

**Minutes for the Public Meeting of  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC2E**

Tuesday, May 4, 2004  
Georgetown Visitation School

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Chairman Birch with all Commissioners present, constituting a quorum.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNITY COMMENT**

**Minutes of March 30:** The minutes of the March 30, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed by Commissioner Glick.

**Financial Quarterly Report:** The approval for the report for January 1 through March 31, 2004 was postponed.

**The Honorable Jack Evans, Councilmember for Ward 2:** Councilman Evans was present for the swearing in of John Lever and made some remarks before the swearing-in. He expressed his satisfaction with the progress of the Georgetown Project as well as the Volta Park Pool Project. He discussed the the District's school system and noted that he was outraged with the current lead problem in the water. Evans noted the city had problems, but was certainly on an upswing.

**Swearing-In of John Lever:** John Lever was sworn in by Councilman Evans to fill the vacancy in SMD 02 left by former Commissioner Jason Hurdle.

Commissioner Lever thanked the community briefly, stating, "I pledge to do my best to further our unique and diverse community."

**Election of a new treasurer:** Commissioner Glick nominated (Skelsey second) Commissioner Lever for treasurer, which passed unanimously.

**DCRA's role regarding 1329 Wisconsin Avenue:** Chairman Birch discussed the status of the dilapidated building which may be subject to demolition by neglect. He stated that this is an eyesore and is an economic detriment to the city. The ANC will work with DCRA to find a reasonable and expedient solution to this problem.

**Trash and recyclables on the Georgetown Waterfront:** Christine Fletcher of the Surfrider Foundation was present to seek the ANC's assistance for the Surfrider Foundation, a non-profit environmental group, to bring recycling bins to the Waterfront. Commissioner Glick moved (Birch second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E supports the efforts of the Surfrider Foundation to address the problems of the trash overflow and the lack of recyclable bins on the Georgetown waterfront. We encourage you to work with the National Park Service and the Georgetown BID in your endeavor.

**Recycling Program:** Bill Easley, Manager, Department of Public Works, came to discuss the nature of the District's recycling program. DPW outsources the recycling service to three companies, and they are responsible for weekly pick-ups. Mr. Easley assured citizens that it is not a waste of time to separate recyclables. He also discussed plans for the implementation of a modified recycling program requiring the use of new, larger bins. Many residents warned that this would be impractical and encouraged further discussion on this issue. Mr. Easley stated that any problems with recycling can be reported by calling 727-1000.

**Police Report:** Sargeant Bill Cummings provided the monthly police report. There has been a change in the Public Service Areas and PSA 205 and PSA 206 have been roughly combined into PSA 206. A map is available at <http://www.mppdc.org>. Sgt. Cummings reported that the pilot program for the pager system has concluded and is being evaluated. He was also pleased to report that crime statistics were down in April for the PSA and that funds have been secured to allow for overtime starting the weekend of May 8-9 and continuing until the end of August. The overtime shift will allow for more police from 8pm to 4am.

The next meeting for the Partnerships for Problem Solving will take place on May 19 at St. John's Church.

**Georgetown Project:** Commissioner Levine gave his report, noting at the beginning that it has been three years since the project started. M Street has been completed with the exception of final painting of crosswalks. Newspaper corrals, bicycle racks, and parking meters are yet to be installed, and some no parking signs remain. On Wisconsin Avenue, work continues by WASA, PEPCO, and DDOT. It is still anticipated that the project will be completed in July 2005.

Karyn LeBlanc provided a few further announcements:  
PEPCO will be doing service work on the South Street in the near future in regard to three commercial townhouses.

With regard to the O and P Street Trolley Tracks, Section 106 is not back yet and the project is being delayed. The contact award will not be given until at least June 1. Another public meeting will be held beforehand.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SPECIAL ITEMS**

**Lawyers Have Heart Race:** Representatives were on hand to seek the ANC's support for a 10K race scheduled for the morning of Saturday, June 12. The race will require the closure of Whitehurst freeway and part of Canal Road during the early morning hours. Representatives were receptive to recommendations from Commissioners and residents concerning advertising, maps, and notification of affected parties. Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E approves the Lawyers Have Heart race scheduled for June 12, 2004 which begins and ends at Washington Harbour in Georgetown. ANC 2E congratulates the organizers for proposing a route that will hopefully have a minimum impact on the community.

**Trash at Aditi and Rhino's:** Commissioner Starrels reported that concerns had recently been raised about the presence of a large number of trash cans on the 1200 block of 33rd street outside Aditi and Rhino's. Commissioner Ryan had spoken to the proprietors and was proud to announce that the trash had been removed. Commissioner Starrels thanked Rhino's for their cooperation.

### **ABC MATTERS**

**Bangkok Joe's:** The owners of Bangkok Joe's in Washington Harbour requested a change to their license to allow for 50 seats outside. Commissioner Starrels stated that Washington Harbour is a mixed-use area and that the interests of the restaurant owner needed to be balanced with the interests of residents living nearby. Commissioner Levine stated that he could not endorse the change because the restaurant had not acted in compliance to their Voluntary Agreement previously. Commissioner Glick reasoned that a compromise could be reached to allow for some outdoor seating in a limited timeframe and under certain conditions. Commissioner Starrels moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-2 (Glick, Lever dissenting):

ANC 2E does not support the applicant's request for outdoor seating both in front of the establishment and on the adjacent property because of the direct impact it would have on the peace, order and quiet of the residential properties located in close proximity to the establishment.

### **ZONING AND PLANNING**

Commissioner Skelsey moved (Glick second) for adoption of the **Consent Calendar**, indicating that no opposition to the following projects had been voiced before the ANC:

OGB#04-153, 1302 30<sup>th</sup> Street

OGB#04-154, 1248 36<sup>th</sup> Street

OGB#04-155, 3604 O Street

**Langhorne Residence, 1680 31st Street:** Application #17161 to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Commissioner Birch moved (Skelsey second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Glick, Starrels absent):

ANC 2E has no objection for the Board of Zoning Adjustment to allow the applicant a special exception for a second story glass enclosed addition at 1680 31<sup>st</sup> Street.

**Bennett Residence, 1557 33rd Street:** Application #17162 to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Commissioner Birch moved (Lever second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E 's review of the project at 1557 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, and the application for a special exception causes us to advise the Board of Zoning Adjustment to be aware that their continues to be concerns raised by an abutting neighbor having to do with the purposes of which the special exception is requested. We appreciate the refurbishment of the structure and encourage the project's completion.

**Anthropologie, 3232 M Street:** Commissioner Glick recused himself from the discussion of this issue. Commissioner Starrels moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Glick recusing):

ANC 2E has no objection to the proposed storefront alterations and signage as presented.

**Polo, 3040 M Street:** Commissioner Starrels moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E has no objection to the awnings and signage as presented.

**Chez Mama San, 1039 33rd Street:** The part of the project in question was the proposed mural facing M Street. Commissioner Starrels moved (Glick second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-2 (Levine, Skelsey dissenting):

ANC 2E has no objection to the signage but does have an issue with the graphic/mural proposed for the building façade.

**1247 Wisconsin Avenue:** Commissioner Birch moved (Starrels second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-1 (Ryan second):

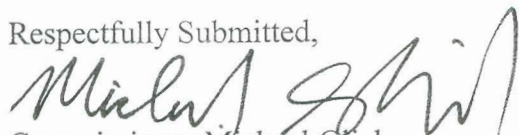
ANC 2E supports the project as presented.

**Dean Residence, 2819 P Street:** Commissioner Birch moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E objects to the proposal for a stairway to the roof and the use of the roof space.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Commissioner Michael Glick  
Secretary, ANC2E