

**Minutes for the Meeting of  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

June 28, 2010  
Georgetown Visitation School, 35<sup>th</sup> and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair, with Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Golds, Starrels, Birch and Eason present, constituting a quorum.

**Administrative**

***Approval of June 28 Public Meeting Agenda***

The agenda for ANC 2E's June 28, 2010 regular public meeting was approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Eason (Commissioner Solomon seconded).

**Community Comment**

Councilmember Evans addressed the community regarding a possible left turn arrow at M Street, NW and Wisconsin Avenue, NW. The councilmember spoke in favor of the possible change. He also engaged in discussion with community members and spoke about an upcoming public meeting regarding the possible sale of the Hurt Home; the opening of the renovated pool at Jelleff; progress toward completion of the waterfront park in Georgetown; the opening of the library in the fall; the beginning of the trolley track rehabilitation on O Street, NW and P Street, NW; and the renewal of the liquor license moratorium.

Commissioner Solomon asked the representatives from DDOT for some emergency patchwork on O Street and P Street, and they responded favorably.

**New Business**

***Left Turn Arrow on M Street, NW at Wisconsin Avenue, NW***

Representatives from DDOT, including Director Gabe Klein, presented the possibility of adding a left-turn arrow on eastbound M Street, NW at Wisconsin Avenue, NW. The discussion focused on the benefits of adding a left-turn signal, as well as the challenges in changing a busy intersection. Representatives from the Georgetown BID (James Bracco) and CAG (Hazel Denton) spoke in favor of the change. After discussion by commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lewis made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0, with one amendment suggested by Commissioner Solomon, which was adopted by unanimous consent:

Based on the recommendation of the DDOT-sponsored 2009 Georgetown Transportation Study, as well as strong community input, ANC 2E supports the introduction of a left-turn signal at the intersection of M Street NW and Wisconsin

Avenue NW, so that eastbound traffic on M Street can turn north onto Wisconsin Avenue.

## **Administrative**

### ***Approval of June 1 Meeting Minutes***

The minutes for the meeting of ANC 2E held on June 1, 2010 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Solomon (Commissioner Starrels seconded) by a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Eason was out of the room).

### ***Public Safety and Police Report***

Commissioner Solomon reported on public safety matters and recent crimes in the community, noting that crime is trending down, despite some high-visibility crimes. He noted that crime seems to be moving north of PSA 206, a fact which he attributed to additional police officers available through reimbursable MPD details, which will soon expand to weeknights in addition to the weekends.

### ***Financial Report***

Commissioner Solomon reported on ANC 2E's finances, mentioning that ANC 2E received an allotment with respect to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of last year. ANC 2E is up-to-date on all financial reports.

### ***Transportation Report***

Commissioners Lewis and Starrels reported on transportation matters in the community. They mentioned a strong, positive relationship between DDOT and our community. Commissioner Solomon reported that the Community Relations Team for the O and P Street rehabilitation project will meet in the coming months in preparation for the beginning of work on the project.

## **Community Comment**

***Office of the People's Council's Consumer Services Division***—Linda Jefferson spoke about the role of the People's Counsel in the District of Columbia, particularly their role as an advocate for the public vis-a-vis the public utilities.

***Georgetown BID's Fashion Night Out, September 10, 2010***—John Wiebenson from the BID spoke about a new event, Fashion Night Out, that will have numerous activities on September 10 to encourage consumer activity in Georgetown. The event is part of a global network of fashion events. There will be no street closures related to this event.

Councilmember Mendelson spoke about upcoming D.C. Council business, including the budget, the declining surplus balance, and the juvenile justice bill. He discussed with

community members an increase in juvenile crimes in Georgetown and the detention of criminals.

### **New Business**

#### ***1438 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, permit application for storefront alteration, public hearing before the Mayor's Agent July 9***

Representatives from the property presented their plans to alter the storefront. After discussion by commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Eason seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E urges the Mayor's Agent in reviewing the permit for a storefront alteration at 1438 Wisconsin Avenue, NW to uphold the decision rendered by the Old Georgetown Board in concert with our own findings on this project in a public meeting preceding the consideration taken by the Old Georgetown Board.

#### ***Kidney Foundation – Ronald D. Paul Companies Kidney Walk, Washington Harbour, October 2, 2010***

Representatives from the Kidney Foundation presented their plans for their annual kidney walk. No permit was being sought and no resolution was proposed or adopted related to this event.

#### ***Scoops, 2818 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, application for a public space permit for two (2) outdoor tables***

Representatives from Scoops presented plans for two outdoor tables at their property. After discussion by commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the application for a public space permit for two (2) outdoor tables at 2818 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, provided that the design and usage comply with the regulations promulgated by the District Department of Transportation regarding tables and seating on public space.

