



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 1st, 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 6:30 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Joe Gibbons (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Anna Landre (2E04), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), and Matias Burdman (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the ANC's April 1st, 2019 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's April 1st, 2019 meeting agenda. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

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

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

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

Commander Duncan Bedlion, the Commander for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of several recent crimes and arrests that occurred in the Second District. He also gave an overview of MPD's work to combat thefts from vehicles. He showed a video of a theft from a vehicle that occurred.

Lt. Dustin Bellavance, a representative for MPD's Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Commander Bedlion said that he will be deploying a mountain bike team in the neighborhood starting this week to patrol neighborhood alleys.

Presentation by Douglas Klein, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, Regarding Community Impact Statements

Douglas Klein, an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, gave an overview of the ability for local residents to submit community impact statements for particular crimes that have had a negative impact on the community. He said that the statements are ideally a page long and are filed

two weeks before the respective sentencing hearings. He said that local residents can contact him if they are interested in filing a statement.

Mr. Klein emphasized the importance of security camera footage in solving crimes across DC.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 2 Financial Report

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 2 financial report. Commissioner Gibbons 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), said that he has been working to address missed trash collections in the neighborhood. He encouraged local residents to contact him if their trash is not picked up.

Mr. Kotb that he is also working to address problematic road and sidewalk conditions in the neighborhood. He said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has been faced with an unusually high number of potholes across the city due to the recent rain.

Mr. Kotb said that Mayor Bowser has released her proposed FY 2020 budget. He said that there are flyers that go over the budget's proposed Ward 2 investments on the table in the back in the meeting room.

Mr. Kotb said that the DC Circulator continues to be free. He also gave an overview of the Department of Public Works' (DPW) new smartphone app, which provides updates on towing and street sweeping.

Update from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the DC Council is currently reviewing the Mayor's proposed FY 2020 budget. She said that local residents are invited to testify during the various budget hearings that the DC Council has scheduled.

Update from the Georgetown BID

Jamie Scott, the Director of Planning and Economic Development for the Georgetown BID, said that the BID will be hosting its annual Georgetown French Market event on Friday, April 26th and Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Sunday, April 28th from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. He said that the event will take place on Wisconsin Avenue from O Street to Reservoir Road NW. He encouraged local residents to attend the event. He also said that the BID is in the process of going through its regular five-year certification process with the city.

Update from Georgetown Heritage

Scott Walzak, the Georgetown Canal Plan Project Manager for Georgetown Heritage, said that the organization will hold a community regarding the Georgetown Canal Plan on Thursday, April 4th

from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Canal Overlook room at Georgetown Park, 3222 M Street NW. He also gave an overview of the organization's testing of various materials as part of the planning process.

Commissioner Gibbons asked when Georgetown Heritage was planning on sending the proposed Georgetown Canal Plan to the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) for review. Mr. Walzak said that the organization is planning for the plan to be considered by OGB during its January or February of 2020 meetings.

Announcement Regarding a Community Meeting on the Jelleff Recreation Center Renovation and the Jelleff Field Contract on Wednesday, May 8th

Commissioner Putta thanked the local residents who filled out the recent survey regarding the Jelleff Recreation Center Renovation Project. He said that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will hold a community meeting regarding the renovation project and the Jelleff Field contract on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 at the Georgetown Neighborhood Library, 3260 R Street NW. He encouraged local residents to attend the meeting.

Update Regarding the Hyde-Addison Elementary School Modernization Project

Commissioner Putta said that DC Public Schools (DCPS) officials continue to assure the community that the Hyde-Addison Elementary School Modernization Project will be completed this summer. He said that the school's principal has developed several projections for possible school enrollment once the school reopens.

Presentation by the Department of Behavioral Health's DC Prevention Center for Wards 1 and 2

Allie Bobak, a Community Mobilizer for the DC Prevention Center for Wards 1 and 2, gave an overview of the center, which is based out of the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) in Ward 1. She said that the prevention center works on youth substance abuse prevention and is funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through the DC Department of Behavioral Health (DBH).

