that the ANC is working with the University on the Campus Plan.

New Business

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion:

With regard to 3000 M St., NW:

ANC 2E endorses the extension of the curb cut to 24 feet as presented.

The motion was seconded and carries 8-0.

Commissioner Starrrels made the following motion:

With regard to Lawyers Have Heart 5K and 10K:

ANC 2E endorses the Lawyers Have Heart race planned for Saturday June 13, 2015.

The motion was seconded and carries 8-0.

Commissioner Lewis made the following motion:

With regard to West Side Club picnics:

ANC 2E supports the request of the West Side Club to have picnics in Volta Park on May 25th, July 3rd and September 7, 2015.

The motion was seconded and carries 8-0.

Zoning

Commissioner Roaché made the following motion:

With regard to the Center for Hellenic Studies, 3100 Whitehaven St., NW. Case # 15-06:
ANC 2E has no objection to the zoning renewal for the Center for Hellenic Studies.

The motion was seconded and carries 8-0.

Commissioner Birch made the following motion:

With regard to 2907 P St., NW BZA application # 19008:
ANC 2E has no objection to the request for a special exception on the plans proposed for a two story rear addition to the house at 2907 P St., NW in that it presents minimal impact on adjacent properties and poses a minimal increase in the allowed lot coverage within the constraints presented by the configuration of the property.

The motion was seconded and carries 8-0.

ABC

Commissioner Birch made the following motion:

With regard to Eastbanc/L2 Lounge:

ANC 2E has no objection to amending the Voluntary Agreement to reflect the hours for dancing.

The motion was seconded and carries 8-0.

Old Georgetown Board

Commissioner Birch chaired the OGB portion of the agenda.

Commissioner Jones made the following motion:

With Regard to 3107 Dumbarton St., NW:

ANC2E strongly opposes this proposal and is extremely disappointed that the applicant's attempt to circumvent the process which protects the Georgetown Historic District by completing work without proper permits. ANC 2E believes the extent of the unpermitted work severely damages the historic character of this important colonial revival property, dating back to 1898 and in which former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles resided.

Unfortunately, we find:

- that the synthetic stucco is inappropriate and is completely out of character for this brick home and should not be placed on any exterior portion of this property whatsoever. The current stucco should be removed without delay.
- the exterior structure demolition for new windows was highly inappropriate and dramatically changes the historic character of this property. All new openings should be repaired and closed with the appropriate historic bricks that match existing bricks in color and style
- the modern single pane windows are historically out of character and inappropriate
- the increased roof height changes the massing and appearance of this property in a manner which is clearly a negative impact on this property's historic character. The roof and demolished chimney should be restored completely to their original height and type of materials.
- The shutters should not have been removed and the original shutters should be reinstalled or, if necessary, rebuilt and replaced in kind.
- The removal of the front door, elliptical light fan window, and transom railings was not historically in keeping with this property and these elements as well as any related unpermitted changes should be restored to their original condition.

In summary, these egregious and severely damaging proposed changes to the historic character of 3107 Dumbarton, NW are completely void of any respect toward the Georgetown Historic District. We ask the Old Georgetown Board, the Historic Preservation Office, and the District's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to use all legal means possible to deny any of the proposed changes by this applicant and to ensure the applicant takes all necessary steps to return the house to its pre-existing design. It should be noted that ANC 2E has received a large number of complaints regarding the proposed changes and the unpermitted work. We strongly support restoring this property to its prior condition as soon as possible.

The motion was seconded and carries 8-0.

Commissioner Jones made the following motion:

With regard to 3255-3259 Prospect Street, NW :

ANC2e opposes the proposed plan due to continued concerns with the impact on the historic character on the Georgetown Historic District due to:

- the height of the building, which should be lowered
- although the massing was reduced from previous proposals , it is still too large and should be reduced further
- there is lack of sufficient setback from properties on N street. This is especially noticeable due to the very tight constraints of this space in relation nearby properties
- impacts on the historic context this proposal has in relation to properties on N, Potomac and Prospect Streets, including the importance of an appropriate transition between the surrounding buildings

We greatly encourage the applicant to continue working with the adjacent neighbors, and look forward to resolving these concerns.

The motion was seconded and carries 8-0.

Commissioner Birch made the following motion:

With Regard to 1351 Wisconsin Ave., NW:

ANC 2E has no objection to the changes to the window and door openings of the façade of 1351 Wisconsin Avenue, NW.

Commissioner Roaché made the following motion:

With regard to 1609 31st St. NW:

ANC 2E opposes the total replacement of the house at 1609 31st St., NW and would look to the OGB to guide through an extensive renovation of the existing structure to meet the needs of the owner.

The motion was seconded and carries 6-1, with one commissioner abstaining.

At 10:02 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