



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 29th, 2018; 6:30 p.m.
Georgetown Visitation School, Heritage Room – 1524 35th Street NW

Call to Order

Chair Joe Gibbons called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Commissioners Ed Solomon (2E01), Joe Gibbons (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Mara Goldman (2E04), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Jim Wilcox (2E06), Monica Roache (2E07), and Zac Schroepfer (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the ANC's January 29th, 2018 Meeting Agenda

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's January 29th, 2018 meeting agenda. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0)

Approval of the ANC's January 3rd, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's January 3rd, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

Lt. Dustin Bellavance, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, introduced himself to meeting attendees as a new Lieutenant in the Second District. He gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Consideration of a Proposed Salary Increase for the ANC's Executive Director

Chair Gibbons moved to increase the salary for Peter Sacco, the ANC's Executive Director, to \$1,266.67 per month, beginning with work performed during the month of February 2018. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Authorization of Commissioner Solomon to Represent ANC 2E Regarding the Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for 3608 S Street NW

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

ANC 2E notes that Board of Zoning Adjustment application #19672 for 3608 S Street NW concerns a project proposed for a house located in single member district 2E01, the district represented by Commissioner Ed Solomon. ANC 2E confirms that Commissioner Solomon is, and has been, authorized to represent ANC 2E before the Board of Zoning Adjustment in all matters related to this application.

Community Comment

Update from the Mayor's Office

Chair Gibbons said that Richard Livingstone, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), will be coming to the ANC meeting later in the evening. He said that the deadline for signing up for health insurance through DC Health Link, DC's health insurance marketplace, is Wednesday, January 31st. He encouraged local residents to pass along any community concerns to Mr. Livingstone, who can be reached via phone at (202) 671-0727 or via email at Richard.livingstone@dc.gov.

Update from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the DC Council is preparing for agency oversight and agency budget hearing season. She said that local residents are invited to testify at any of the oversight and budget hearings. She said that Mayor Bowser will soon be presenting her proposed FY 2019 budget to the DC Council for review.

Update from the Citizens Association of Georgetown

There was no update regarding this matter.

Update from the Burleith Citizens Association

Eric Langenbacher, the President of the Burleith Citizens Association, said that a new sidewalk has been installed on the 3800 block of T Street NW. He said that the neighborhood continues to have many conversations regarding parking concerns.

Commissioner Solomon said that the development project at the former Holiday Inn site at 2101 Wisconsin Ave NW continues to move forward. He said that the development team will soon begin discussions with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding traffic management in the area of the development. He said that traffic management strategies will be important given the planned opening of a Trader Joe's within the development.

Update from the Georgetown Business Association

There was no update regarding this matter.

Update from the Georgetown Village

Gail Nordheimer, the President of the Georgetown Village, gave an overview of the services that the Village offers to its members. She said that Carol Schwartz, a former DC Councilmember,

will be speaking at a Village event on Thursday, February 8th at 6:00 pm at Christ Church, 3116 O Street NW. She encouraged local residents to attend the event.

Update from Georgetown University's Office of Government Relations and Community Engagement

Peter Prindiville, a representative for Georgetown University's Office of Government Relations and Community Engagement, gave an overview of a new publication published by the office which is called "Georgetown University in the District of Columbia." He said that the publication will highlight the university's engagement with the larger DC community. He encouraged local residents to subscribe to receive the new publication. He said that the office will also continue to publish the weekly "Neighborhood News" publication.

Update from MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

Chair Gibbons said that MedStar Georgetown University Hospital will begin renovating the hospital's Garage 1 on Monday, January 29th. He said that the work will take place from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Monday through Friday and from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturdays. He said that the project will continue through the end of the calendar year.

Chair Gibbons gave an overview of the areas inside of the garage and adjacent to the garage that will be closed to facilitate the construction work. He said that any local residents who have concerns regarding the construction work can contact Regina Knox Woods, a representative for MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, at (202) 288-0893.

Update from the DC Fair Skies Coalition

Commissioner Solomon gave an overview of the recent U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit hearing on the DC Fair Skies Coalition's lawsuit against the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He said that the coalition was pleased with the arguments made by its counsel during the hearing. He said that it is difficult to predict what the outcome of the case will be.

Announcement Regarding Upcoming Public Hearings on DC's Smart Lighting Project

Chair Gibbons said that DDOT, the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), and the Office of Public-Private Partnerships (OP3) have announced that they will hold public hearings regarding the Smart Lighting Project, which seeks to modernize DC's more than 75,000 streetlights with LED light bulbs. He said that the first hearing will take place on Thursday, February 22nd from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Capitol View Library, 5001 Central Avenue SE, and that the second hearing will take place on Saturday, February 24th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Mt. Pleasant Library, 3160 16th Street NW. He encouraged local residents to attend the hearings.

Presentation by the Georgetown BID Regarding the Results of the BID's Georgetown Resident Survey

Jamie Scott, the Director of Planning and Economic Development for the Georgetown BID, gave a visual presentation regarding the results of a recent survey carried out by the BID, which asked local residents about their neighborhood retail preferences.

Presentation by Sarah Fashbaugh, Community Resource Officer for the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, Regarding the Upcoming License Renewal Season

Sarah Fashbaugh, the Community Resource Officer for the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA), encouraged local residents to let ABRA know if they are having any issues with local establishments. She said that residents can call ABRA's complaint hotline at (202) 329-6347 for any concerns during late-night hours. She said that the hotline is staffed from 7:00 pm to 3:00 am every night of the week.

She said that placards will be going up in March for the renewal of all Class "A" license establishments, including liquor stores. She encouraged local residents to reach out to her if they have any questions about the license renewal or protest process.

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Notice of Intent by the District Department of Transportation to Modify Parking and Traffic Requirements on the 3200 Block of O Street NW for School Loading and Unloading

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

ANC 2E supports the District Department of Transportation's decision to clarify the parking requirements associated with providing spaces for school bus operations during the ongoing Hyde-Addison Elementary School construction project.

Report on the Section 106 Review of the Potomac River Stormwater Retention Tunnel Project

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

ANC 2E has been asked to comment upon the Areas of Potential Effects proposed with respect to Components 8 and 9 of the Potomac River Stormwater Retention Tunnel Project. ANC 2E believes that the Areas of Potential Effects identified by DC Water have been drawn too narrowly and should be expanded to include the entire area of the Georgetown Historic District that lies south of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Application by Bluefin Sushi To Go to Transfer the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License from 1515 Wisconsin Avenue NW to a New Location at 3073 Canal Street NW

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding Bluefin Sushi To Go's license application. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E protests the license application by Bluefin Sushi To Go based on issues related to peace, order, and quiet.

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the designated ANC representatives for Bluefin Sushi To Go's license application. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E designates Commissioners Lisa Palmer (2E05@anc.dc.gov) and Joe Gibbons (2E02@anc.dc.gov) as representatives

Zoning

Application by Richard Hall for a Special Exception from the Rear Yard Requirements and the Non-Conforming Structure Requirements to Construct a Second Floor Rear Addition at 1959 39th Street NW

Commissioner Solomon moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the Board of Zoning Adjustment application for 1959 39th Street NW. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E has received the application for a special exception from the rear yard requirements and the non-conforming structure requirements to construct a second floor rear addition and a bay window at 1959 39th Street NW. The proposed addition would extend 8 feet, 2 and a half inches to be flush with the property to the north. A bay window to be constructed on the south side of the addition will extend 18 inches.

ANC 2E previously approved a special exception from the rear yard requirements at this property to construct a non-conforming deck. There was no community opposition to the granting of that special exception.

The neighbors abutting 1959 39th Street NW to the north and south have no objection to BZA application #19698. ANC 2E recommends that the application for a special exception be approved to construct a second floor rear addition and a bay window.

Commissioner Solomon moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the designated ANC representatives for the Board of Zoning Adjustment application for 1959 39th Street NW. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Ed Solomon (2E01@anc.dc.gov) to represent ANC 2E before the Board of Zoning Adjustment in all matters related to BZA application #19698 for 1959 39th Street NW.

Commission of Fine Arts

Update Regarding the Application by the District Department of Transportation for the Key Bridge Architectural Lighting Project

Chair Gibbons gave an overview of the lighting improvements that DDOT is currently proposing for the Key Bridge as part of the agency's Key Bridge Architectural Lighting Project. He said that DDOT will be giving a presentation to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) on Thursday, February 15th regarding the project. He said that one major issue that DDOT will be discussing during the CFA presentation is the proposed installation of colored lighting on the bridge. He said that the discussion will focus on what colors will be used, what entity will manage the colored lighting, and how many days per year will colored lighting be allowed, among other topics.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E05 - OG 17-245 (HPA 17-440) 1222 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

SMD 2E02 - OG 18-079 (HPA 18-158) 3632 Reservoir Road, NW

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

ANC 2E notes that the applicant misclassified its Old Georgetown Board application.