Ms. Bobak said that the center can provide resources to the community on how to address youth substance abuse issues that the community is witnessing. She said that local residents can also reach out to her if they have questions or would like educational resources.

Commissioner Palmer gave an overview of the K2 use that local residents have seen in the K Street and Water Street NW area.

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the 2019 FRESHFARM Georgetown Farmstand

Commissioner Palmer 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:

ANC 2E strongly supports the renewal of the public space permit for the FRESHFARM Georgetown Farmstand in order to stage the 2019 Georgetown Farmstand at 1044 Wisconsin

Avenue NW. The ANC encourages FRESHFARM to consider expanding the farmstand so that the entire area under consideration is full of providers. The Georgetown Farmstand is a wonderful amenity that is enjoyed by the community and therefore the ANC supports this permit request.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Request to Change the Location of the Proposed Burleith Capital Bikeshare Station

The Commission delayed consideration of this matter until a future ANC meeting.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Issuance of Block Party Permits

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:

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation's Public Space Division ("DDOT") has on occasion issued block party permits allowing for the closure of highly trafficked streets in West Georgetown at inopportune times, and

WHEREAS, disruptions caused by such street closures could be avoided by (1) providing advance notice to ANC 2E and (2) either limiting the times available for block parties on specific blocks or declaring specific, heavily traveled blocks ineligible for block parties.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E requests that DDOT:

1. declare the following blocks of the identified streets in West Georgetown ineligible for the issuance of block party permits:
 - a. 33rd Street from M Street north to Wisconsin Avenue NW,
 - b. 34th Street from M Street north to Wisconsin Avenue NW,
 - c. 35th Street from Prospect Street north to Whitehaven Parkway NW,
 - d. the 3300 block of Prospect Street, extending west from 33rd Street, past Bank Alley, to 34th Street NW,
 - e. the 3400 block of Prospect Street, extending west from 34th Street to 35th Street NW,
2. require that permits issued for block parties on the following blocks call for reopening the relevant street by no later than 4:00 pm on the day of the party:
 - a. 3600 block of Prospect Street NW,
 - b. 3600 block of N Street NW,
 - c. 3600 block of O Street NW, and
3. give ANC 2E at least ten (10) days prior notice of DDOT's intent to issue a block party permit in the areas of ANC 2E that lie to the west of Wisconsin Avenue NW.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Funding for the Proposed Extension of the DC Circulator's Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn Route to U Street NW and Howard University

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 once again supports funding for the proposed extension of the DC Circulator's Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route to U Street NW and Howard University in DC's FY 2020 budget, as we have done in years past and as ANC 2A and ANC 2B have done in recent years.

Special Event Application for the Race to Beat Cancer 5K on Saturday, September 14th, 2019

Commissioner Palmer 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:

ANC 2E supports the special event application for the 2019 Race to Beat Cancer 5K provided that there will be no amplified noise prior to 7:00 am and that the event organizers reach out to residents on 29th Street NW to ensure that they are aware of the event and the road closures.

Special Event Application for the Army Ten-Miler on Sunday, October 13th, 2019

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 special event application for the 2019 Army Ten-Miler based on the commitment that the race will run entirely on the Whitehurst Freeway and not on any other streets within ANC 2E, including M Street, Water Street, and K Street NW, and that there will not be any bands, sound systems, amplified noise, or amplified music within the boundaries of ANC 2E.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Area School Overcrowding

Commissioner Gibbons recused himself from voting on this matter.

