



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 5th, 2016; 6:30 p.m.

Georgetown Visitation School, Heritage Room – 1524 35th Street NW

Call to Order

Vice Chair Bill Starrels called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Commissioners Ed Solomon (2E01), Jeff Jones (2E03), Mara Goldman (2E04), Bill Starrels (2E05), Monica Roache (2E07), and Reed Howard (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Starrels made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, which was approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Starrels made a motion to approve the May 31, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Howard seconded the motion, which was approved by acclamation.

Administrative Agenda

Welcoming Mara Goldman, the New Commissioner for 2E04

Commissioner Goldman introduced herself to meeting attendees. She said that she is excited to be serving on the ANC.

Financial Report

Commissioner Jones said that the ANC's finances are sound.

Transportation Report

Commissioner Jones said that he received complaints from local residents about the Key Bridge being shut down during the July 4th fireworks. He said that he would follow up with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) regarding the matter.

Environmental Report

The Commission did not have any updates regarding this matter.

Community Comment

Commissioner Roache introduced Jack Jacobson, the Ward 2 representative on the DC State Board of Education. She added that Mr. Jacobson is running for re-election during this year's general election.

Mr. Jacobson said that the State Board of Education (SBOE) is working to ensure that DC is in compliance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). He added that the Board had recently held community meetings in each of the wards regarding the matter.

Mr. Jacobson said that he is continuing to work with Councilmember Jack Evans to ensure proper funding for renovations at Hyde-Addison Elementary School, as well as for the Fillmore Arts Center. He also gave an overview of DC Public Schools (DCPS) Chancellor Kaya Henderson's recent decision to leave DCPS. He said that he has talked with the Deputy Mayor for Education about ensuring that DC holds a comprehensive search process to choose the new Chancellor.

Administrative Agenda (Continued)

Public Safety and Police Report

Lt. Gary Durand, the Lieutenant for MPD's Police Service Area (PSA) 206, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Commissioner Starrels asked about MPD's response to recent bike thefts in the neighborhood. Lt. Durand encouraged meeting attendees to register their bike's serial number with MPD.

Community Comment (Continued)

Update Regarding the Marine Corps Marathon

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

ANC 2E understands the Marine Corps Marathon's need for the following changes to the timeline of this year's event:

Original 2016 Timeline

First Athlete Enter ANC 2E: 7:56 AM

Last Athlete Exits ANC 2E: 9:43 AM

Revised Proposed 2016 Timeline

First Athlete Enter ANC 2E: 8:04 AM

Last Athlete Exits ANC 2E: 10:18 AM

We thus endorse these changes on a one-time basis with the understanding that the event organizers will re-double their efforts to shorten the amount of time for cleanup after all of the runners have passed through ANC 2E.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

Consideration of a Settlement Agreement for Malmaison (ABRA-085367) – 3401 K Street NW

Commissioner Starrels made a motion to approve the proposed supplemental agreement with Malmaison. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Zoning Agenda

2715 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (ZC No. 15-18) – Consolidated Planned Unit Development (PUD)

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

ANC 2E supports the application for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and related zoning map amendment requesting flexibility relative to 1) minimum land area requirement, 2) parking provision, and 3) rear yard setback. ANC 2E believes that the flexibility requested would improve upon the integrity of the location and contribute to the good of the community.

1) Minimum land area: ANC 2E finds the property is affected by an unusually shaped lot at the prominent gateway to the Georgetown Historic District, presenting practical difficulties to suitable development. The project proposed by the applicant for a five-story mixed-use building with ground floor restaurant and apartments above is compatible in relationship to its site. Our initial concerns with the proposed massing of the building have been addressed by adjustments with the massing embracing the contextual conditions of the buildings to the north and south. The proposed structure represents an improvement to the Georgetown cityscape in comparison to the unruly appearance of the site's existing gas station at the threshold of the historic district.

The project proposes to offer significant public amenities with its openness to the activity of the Georgetown neighborhood and the improvements to the property. The applicant intends improvements to the two National Park Service properties with improved plantings, landscaping and street trees, with particular attention to the parkland at the eastern end of the property which is currently in poor condition and the west side of the property open to the community. A new pedestrian walkway to the east of the building and retention of the Capital Bikeshare station are important contributions in the plan.

2) Parking: The applicant offers a menu of transportation options as adequate accommodations in lieu of the required three off-street parking spaces. The location is well-served by public transportation. Commercial garage parking is conveniently located nearby, and the applicant offers important considerations for car- and bike-sharing to serve the building's residents. There will be a through driveway for deliveries, for trash collection and for resident/guest drop off. By purchase agreements and deeds, resident owners will be prohibited from obtaining Residential Parking Permits

3) Rear yard setback: ANC2E has no objection to the applicant's proposal to have a rear yard of varying widths, especially in view of the benefit offered by improvements to the Park Service land abutting the property on the east, an area which has been long-neglected and would benefit the community. The aesthetics of the neighborhood will be significantly improved at this important and highly visible location.

In light of the foregoing, ANC 2E urges the Zoning Commission's approval of the application.

Old Georgetown Board Agenda

1623 33rd Street NW - OG 16-256

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

ANC 2E strongly opposes the proposed roof deck due to the project's negative impact on the historic fabric of the Georgetown Historic District.

3255-3259 Prospect Street NW - OG 16-287

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

ANC 2E opposes the proposed plan due to continued concerns of the impacts that the project will have on the Georgetown Historic District, including:

- The height and mass of the building do not provide a sufficient transition in relation to the smaller and less tall historic townhomes that mostly surround this proposal.
- There is a clear lack of sufficient setback from properties on N Street NW. A setback that more closely resembles the building directly to the east should be considered.
- The fenestration is not in keeping with the surrounding properties, and lacks a residential appearance.
- There is a lack of sufficient plans for the project.

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

1029 31st Street NW - OG 16-240

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

ANC 2E opposes the plans as presented, as we believe that the addition should be subservient to the existing historic structure.

3000 K Street NW - OG 16-239

Commissioner Starrels gave an update regarding the status of the applicant's application. He said that the Commission's previous resolution regarding the matter still stands.

1069 Thomas Jefferson Street NW - OG 16-279

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Zoning Agenda (Continued)

3299 M Street NW (BZA No. 19299) – Special Exception from the Prepared Food Shop Requirements to Operate a Prepared Food Shop (Peet's Coffee & Tea) with Greater than 18 Seats

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

ANC 2E does not object to the application for a special exception for 3299 M Street NW, provided that all of the conditions included in the applicant's pre-hearing statement are made part of a Board order approving the special exception.

Also, at a regularly scheduled public meeting of ANC 2E held on May 31, 2016, which was properly noticed and attended by seven of eight commissioners, constituting a quorum, the Commission unanimously adopted by a vote of 7-0-0 a request for a condition as follows:

A Loading Management Plan acceptable to DDOT will apply.

We are filing this submission less than a week before the BZA hearing in this matter because discussions with the applicant were ongoing and there was not an opportunity to approve the final resolution at an ANC 2E public meeting earlier. We request the rule governing the time for filing such submissions be waived for good cause in this matter.

Old Georgetown Board Agenda (Continued)

3210 Grace Street NW - OG 16-286

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

ANC 2E appreciates the concept as presented and has no objection to the proposal.

Adjournment

Commissioner Starrels adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.