### **Zoning and Planning**

#### ***1703 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW, Application of Trustees for Harvard University for special exception approval for a new 10-year campus plan for the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collections (proposal to increase the number of fellows from 25 to 30 and the number of staff from 90 to 100)***

Representatives from Dumbarton Oaks presented their 10-year plan. After discussion by commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason made the following motion (Lewis seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

Whereas, the Trustees for Harvard University have submitted a special exception application to the D.C. Zoning Commission requesting a ten-year renewal of its

campus plan for the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection at 1703 32nd Street, NW, Washington, D.C., identified as Zoning Commission Case No. 10-13; and

Whereas, the campus plan does not propose any new construction but does request an increase in the number of fellows from 25 to 30 and an increase in the number of staff from 90 to 100 over the next ten years; and

Whereas, the modest increase in the number of fellows and staff over the next ten years will not likely create any adverse impacts with respect to noise, traffic, number of students or other objectionable conditions.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E recommends approval of the ten-year campus plan renewal application of the Trustees for Harvard University/Dumbarton Oaks in Zoning Commission Case No. 10-13.

Be it further resolved that ANC 2E authorizes Commissioners Eason, Solomon, Lewis, Skelsey, Golds, Starrels, and Birch, or any one or more of them, to represent ANC 2E on this matter before the Zoning Commission.

***3059 Q Street, NW, BZA Application No. 18080, Application for special exception to allow an addition to existing one-family semi-detached dwelling not meeting the lot occupancy, rear yard and nonconforming structure requirements***

Representatives from the property presented their plans for an addition to an existing one-family structure that does not meet the lot occupancy, rear yard and nonconforming structure requirements. After discussion by commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

With regard to BZA Application 18080, 3059 Q Street, NW, ANC 2E has no objection to the grant of the relief sought therein.

**ABC Issues**

**Voluntary Agreement**

***Los Cuates, 1564 Wisconsin Avenue, NW***

Representatives from the restaurant and Commissioner Birch presented the new voluntary agreement for the establishment, noting that all relevant parties have vetted and approved of the agreement. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion to make amendments to the existing voluntary agreement (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E approves amendments to the existing voluntary agreement with Los Cuates, located at 1564 Wisconsin Avenue, NW to 1) expand seating by fifty (50) seats; 2) operate Monday hours from 11:30AM to 11PM; 3) install an enclosure around

exhaust fan on the rear roof to muffle sound; and 4) advertise validated parking as offered, on the restaurants website, storefront windows and menus.

### **License Amendment Applications**

#### ***Café La Ruche, 1039 31<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, application for additional hours of operation, including entertainment and outdoors***

Representatives from the restaurant presented their plans to apply for additional hours of operation, including extended entertainment and outdoor hours. Neighbors spoke about Café La Ruche's unique place in Georgetown and the lack of previous issues. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0, after an amendment suggested by Commissioner Lewis, which was adopted by unanimous consent:

ANC 2E objects to the application for a change in license by La Ruche, Inc., 1039 31<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W., License No. ABRA-001619, on the grounds of peace, order and quiet and the effects on traffic and pedestrians.

ANC 2E expects to begin discussions with La Ruche aimed at entering into a cooperative agreement. ANC 2E authorizes ANC 2E commissioners Starrels and Birch, or either of them, to represent ANC 2E in such discussions and, if they deem it appropriate, to enter into such an agreement on behalf of ANC 2E. Any such agreement shall be within the following general parameters: outside and inside closing hours - earlier than proposed by the licensee; outside and inside opening hours and first service of alcohol – possibly somewhat later than proposed by the licensee; entertainment - limited hours, possibly limited to indoors, not to be heard beyond the premises, restrictions on live music, and a no-promoters provision.

### **License renewals for the following establishments.**

#### ***Mate, 3101 K Street, NW***

A representative from the restaurant spoke about their desire to renew their liquor licenses, with some changes to the voluntary agreement. After discussion by commissioner and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Eason was out of the room):

ANC 2E adopts the proposed voluntary agreement as agreed to with Mate, LLC and circulated to ANC 2E.

#### ***News Café, 3056 – 3058 M Street, NW***

A representative from the restaurant spoke about their desire to renew their liquor licenses, with some changes to the voluntary agreement due to a change in business model. After discussion by commissioner and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E protests the change in license for News Café, 3056-3058 M Street, NW, for matters of peace, order and quiet and hopes to meet with the managers of the establishment soon.