Commissioner Putta 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:

WHEREAS, the DC Public Schools (DCPS) published a report in February of 2019 after 18 months of meetings and analysis by the Wilson High School Feeder Pattern Community Working Group with representatives from all 15 schools in the feeder network. DCPS found that nearly all of the 15 schools in the Wilson High School feeder pattern are currently at or above capacity and that "The option that the group felt would most effectively and equitably

address overcrowding long-term was additional capacity and square footage in the feeder pattern,”

WHEREAS, according to the Deputy Mayor for Education’s 2018 Master Facilities Report, “Enrollment in Wards 2 and 3 outstrips capacity today, and the gap will continue to grow over the next ten years in the absence of DCPS facility expansion,”

WHEREAS, increased capacity in the Wilson feeder pattern should be coupled with improving and expanding enrollment at schools across the city, and

WHEREAS, Ward 2 and 3 communities and Advisory Neighborhood Commissions near former DCPS schools that are still owned by DCPS, such as the Old Hardy School and Shaw Middle School, have expressed great interest in keeping such facilities available to be neighborhood public schools and have the potential to help alleviate the overcapacity issues.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E requests that DCPS, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME), and the DC Council engage with the school communities affected to begin taking concrete steps to address the overcapacity issues in the feeder pattern.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E requests that DCPS, DME, and the DC Council defer any actions on the disposition of Ward 2 and 3 DCPS facilities not currently in use by DCPS until decisions are made regarding how to address the overcapacity issues.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Application by the Rosewood Washington DC Hotel for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Hotel License at 1050 31st Street NW in Order to Expand the Premises to Include Six Newly-Renovated Townhomes

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 protests the Rosewood Washington DC Hotel’s application for a substantial change to the establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Hotel license at 1050 31st Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to drop the protest if and when an acceptable settlement agreement is signed by the applicant and ANC 2E.

Requests for Amendments to the Settlement Agreements for L2 Lounge and Leopold's Kafe at 3315 Cady's Alley NW and Café Milano at 3251 Prospect Street NW

Chair Murphy 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 authorizes Commissioners Lisa Palmer and Rick Murphy to executive documents amending the settlement agreements currently in effect for L2 Lounge and Leopold's Kafe at

3315 Cady's Alley NW and Café Milano at 3251 Prospect Street NW to include the following sections that standardize the hours provided for in the agreements:

1. On days designated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board as extended hours for agency establishments for daylight savings time extensions of hours, the licensee may operate for one additional hour.
2. In the event that the DC Council or the ABC Board grants licensees, in general, extended operating hours for specific occasions such as Presidential Inaugurations or the World Cup, the licensee may avail itself of such extended hours.
3. On January 1st of each year, the licensee may operate for one additional hour.

Application by Cafe Divan for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1834 Wisconsin Avenue NW

and

Application by La Chaumiere for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 2813 M Street NW

and

Application by Kintaro for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1039 33rd Street NW

Chair Murphy 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 does not object to Cafe Divan's application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1834 Wisconsin Avenue NW, La Chaumiere's application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 2813 M Street NW, and Kintaro's application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1039 33rd Street NW.

Application by Ristorante Piccolo for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1068 31st Street NW

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

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioners Lisa Palmer and Rick Murphy to negotiate an amended settlement agreement for Ristorante Piccolo at 1068 31st Street NW.

Public Space Committee

Public Space Applications by the Georgetown BID

Commissioner Lohse 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 welcomes these twelve new public space seating and planter areas proposed by the Georgetown BID. It is expected that these spaces will add to the enjoyment of residents and visitors of Georgetown. The ANC resolves to request that the District Department of Transportation's Public Space Committee address the following two potential issues when managing these permits:

1. ANC 2E expects the Georgetown BID to actively manage the additional trash that will be generated by the enjoyment of these new public spaces. The BID should add trash cans to these spaces as needed and continually monitor where additional trash cans may be needed. Should the community identify that any of the spaces have trash that cannot be managed by the BID, it is expected that the spaces will be removed by the BID.
2. ANC 2E expects that these public spaces will be used for temporary enjoyment. Therefore, the ANC asks that all benches used by the BID for these public spaces be short benches.