ANC 2E notes that the applicant's townhouse is in a federally-protected historic district.

ANC 2E notes that the applicant's townhouse is not a contributing historic structure in Georgetown.

ANC 2E notes that the applicant's townhouse was built in the 1980s.

ANC 2E notes that the applicant received design approval from its homeowner's association.

ANC 2E notes that the commission does not approve of composite materials on front elevations for residential windows and front doors in historic buildings or in historic streetscapes.

ANC 2E believes that the use of composite materials, especially for front windows and doors, is inconsistent with our community's historic character.

ANC 2E notes that the applicant's townhouse is not situated on a historic residential street.

ANC 2E notes that the applicant's townhouse faces the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Burleith.

ANC 2E notes that the Historic Preservation Review Board's Window Repair and Replacement Preservation and Design Guidelines state the following:

1. Level of Property Significance: Historic properties may merit different levels of treatment depending on their relative significance. Buildings of greater architectural or historical character may warrant more careful treatment. Changes to properties in historic districts are reviewed in the context of their relative significance to the district.
2. If existing windows are not historic windows, replacements should be consistent with the historic design. If the historic design is not known, the new window should be consistent with the architectural character of the building and compatible in general character.
3. Replacement windows on non-contributing buildings in historic districts should be compatible with the character of windows in the district. Replication of the existing windows is not required.

Therefore, ANC 2E supports this specific Old Georgetown Board submission, changed to concept design, for composite materials for the front elevation windows and front door of the applicant's Cloisters townhouse at this exact location in Georgetown.

SMD 2E03 - OG 18-082 (HPA 18-161) 3251 Prospect Street, NW

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

ANC 2E notes that 3251 Prospect Street NW is not a contributing historic structure under the Old Georgetown Act. ANC 2E has reviewed the photo studies of what the installation would look like and concludes that it has no objection to this proposed project.

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-078 (HPA 18-150) 3134 Dumbarton Street, NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter due to the absence of the applicant.

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-076 (HPA 18-143) 3232 Prospect Street, NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter due to the absence of the applicant.

SMD 2E05 - OG 17-322 (HPA 17-550) 3100 South Street, NW

Commissioner Palmer recused herself from voting on this matter.

Chair Gibbons moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E is appreciative of the applicant's reduction of the scope of its latest Old Georgetown Board submission.

ANC 2E believes that this concept design of a transparent addition allows for distinctive interior spatial relationships to the historic building.

ANC 2E believes that this proposed addition's transparency allows for greater opportunities to enjoy viewing the historic fabric.

ANC 2E believes that this proposed addition allows for it to be completely subordinate and secondary to the historic building.

ANC 2E believes that this east location allows the community to view the historic smokestack in its proper relationship to the old incinerator building.

ANC 2E believes that this east location allows for the interior and any exterior activities to be respectful to the residents of the Ritz Carlton.

ANC 2E believes that this proposed addition's transparent construction allows for the grade changes to be consistent when viewing both the historic architecture and the fabric of the existing building.

ANC 2E believes that this current concept design, significantly Option A, clearly maintains a respect for the historic fabric and architecture.

ANC 2E believes that the concept designs of the other options are acceptable.

Therefore, ANC 2E supports this concept design.

SMD 2E07 - OG 18-080 (HPA 18-159) 2735 P Street, NW

Commissioner Roache recused herself from voting on this matter.

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

ANC 2E has serious concerns regarding the applicant's concept design to create a driveway between two utility poles. The applicant is claiming that DC Zoning Regulations Title 11, Subtitle C, § 711.5 allows for this concept design to create the driveway. The section states:



711 ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

711.5 Within twenty feet (20 ft.) of all street lot lines, a driveway shall be at least eight feet (8 ft.) wide and not more than ten feet (10 ft.) wide if it:

- a) provides access to parking spaces serving a single dwelling unit or flat,
- b) Provides access to no more than two (2) parking spaces for any use, or
- c) Provides shared access across public or private property to no more than three (3) single dwelling units or flats.

ANC 2E contends that this section refers to measurements from a street. There is no language in this section providing the applicant the legal ability to create a driveway between two utility poles.

ANC 2E believes that this aspect of the applicant's concept design is in violation of the DC Zoning Regulations Title 11, Subtitle C, Chapter 7 – Vehicle Parking, which states:

§ 701.1 This chapter provides parking regulations intended to:

- a) Ensure that vehicular parking areas are located, accessed, and designed to minimize negative impacts on adjacent property, urban design, the pedestrian environment, and public spaces,
- b) Ensure that vehicle parking areas are safe and accessible, and
- c) Ensure that surface parking areas are planted and landscaped to be compatible with their surroundings, and to reduce environmental impacts.

ANC 2E believes that this concept design must be submitted to the DC Office of Zoning to be in compliance with the following DC Zoning Regulations sections:

- § 700.2 Any building permit application for new construction or an addition to an existing building shall be accompanied by a detailed parking plan demonstrating full compliance with this chapter.
- § 700.3 The Zoning Administrator may, at his or her discretion, request that the District Department of Transportation review and make a recommendation regarding any item on the vehicle parking plan prior to approving the building permit application.

ANC 2E believes that the applicant should undertake all engineering studies to prove that there will be no harm to the integrity of the utility poles.

ANC 2E believes that the applicant should provide to our community documentation from the utility companies affected by this concept design that the proposed driveway is acceptable.

ANC 2E believes the applicant's concept design of the driveway between two utility poles is a substantial detriment to the public good and impairs the integrity of Georgetown's historic viewsheds in the neighborhood's public alleys.

ANC 2E has serious concerns with the applicant's desire to demolish the original Hugh Newell Jacobsen architecture on the rear of the first floor. ANC 2E believes that this destruction of historic fabric is an unwarranted and unnecessary way of providing access to the backyard.

ANC 2E believes that the overall concept design of the rear yard plan has a disproportionate amount of impervious surface. This concentration of hardscaping goes against our community's values of proper drainage and ecological needs of green space.

Therefore, ANC 2E has determined this proposed concept design has severe defects consisting of improper construction of the driveway and demolition of the original historic architecture. ANC 2E is also extremely concerned that the applicant willfully ignored the neighbor notification laws. ANC 2E will not support this concept design

SMD 2E03 - OG 18-103 (HPA 18-187) 3251 Prospect Street, NW

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

ANC 2E has reviewed, with interest, the proposal for the addition of a roof deck at 3251 Prospect Street NW. ANC 2E notes how much it values the existence of Café Milano in our neighborhood and how much the commission wants the restaurant to continue to succeed.

ANC 2E also notes that there have been no objections to this proposal from residents in the Madelon Condominiums, who would be the residents most affected by this plan.

ANC 2E also notes that the applicant does not plan to have live music on the deck at any time, and that if there is any recorded music, it would be similar to the recorded music that is broadcasted into the summer gardens to the west and east of the existing dining room on the first floor.

ANC 2E is however concerned that the proposal as presented to the ANC does not provide any information on the possibility that in the summer months the applicant may have the need to install awnings or umbrellas on the proposed deck, and therefore asks the Old Georgetown Board to take that possibility into consideration and perhaps ask the applicant to provide schematics showing how that addition would affect the streetscape on Prospect Street NW.

Otherwise, ANC 2E has no further comments with respect to the application.

SMD 2E06 - OG 18-102 (HPA 18-186) 3053 P Street, NW

Commissioner Wilcox moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E objects to the applicant's proposal for a major alteration to the large, iconic home located at 3053 P Street NW. According to a description online, the existing building is already approximately 9,000 square feet and therefore is very large in the context of most nearby homes. Although the applicant does not propose to alter the front facade of the house, it proposes major alterations and expansions to the east and rear sides of the property that are visible from P Street and West Lane Keys NW. They include:

1. a two-story glass bay window instead of a smaller existing window,
2. a sizable, contemporary-styled glass-faced extension along much of the rest of the east side of the building,
3. a new second story deck, and
4. an elevated patio topped with a long pergola structure nearly eleven feet high running along the rear of the property and close to the east property line.

Each of these new elements is inconsistent and squarely at odds with the distinctive architectural style and design of the existing building.

In support of that conclusion, we recommend that the Old Georgetown Board compare the proposed additions on ST.2 with the existing northeast perspective on IMG.2 and the existing southwest elevation on IMG.1.

Furthermore, ANC 2E generally objects to the creation of elevated decks, such as the one proposed here. Additionally, the proposed pergola structure also looms over the existing brick wall at the rear and east sides of the property and intrudes too significantly on the adjacent neighbors to the north and at West Lane Keys NW. This intrusion may therefore reasonably impair their enjoyment of their homes.

Finally, ANC 2E notes that the extent of the interior work involved with this project may possibly be considered significant.

Adjournment

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 9:16 pm.