



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 30th, 2017; 6:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order

Commissioner Ed Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:32 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.

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

Captain David Sledge and Officer William McGovern, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of a recent kidnapping that occurred in Georgetown. Captain Sledge said that MPD has released videos and photos of the suspect and that he will update the community once he receives more updates.

Captain Sledge gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Captain Sledge said that Officer Antonial Atkins, another representative for MPD's Second District, is implementing a new community policing initiative called "Walk The Beat", where community members will be able to take part in community walks alongside MPD officers, during which the officers will offer tips for preventing crime.

Commissioner Palmer said that she has talked with representatives from the U.S. Park Police about Officer Atkins' community policing initiative and that the Park Police also wants to participate in it.

Commissioner Solomon asked Captain Sledge to give an overview of MPD's new sector concept. Captain Sledge said that Georgetown's police service area (PSA) was looped into MPD's Sector 3, which includes the Foggy Bottom and Dupont Circle PSAs. He said that the sector concept is for internal resource management only and that Georgetown's PSA will have the same officers as before.

Commissioner Goldman said that, in response to the undergraduate student who was kidnapped, Georgetown University is carrying out additional outreach to students to promote good safety practices. She added that the university is also hosting more self-defense classes and distributing safety practice cards to students.

Election of ANC Officers

Election of ANC 2E Officers for 2017

Commissioner Solomon moved to elect Commissioner Gibbons to be the ANC's Chair, Commissioner Roache to be the ANC's Vice Chair, Commissioner Goldman to be the ANC's Secretary, and Commissioner Schroepfer to be the ANC's Treasurer. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of January 30, 2017 ANC 2E Public Meeting Agenda

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the January 30, 2017 meeting agenda. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the November 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the November 28, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Administrative (Continued)

Approval of ANC 2E's 2017 Meeting Calendar

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's 2017 meeting calendar based on an edit to the July 2017 meeting date. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the Addition of New Officers as Signatories for ANC 2E's Bank Accounts

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the addition of the new ANC officers as signatories for the ANC's bank accounts. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of ANC 2E's Participation in the 2017 ANC Security Fund

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's participation in the 2017 ANC Security Fund. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Community Comment

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the DC Council will be starting agency performance oversight hearings soon. She said that the Council's Committee on the Judiciary will also be hosting an upcoming criminal sentencing roundtable. She encouraged meeting attendees to attend both the performance oversight and roundtable hearings and to provide comments.

Richard Livingstone, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), said that on Saturday, January 28th, the Mayor hosted a public safety

conference call with the community. He said that during the conversation the Mayor announced the release of a public safety survey that she would like community members to take. He added that the Mayor's Office has also reached out to the Department of Public Works (DPW) regarding the delayed holiday tree collection process. He said that DPW will soon be starting ward-based holiday tree pickup blitzes. He said that he will let the neighborhood know when the Ward 2 blitz is scheduled. He ended by saying that the Mayor will be holding public input forums for the Mayor's proposed FY 2018 budget later in February.

John Wiebenson, the Operations Director for the Georgetown BID, said that the BID will be carrying out its sidewalk widening program on weekends again this year.

Commissioner Goldman said that she and Commissioner Schroepfer are looking to have Georgetown University student groups set up information tables at upcoming ANC meetings. She said that the student group presenting at this evening's meeting is Hoya Helpers. A representative from Hoya Helpers said that her group recruits students to volunteer as tutors at Hardy Middle School.

Kishan Putta, a representative for DC Health Link, said Tuesday, January 31st is the enrollment deadline for health insurance through DC Health Link. He said, if anyone is worried about the current political climate, that DC Health Link will always be operational because it is locally run and funded.

Greg Miller, a representative for Georgetown University's Office of Sustainability, said that a group of Georgetown residents is partnering with DC Solar United Neighborhoods (DC SUN) to launch a solar co-op in Georgetown. He said that the group will be hosting upcoming information sessions for residents who are interested in joining.

Daniel Wise, a representative for Councilmember Robert White's Office, said that he was present to learn more about what is happening in Ward 2.

Update Regarding DDOT's Plans for the Upcoming Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge Project

Chair Gibbons gave an overview of the upcoming Pennsylvania Avenue bridge project.

Commissioner Solomon said that westbound detours off of Pennsylvania Avenue NW will be implemented sometime in March. He said that the ANC will be monitoring the detours to make sure that there are no significant impacts on the traffic patterns in Georgetown. He encouraged meeting attendees to contact the ANC and the project representatives if they notice any problems.

New Business

Letter of Support for the Annual Rose Park Farmer's Market

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

ANC 2E supports the Friends of Rose Park's application to stage the 2017 Rose Park Farmers Market in Rose Park, located at 2609 Dumbarton Street NW. The community enthusiastically supports the farmers market and the Commission applauds the efforts of the volunteers in our neighborhood for their hard work in bringing us this market. We look forward to its opening this year and all the benefits it brings to us. It has been a pleasure to lend the support of the ANC to the market every year.

Special Event Application for the Marine Corps Marathon on October 22, 2017

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt four draft resolutions regarding the matter. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolutions read as follows:

For the Mayor's Special Event Task Force Group (MSETFG):

ANC 2E supports the special event application for the Marine Corps Marathon on October 22, 2017 with the stipulation that the marathon starts at 7:55 am and that if it cannot start at 7:55 am, that marathon representatives return to the ANC for further discussions regarding event timing.

For the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA):

ANC 2E endorses the request for the early opening of Metrorail for the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) on October 22, 2017.

The ANC recognizes the importance of the ongoing SafeTrack program. However, as this program draws to a close, the Commission endorses the MCM's pending request for an early Metrorail opening. The MCM is a landmark event and the granting of an early opening will allow the U.S. Marines, volunteers, and runners to continue to enjoy this world-class event with the utmost necessary support from the national capital region. In addition, while we are fully supportive of this event, an earlier Metrorail opening will minimize any resulting impact on our neighborhood.