Zoning

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Special Exception from the Lot Occupancy Requirements in Order to Construct a New Rear Accessory Building to an Existing Principal Attached Dwelling at 2802 P Street NW

Commissioner Lohse 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 has no comment regarding the Board of Zoning Adjustment application for 2802 P Street NW.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application by Winsor Properties LLC for a Special Exception from the Lot Occupancy Requirements to Construct a Two-Story Rear Addition and a One-Story Side Addition to an Existing, Attached, Principal Dwelling Unit at 3011 P Street NW

Commissioner Lohse 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 has no comment regarding the Board of Zoning Adjustment application for 3011 P Street NW.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E03 - OG 19-084 (HPA 19-188) 3217 P 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 has no comment on the design of the lighting fixtures proposed by the applicant. The ANC is concerned, however, about the possibility that the lighting may impact the historic homes at the rear of the property that front on either P Street or 32nd Street NW. The ANC asks the Old Georgetown Board to consider this matter.

ANC 2E also notes that it has been assured that the lighting, once it has been installed, would be adjustable. This adjustability could thus be used to address issues regarding the lighting impacting nearby homes.

SMD 2E05 - OG 19-110 (HPA 19-238) 2934 M 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 regrets that significant changes have been made to the property at 2934 M Street NW prior to receiving any approvals from the Old Georgetown Board for the work. These changes include the total transformation of a back patio, new signage, and the addition of a concrete pad behind the establishment, all of which are viewable from public space. Per the website of the Old Georgetown Board and prior to work beginning, "Signs, outdoor seating areas, window, door, and storefront replacements, mechanical equipment... visible electrical wiring and lighting, and other exterior changes commonly associated with commercial renovations all require review by the OGB."

ANC 2E very much appreciates the improvement of outdoor seating for restaurants, including the outdoor space at 2934 M Street NW. However, the ANC does not believe that the existing renovation, which was not previously reviewed by the Old Georgetown Board, adheres to the design guidelines which prevail in the historic district. More specifically, the ANC believes that the light posts and tiled walls are incompatible with the historic fabric of the community. The ANC looks forward to reviewing an updated concept design and seeing it come to fruition.

SMD 2E05 - OG 19-086 (HPA 19-191) 1044 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

Commissioner Palmer recused herself from voting on this matter.

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

ANC 2E supports the Old Georgetown Board application at 1044 Wisconsin Avenue NW, which is occupied by Sweetgreen. Sweetgreen customers often seek additional outside space to enjoy their food. There currently exists few spaces nearby for seating. The ANC believes that the design of the deck will serve the community well.

The only feedback that the ANC has is to encourage the use of a ramp instead of stairs for those customers who either cannot navigate the steps or are pushing strollers, noting that there does already exist a deck on the east side of the building that is accessible.

Furthermore, ANC 2E is pleased to see a thoughtful approach for storing trash containers. Currently the containers are neatly lined up along the private property but are nonetheless an eyesore. This location is highly visible within the commercial and residential district. The ANC believes that, in this specific location, putting the trash containers in an enclosure creates a more clean appearance and also helps to address issues related to rat infestations in the area.

Overall, ANC 2E believes that this concept design would be a significant improvement to what currently exists in this location. The ANC strongly encourages the Old Georgetown Board to approve the concept in an expedient manner.

SMD 2E06 - OG 19-029 (HPA 19-073) 2801 M Street, NW

Commissioner Lohse 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:

There is a stop work order in place for this property. ANC 2E appreciates that the applicant is in the process of receiving permits for removing previously-completed illegal construction. The illegal construction should be resolved before any new concept design work is approved. Moreover, the ANC does not support the application for some of the reasons stated by the Citizens Association of Georgetown, including that accessibility within the interior should be made inside to the less historic part of the building and that the fenestration modifications should be addressed in the less historic part of the building.

Adjournment

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm.