



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 2nd, 2019; 6:30 p.m.
Georgetown Visitation School, Heritage Room – 1524 35th Street NW

Call to Order

Commissioner Rick Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Joe Gibbons (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), Elizabeth Miller (2E07), and Matias Burdman (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the ANC's December 2nd, 2019 Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's December 2nd, 2019 meeting agenda. Commissioner Burdman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's October 2nd, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's October 2nd, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Burdman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's November 4th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's November 4th, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Burdman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

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

Approval of the ANC's 2019 Annual Report

Commissioner Gibbons moved to approve the drafting of the ANC's 2019 Annual Report. Commissioner Burdman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Community Comment

Update from the Mayor's Office

Amr Kotb, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), provided an update from the Mayor's Office.

Update from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

No one was present regarding this matter.

Introduction of Dr. Barbara McGraw Edmondson, the New Head of School for Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School

Dr. Barbara McGraw Edmondson, the new Head of School for Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, introduced herself to meeting attendees.

Presentation by the Department of Parks and Recreation Regarding Ellington Field

Ely Ross, the Chief of Staff for the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), gave a presentation and engaged in a discussion regarding the proposed transfer of Ellington Field.

Presentation by DC Water Regarding the Combined Sewer Overflow 025/026 Sewer Separation Project

Tatiana Proctor, a Project Manager for DC Water, and Amanda Zander, a Public Outreach Coordinator and Private Space Implementation Manager for DC Water, gave a presentation regarding the agency's Combined Sewer Overflow 025/026 Sewer Separation Project.

Update from Georgetown Main Street

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

Update from the Georgetown BID

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

Announcement Regarding the Ward 2 Comprehensive Plan Meeting

Chair Murphy gave an announcement regarding the upcoming Ward 2 Comprehensive Plan meeting.

New Business

Consideration of a Comprehensive and Programmatic Review of Tree Boxes in the Neighborhood

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

WHEREAS, ANC 2E has concerns and questions and is lacking data, information, and guidance regarding tree boxes and the potential locations of street trees in our neighborhood,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E is requesting that the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Urban Forestry Division (UFD) and Public Space Regulation Division (PSRD) provides this data, information, and guidance, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2E is requesting that DDOT provides the following information:

- The condition and health of each tree in every tree box,
- The standards, specifications, and policy requirements to add tree boxes,
- The standards, specifications, and policy requirements to alter or change existing tree boxes, and
- The maximum number and locations for tree boxes in ANC 2E broken down by single member district,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E requests that DDOT creates a tree box map of the ANC that demonstrates the implications of increasing the number of tree boxes with an overlay of available sites that small cell and 5G towers could be installed in the ANC.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E requests that the above-requested information and guidance be made available to the public in time for tree planting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E believes that tree boxes are more desirable than 50-foot small cell and 5G towers that would be installed in front of one's home.

Consideration of Proposed Updates to the District Department of Transportation's Pedestrian Master Plan

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

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) 2009 Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) states that its goals are:

- To reduce the number of pedestrians killed and injured in crashes with motor vehicles,
- To increase pedestrian activity by making walking a comfortable and accessible mode of travel throughout all parts of the District,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E believes that the PMP is dangerously out of date,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E believes that this danger is due in part to:

- The PMP's internal projections, policy comments, and performance measures end at 2018,
- The PMP does not include DDOT's Vision Zero Initiative and Vision Zero DC Task Force, and
- The PMP does not take into account new, changed, and/or expanded DDOT initiatives such as:

- Increased number and availability of personal mobility devices and dockless bikes in the District,
- The use of public space as part of DDOT’s Small Cell Guidelines and Master License Agreement,
- Leading pedestrian intervals,
- Bike lanes, both unprotected and protected,
- DDOT’s Public Realm Design Manual, which was last updated in August of 2018,
- The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), which is approved by the Federal Highway Administration as the national standard and was updated and revised in May of 2012, and
- The increased use of adaptive vehicles which are human-powered devices that are modified or adapted to fit the variety of mobility needs of an individual rider and to access active mobility opportunities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E believes that the District Department of Transportation’s lack of updates to its 2009 Pedestrian Master Plan denies the District a comprehensive source of information and policy guidance to ensure that pedestrians are safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E requests that the District Department of Transportation immediately updates its 2009 Pedestrian Master Plan and makes the updated plan available to the public.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Application by Miramar for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 1033 31st Street NW

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

ANC 2E protests Miramar’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 1033 31st Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and based on adverse impact on real property values.

Application by The Sovereign for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License at 1206 Wisconsin Avenue NW

and

Application by Sandbox Restaurant for Renewal of the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 3251 Prospect Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E02 - OG 20-047 (HPA 20-082) 3240 Q Street, NW

Commissioner Gibbons 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 fully supports the permit application for 3240 Q Street NW.

SMD 2E05 - OG 20-049 (HPA 20-084) 3000 & 3050 K Street, NW

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

ANC 2E supports the applicant in its work to prevent flooding along the Georgetown waterfront. While the ANC has no specific comments related to the specific designs being presented herein, we do wish to publicly encourage the applicant and the Old Georgetown Board to continue to work closely with the National Park Service to ensure that both design standards are met via this concept proposal and that the shoreline is appropriately protected for public use as provided for in the National Park Service easement.

Finally, ANC 2E notes that the predecessor to the Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park, who has a history of being engaged in the easement, would like time to consult with advisors prior to sharing feedback on this concept and the ANC encourages the Old Georgetown Board to provide such time to do so.

SMD 2E05 - OG 19-225 (HPA 19-428) 1218 31st Street, 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 supports the concept design proposed for 1218 31st Street NW, particularly noting the ANC's support for the innovative use of space at the property and the plans' inclusion of and support for Ultra Violet Flowers, our locally-owned small business florist, moving forward. Furthermore, the ANC understands that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will need to review these plans as well, but the ANC encourages the Old Georgetown Board to approve this concept design so that the Board of Zoning Adjustment can weigh in on the zoning relief required to move this project forward.

SMD 2E05 - OG 20-024 (HPA 20-032) 2900-2924 M Street, NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

SMD 2E05 - OG 20-039 (HPA 20-074) 1301 Wisconsin Avenue, NW and 3145 N Street, NW

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

Overall ANC 2E is supportive of the proposed plans and has limited feedback to share regarding 1301 Wisconsin Avenue NW and 3145 N Street NW. With this in mind the ANC would like to note the following for the Old Georgetown Board's consideration:

- ANC 2E supports the revitalization of this space and is delighted to welcome the establishment to our community.
- ANC 2E also supports outside seating but would like to ensure that any designs which support outside dining carefully delineate private space versus public space, noting that the former establishment in this space often needed to be reminded that the tables were to be kept in the private space and not blocking the public sidewalk.
- ANC 2E would like the Old Georgetown Board to carefully review the lighting plan to ensure that the proposed "glow" noted on page 15 of the plans is in keeping with the historic district's lighting scheme.
- ANC 2E would like to reiterate our strong request that the establishment not store its trash on the areas fronting either Wisconsin Avenue or N Street NW. The ANC continues to contend with rodent issues on this corner, often as a result of improper or incomplete storage of trash, and we request that any designs take into consideration the need for trash storage.

SMD 2E06 - OG 20-046 (HPA 20-081) 3044 N Street, NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Adjournment

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.