



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 31st, 2020; 6:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Commissioner Rick Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Joe Gibbons (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Anna Landre (2E04), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), Elizabeth Miller (2E07), and Matias Burdman (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the ANC's August 31st, 2020 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's August 31st, 2020 meeting agenda. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's June 29th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's June 29th, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0)

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

Commander Duncan Bedlion, the Commander of the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2020 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's FY 2020 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Burdman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Community Comment

Update from the Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an update from the Mayor's Office.

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto

Emmanuel Brantley, the Communications Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an update from the Councilmember's Office.

Update from the Georgetown BID

Joe Sternlieb, the CEO and President of the Georgetown BID, gave an update from the organization.

Update from the Georgetown Business Association

No one was present regarding this matter.

Update from Georgetown Main Street

Rachel Shank, the Executive Director of Georgetown Main Street (GMS), gave an update from the organization.

Update from the Citizens Association of Georgetown

Tara Sakraida Parker, the President of the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG), gave an update from the organization.

Update from the Burleith Citizens Association

Eric Langenbacher, the President of the Burleith Citizens Association (BCA), gave an update from the organization.

Update from the Georgetown Lutheran Church

Charles Bushman, the President of the Georgetown Lutheran Church's Church Council, gave an update from the church.

Update from the Georgetown Ministry Center

Outerbridge Horsey, a board member of the Georgetown Ministry Center, gave an update from the organization.

Reminder Regarding the 2020 Census

Chair Murphy reminded local residents to fill out their 2020 Census.

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Passing of John Thompson

Commissioner Putta moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Burdman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, John Thompson III was born in southeast DC in 1941 and 43 years later coached the Georgetown University Hoyas men’s basketball team to the NCAA championship – the first African-American head coach in history to do so – leading the Hoyas to a 596-239 record during his 27-year tenure for which he was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame,

WHEREAS, Thompson bravely boycotted games to help change an NCAA rule that hurt players from low-income backgrounds the most, and

WHEREAS, off the court, Thompson worked to improve the lives of the underserved in the District of Columbia, especially underserved youth, including in 2013 when he saved a Boys & Girls Club from closure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E hereby honors the life and legacy of John Thompson III and calls upon the Mayor and the DC Council to honor him as well such that his legacy is never forgotten by the residents of the District of Columbia.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Application by Fountain Inn for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 1659 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Commissioner Putta recused himself from voting on this matter.

Commissioner Gibbons moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E protests Fountain Inn’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 1659 Wisconsin Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and agrees to withdraw such protest if and when an acceptable settlement agreement is signed by the applicant and ANC 2E.

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioners Joe Gibbons and Rick Murphy to sign a settlement agreement with the applicant. The ANC also authorizes Peter Sacco, the ANC’s Executive Director, to represent the ANC at all related hearings regarding the application.

Public Space Committee

Public Space Application by Foxtrot Market & Café for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 10 Tables and 26 Seats at 1267 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E welcomes Foxtrot to the neighborhood and looks forward to their opening. The ANC appreciates the importance of outside seating availability, particularly during the re-opening phases of our city. Due to the fact that N Street NW becomes residential just east of

this establishment, the ANC wishes to share the following feedback with the Public Space Committee for its consideration:

1. The establishment has agreed to close its sidewalk café by 9:00 pm nightly and requests that the tables and chairs be removed from the sidewalk at that time and not just locked up along the block. This is a tidy residential block and ANC 2E would like that to continue even when the restaurant is closed; leaving the chairs locked up does not fit with the block's aesthetic.
2. ANC 2E requests that the establishment considers pulling back the most eastern table so that patrons are not sitting so close to a residence, even if those tables are only removed after 7:00 pm. The closest neighbor to the establishment shares: "Since construction has begun, there has been a notable increase in rodents as well as loitering on our property. The outdoor seating would certainly encourage more trash and loitering."
3. As discussed with the applicant, ANC 2E believes that subtle lighting like twinkle lights would be a nice addition to the concept design but requests that any such addition of lighting be carefully installed so that residents are not impacted by the lights from within their homes.
4. ANC 2E strongly requests that with any addition of table seating, ample places for the discarding of trash along Wisconsin Avenue NW, not on N Street NW, are also added. Residents have already expressed concern about the growing rat population in that area and the ANC shares their concerns that the addition of new food sources without appropriate places to dispose of such food could lead to an increase in the rat population.
5. ANC 2E would like to be on the record at this time of supporting a sidewalk café that provides at least six feet of clear space for pedestrians between tree boxes and the seating but does not support any additional seating curbside in this area, including no stateries or parklets.
6. Finally, ANC 2E has seen many sidewalk cafes across the neighborhood "creep" into areas that were not permitted for sidewalk café use. In an attempt to avoid this situation on this corner as well as to discourage use of the tables and chairs from folks who are not patrons of the business, the ANC would like to see the applicant consider some sort of barrier which indicates where the sidewalk café ends and the pedestrian sidewalk begins.

In conclusion, ANC 2E strongly supports the addition of a sidewalk café by Foxtrot at 1267 Wisconsin Avenue NW provided that the aforementioned concerns are addressed.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E05 - OG 20-227 (HPA 20-421) 1267 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

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SMD 2E03 - OG 20-238 (HPA 20-432) 3401 Prospect Street, NW

Chair Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E notes that roof decks are not common features on houses built during the period of significance in historic Georgetown. The ANC has a traditional practice of opposing the construction of roof decks when concept designs are proposed to the Old Georgetown Board.

The ANC sees nothing in this proposal to suggest that we should retreat from that historic position within the ANC, notwithstanding the fact that we are very pleased with all of the other features of the project that are being executed by the owners of this property.

Therefore, ANC 2E urges the Old Georgetown Board to consider this project carefully and to reject the portion of the project that proposes the extension of the existing roof terrace which may or may not be properly permitted.

SMD 2E05 - OG 20-243 (HPA 20-437) 2818 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E understands that the applicant has pulled its plans for this coming Old Georgetown Board meeting. While the ANC does have some general concerns about adding a penthouse to this building, we look forward to reviewing a more definitive set of concept drawings at the time when the applicant wishes to move those plans forward.

SMD 2E07 - OG 20-260 (HPA 20-454) 2715 Q Street, NW

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the plans of Dumbarton House to provide wayfinding signs and other interpretative signs to enhance the ability of visitors to enjoy this historic property.

SMD 2E07 - OG 20-234 (HPA 20-428) 3023 Dent Place, NW

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E has no comment regarding this application.

Adjournment

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.