***Morso, 3277 M Street, NW***

Representatives from the restaurants spoke about their desires to renew their liquor licenses. After discussion by commissioner and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E approves the renewal of the existing license for Morso, 3277 M Street, NW.

**Old Georgetown Board**

Commissioner Lewis recused himself from the consideration and vote of all of the following items relating to the Old Georgetown Board on the ANC 2E agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Birch chaired the meeting for consideration of the following OGB-related matters.

***Regular Calendar***

**Private Projects**

**2819 M Street, NW, OG 10-176 (HPA 10-307), Commercial:**

Representatives from CVS presented designs for a projecting sign. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Eason seconded) which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E objects to the proposal for a blade sign in that it does not follow our criteria for blade signs on major streets in the commercial area.

**3011 M Street, NW, OG 10-170 (HPA 10-298), Restaurant:**

Representatives from Fino presented plans for their alterations and sign. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded) which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the changes proposed in the windows on the front of Fino and we approve of the signage with the proviso that the letters do not exceed twelve inches in height.

**2720 O Street, NW, also know as 2718 O Street, NW, OG 10-144 (HPA 10-260), Residence:**

Representatives from the property presented revised plans for a new structure on the site. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Eason seconded) which passed by a vote of 5-0, with a small amendment adopted after discussion:

ANC 2E has no objection to the concept proposed for a residence at 2720 O Street, NW, also known as 2718 O Street, NW, with the only concern being that the design of this house present a residential feel compatible with the neighborhood as opposed to a possibility with a more industrial feel. Nevertheless, we oppose a plan that would involve a curb cut at this location.

Commissioner Solomon left the meeting at this point.

**3142 P Street, NW, OG 10-179 (HPA 10-319), Residence:**

Concept plans were presented to raise the roof and add dormers, a cupola, rear doors and shutters. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded) which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E, in reviewing the concept proposed for 3142 P Street, NW, has no objection to the proposed raised roof on the eastern side of the house, nor to the proposed shed dormer for the rear of the garage and the new garage door. We recognize that the addition of shutters to the front may be appropriate if it is in keeping with the history of the house, however we question the compatibility of the design for a cupola on top of the garage.

**1525 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 10-192 (HPA 10-333), Mixed-use retail/residential:**

There was no presentation related to this subject. Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Eason seconded) which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E, based on review of designs submitted, expresses objection to the proposed changes to the door and windows on the front of the building.

**3059 Q Street, NW, OG-174 (HPA 10-304), Residence:**

Concept plans were presented for a two-story rear addition and the addition of a second-floor garage. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded) which passed by a vote of 4-0:

With respect to application OG-174 for 3059 Q Street, NW, ANC 2E has no objection to the proposed concept addition.

**3012 Cambridge Place, NW, OG 10-188 (HPA 10-329), Residence:**

Concept plans were presented for rear addition at second floor as well as alterations to the basement and first floor. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason made the following motion (Commissioner Golds seconded) which passed by a vote of 3-0 (Commissioner Birch out of the room):

ANC 2E does not object in general to the proposed renovations, however we are concerned that the plans as presented do not provide sufficient detail as to how the rear of the house will be affected by the proposed construction.

**1513 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, OG 10-193 (HPA 10-334), Residence:**

Concept plans were presented for dormers, partial demolition and a three-story addition. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Eason seconded) which passed by a vote of 4-0:

In reviewing the concept proposed for a three-story rear addition at 1513 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, ANC 2E expresses concern about the impact on the adjoining properties both in terms of proposed design and structural issues. We are very much interested in seeing work go forward at this property, realizing interest in preserving what historic fabric might be available and developing a design concept that is compatible with the neighboring properties on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW.

**1031 30<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, OG 10-178 (HPA 10-316), Residence:**

Concept plans were presented for replacement windows, deck and landscape. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded) which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E appreciates what the homeowner is trying to accomplish. We do however have concerns about the building of a deck on the property, especially with regards to the size of the deck and its potential impact on the immediate neighbors, noting the proximity of the houses. We also have concerns about the historic look and fabric of the house and maintaining that historic look and fabric during the renovations.

**1063 (Rear) Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 10-201 (HPA 10-342), Commercial:**

Permit plans were presented for a roof addition including a rooftop terrace. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded) which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has no problems as presented to 1063 (Rear) Wisconsin Avenue, NW.

**1080 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 10-202 (HPA 10-343), Georgetown Park Condominiums:**

There was no presentation related to this project, nor were any plans submitted in advance. Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded) which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has not received any plans by the time of the meeting and cannot approve the project at 1080 Wisconsin Avenue, NW.

**At 10:12 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Lewis moved (Commissioner Birch seconded) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.**

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

Aaron Golds  
Secretary, ANC 2E