For the National Park Service (NPS):

ANC 2E endorses the use of Rock Creek Park for the Marine Corps Marathon on October 22, 2017.

For the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD):

ANC 2E endorses the request for an expanded timeline for use of the 14th Street Bridge by the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) on October 22, 2017.

A significant curtailment of Metrorail operating hours on the morning of the Marathon has necessitated an adjusted event schedule. After thoroughly reviewing this information at our January 30 meeting with the organizers, the Commission endorses MCM's request for additional time to utilize the 14th Street Bridge HOV lanes in order to minimize the impact on the participants created by the later Metrorail opening. Support from

community organizations like ours, and the various law enforcement agencies, is necessary in this circumstance to avoid any negative impact on the operation of the event that has long been a point of pride for the national capital region. By adjusting the timeline and granting an extended window of access to the 14th Street Bridge, the U.S. Marines, volunteers, organizers, and participants will be able to better meet all of the expectations that this world-class event requires.

Special Event Application for the Lawyers Have Heart 10K & 5K on June 10, 2017

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a draft 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 supports the special event application for the Lawyers Have Heart 10K & 5K on June 10, 2017 with the stipulation that traffic control officers and/or Metropolitan Police Department officers will allow for westbound traffic on Water Street NW beginning at Wisconsin Avenue NW and eastbound traffic via Potomac Street NW and Grace Street NW.

Special Event Application for the Race to Beat Cancer 5K on September 16, 2017

The Commission postponed discussion of this matter until the next regular ANC meeting.

Zoning

1335 Wisconsin Ave NW – BZA Application by &pizza for a Special Exception to Allow the Installation and Full Screening of Rooftop Mechanical Equipment

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

ANC 2E supports &pizza's Board of Zoning Adjustment application at 1335 Wisconsin Avenue NW to allow new roof mounted mechanical equipment and a screening penthouse, which does not comply with the minimum setback requirement, to be installed.

As a Commission, we believe that the special exception will not adversely affect the use of neighboring properties in accordance with the Zoning Regulations. We also believe that the design is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations. Further, this design fits into the historic commercial fabric of Georgetown and, as such, there exists a community consensus to move this project forward per the plans, which have already been approved by the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) via OGB #16-339 at their September 1, 2016 meeting.

Public Space Committee

Public Space Application by a Homeowner to Replace a 6 Foot High by 12 Foot Long Wooden Privacy Fence at 1531 27th Street NW

Commissioner Roache moved to raise no objection to the public space application for 1531 27th Street NW. Commissioner Goldman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E does not object to the public space application for 1531 27th Street NW to replace a 6-foot high by 12-foot long wooden privacy fence with a brick privacy fence.

Old Georgetown Board

OG 17-060 (HPA 17-109) 3234 N Street, NW and OG 17-061 (HPA 17-110) 3234 N Street, NW

Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt a draft 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 recommends that the Old Georgetown Board deny this application on the grounds that the proposal would destroy the historic fabric of the house by changing the entryway and portico dramatically from what it has been for the last 106 years.

OG 17-095 (HPA 17-169) 3254 O Street, NW

Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt a draft resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, the proposed addition to the existing garage would more than double the size of the structure, expanding the building's footprint and increasing the height of the building from approximately 8 feet on the south façade to approximately 20 feet at the peak,

Whereas, the proposed addition would incorporate a dwelling unit into a structure that was previously used only as a garage,

Whereas, none of the other structures that open onto this historic alley contain dwelling units,

Whereas, it is the policy of the Old Georgetown Board to discourage the construction of additions that even approach doubling the size of existing buildings regardless of what the zoning regulations may allow, and

Whereas, the introduction of a dwelling unit here would dramatically alter the historic character of this historic alley.

Therefore, ANC 2E respectfully recommends that the Old Georgetown Board should disapprove the application for 3254 O Street NW.

OG 17-043 (HPA 17-090) 1231 Potomac Street, NW

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

ANC 2E approves the application as presented.

OG 16-385 (HPA 16-676) 3012 Q Street, NW

Commissioner Wilcox moved to adopt a draft resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-3-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E commends the applicant for eliminating the rooftop addition that was previously proposed but we have continued to receive objections from adjacent neighbors regarding the windows on the south side of the property, asserting that smaller or more moderately-sized windows should be installed because it otherwise creates an intrusion on the privacy of adjacent neighbors and will also emit a great deal of additional light after dark. We recommend that the Old Georgetown Board take this concern into account.

OG 17-075 (HPA 17-145) 2724 Olive Street, NW

Commissioner Wilcox moved to adopt a draft resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E objects to the proposed application, which states that it is to remove the existing sunroom and replace it with a deck. The current structure at this address already exceeds 60 percent of lot occupancy and the proposed deck would cover another 100 square feet of a relatively small backyard, and would provide only approximately a six-foot setback from the rear property line, instead of the 25-foot minimum that is appropriate. The property is in an area that has relatively small backyards, both on Olive Street and backing up to the property in question.

We have concerns about second floor decks generally, but this one in particular would be excessively obtrusive on nearby neighbors. We further object to the massing of the property if the deck were to be included, and we anticipate objecting to this proposed deck if there should be a Board of Zoning Adjustment proceeding down the road.

OG 17-077 (HPA 17-149) 2500 Q Street, NW

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

ANC 2E is concerned with the addition of many poles and wires on neighborhood rooftops, and with application representatives not attending the ANC meeting to explain

the colors and materials being used for this proposal, we are concerned about the additional antennas that the applicant is proposing to add in the neighborhood in addition to what is already present.

Adjournment

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm.