



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. H. Alan Brangman, Chairman, and Members of the Board
Old Georgetown Board
401 F Street NW, Suite 312
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Dear Chairman Brangman and Members of the Board:

On November 29, 2021 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by six commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on December 2, 2021:

With regard to OG 22-017 (HPA 21-172) Curb Lane of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue, NW:

ANC 2E opposes the Georgetown Business Improvement District's pending application for an extension of the temporary public space permit issued by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to facilitate the installation of platforms in the curb lanes of Wisconsin Avenue NW and M Street NW beyond its current expiration date of December 31, 2021.

With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 22-042 (HPA 22-070) 3401 Water Street, NW:

ANC 2E believes that this area of our community has two critical needs: (1) 24/7 activity to mitigate the illegal activity that currently takes place under the cover of darkness and desolation, and (2) development that is sensitive to the overall architectural and historic fabric of the community which preserves key viewsheds unique to the ANC's neighborhood.

With this in mind, ANC 2E feels strongly that it is important to redevelop this parcel along Water Street NW due, in particular, to the unsafe conditions there after dark. The ANC knows that adding a building with 24/7 activity as proposed here will make this area far less attractive for illegal behavior. As such, the ANC welcomes this concept proposal.

ANC 2E appreciates the care that has been taken to ensure that a new building in this location will feel relevant from a design and historical perspective. The references to other buildings through the design of the windows and doors, including color choices, are appreciated. As much as the ANC prefers to keep the view as is, the ANC also appreciates that any new development

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on this parcel of land is likely to substantially change the viewshed of the waterfront. The ANC understands that the proposed height is equivalent to the previous Old Georgetown Board (OGB) supported concept design for this parcel. However, the ANC continues to ask OGB to pay particular attention to the height of this proposed building in the current concept design in order to ensure that the proposed design is both efficient for the developers as well as height-appropriate for the neighborhood. If it is deemed to be appropriate, the ANC further asks OGB and the developers to consider if there may be a way to adjust where the height is situated within the boundaries of the building in order to mitigate any undesirable yet solvable changes to the viewshed.

Finally, as the concept moves forward, ANC 2E strongly requests the following:

1. the developers implement various safety related measures, including the installation of ample lighting on all four sides of the building, in part to serve an expected increase in visitors related to the proposed revisioning of the canal area currently being contemplated as part of the Georgetown Heritage project,
2. the developers refine any floodplain mitigation plans and share these plans with the community,
3. the developers work closely with the Potomac Boat Club, Georgetown Heritage, and other organizations located in close proximity to the proposed site, and
4. the developers create a location for vehicles to drop off passengers and for trash trucks to turn around in order to leave Water Street NW without making a U-turn on Water Street NW itself.

With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 22-032 (HPA 22-060) 1055 Wisconsin Avenue, NW:

ANC 2E supports the installation of a sliding glass and steel panel enclosure on the terrace facing the C&O Canal at 1055 Wisconsin Avenue NW.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E