

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

January 30, 2007  
Georgetown Visitation School, 35<sup>th</sup> and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Commissioner Solomon, Chair, with Commissioners Birch, Lewis, Lowenstein, Solomon and Starrels present, constituting a quorum.

***Special Item***

The Ward 2 Community Outreach Coordinator, Sean Howard, pointed out the availability of the Mayor's call center telephone number, 727-1000, for service requests and other similar matters. Mr. Howard said he would be available to work toward resolving an issue if it is not being dealt with in due course through the call center.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

***Approval of Minutes***

The minutes for the meeting of ANC 2E held on January 2, 2007 were approved by a vote of 5-0.

The minutes for the meeting of ANC 2E held on December 5, 2006, were approved by a vote of 3-0, with Commissioners Lewis and Lowenstein (who were not Commissioners at the time of that meeting) abstaining.

Commissioner Eason joined the meeting at this point.

Commissioner Eason stated that the financial report for the first quarter of the fiscal year (October, November and December 2006) will be deferred until the January 30 meeting.

***Approval of Counsel Fees for Appeal re 1812 35<sup>th</sup> Street NW***

After discussion by Commissioners, Commissioner Eason moved (Starrels second) to approve and authorize ANC 2E to disburse to the law firm of Finkelstein & Horvitz, P.C., \$6,000.00, in full payment for representation to date in connection with a zoning appeal relating to 1812 35<sup>th</sup> Street NW. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

### *Community Commendations for Past Commissioners*

#### *Gunnar Halley*

Commissioner Birch proposed the following community commendation in recognition of former ANC Commissioner Gunnar Halley, with Commissioner Eason moving its adoption (Solomon second). The motion passed by a vote of 6-0:

In recognition of his dedication and commitment to the Georgetown community, ANC 2E presents this commendation to Gunnar Halley. He has ably demonstrated in his service on the commission his zeal in the defense of the historic character of our community, his concern for public safety and his articulate advocacy and skill in representing the views of his neighbors and constituents. Gunnar's knowledge and understanding of the law have been of exceptional value to this community in mediating complex and difficult issues for the benefit of the residents of Georgetown. We hereby acknowledge and express our appreciation and gratitude to Gunnar Halley for his outstanding service to this community.

#### *John Lever*

Commissioner Lewis proposed the following community commendation in recognition of former ANC Commissioner John Lever, with Commissioner Eason moving its adoption (Solomon second). The motion passed by a vote of 6-0:

In recognition of his dedicated and effective service to the community as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, ANC 2E commends John Lever. John's caring and thoughtful approach have served the community well throughout a wide range of neighborhood issues. With a fine and sophisticated eye for historic details, he has protected the historic fabric of our neighborhood while wisely accommodating modern needs for change and growth. John's warmth and concern for the well-being of his constituents and the community as a whole have been a model for us all. We do hereby acknowledge and express our deep appreciation and gratitude to John Lever for his admirable civic service and positive impact on our community.

#### *Brett Clements*

Commissioner Lowenstein proposed the following community commendation in recognition of former ANC Commissioner Brett Clements, with Commissioner Eason moving its adoption (Solomon second). The motion passed by a vote of 6-0:

In recognition of his service to the community as ANC Commissioner, ANC 2E commends Brett F. Clements. As a consistent contributor of thoughtful insight, Brett was always willing to offer his unique perspective to any debate. His dedication to the ANC, as well as to the community of Georgetown and to Georgetown University, was exemplary, and his commitment to the improvement

of relations between the school, its students, and its neighbors led to significant progress in relations among all parties. For his many contributions to the communities of Georgetown, Burleith, and Hillandale, Brett deserves our full commendation.

Commissioner Skelsey joined the meeting at this point.

### **POLICE REPORT**

In the absence of a representative from MPD to give the police report, Commissioner Lewis summarized the police report based on crime statistics for January provided by MPD's Second District. These statistics are available at <http://crimemap.dc.gov/presentation/query.asp> Mr. Lewis also reported on the request by Chief Lanier for community input toward developing a community-based policing plan for every PSA, and on the community-policing input that is being provided for PSA 206 through the ANC's public safety committee. He also reported on the launch in early January of the augmented weekend MPD patrols in Georgetown sponsored jointly by the Citizens Association of Georgetown and Georgetown University.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENT**

**Update by DDOT on community projects:** The DDOT Ward 2 Transportation Planning Coordinator, Christopher Ziemann, reported on DDOT projects relating to the Georgetown Transportation Study; the Whitehurst Freeway Study; preliminary planning for a pilot in the District that could permit some parking in front of driveways; a possible fountain at the Eastern gate to Georgetown near the intersection of M Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW; reconstruction timetables for O and P Streets; and work on the Wisconsin Avenue bridge over the C&O Canal. Later in the meeting, John Deatrick, DDOT's Chief Engineer, offered to supply a list of federal-aid-eligible streets within ANC 2E and requested the ANC's assistance in prioritizing repairs and reconstruction of streets within ANC 2E.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Georgetown University's "One-Keg" Policy**

Commissioners Skelsey and Lowenstein co-sponsored a proposed letter to Georgetown University urging parity in the University's treatment of on- and off-campus students with regard to the University's "one keg" policy. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioners Skelsey and Lowenstein moved (Lewis second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E commends Georgetown University for its recent efforts to encourage responsible drinking habits among its of-age students. By introducing a one-keg limit for on-campus parties and introducing sterner sanctions for students who violate alcohol and party policies, Georgetown University has demonstrated its commitment to the safety of its students.

We are concerned, however, that the new limitations regarding on-campus drinking will force larger parties to locations off-campus. An increase in parties in the surrounding neighborhood will erode the quality of life enjoyed by the University's neighbors, and could increase conflict between residents and students who live side by side.

Therefore, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E strongly encourages Georgetown University to extend the reach of its new restrictions to all students, including those living in off-campus residences.

We appreciate the steps Georgetown University has already taken, and urge the natural extension of their actions to impact all student housing.

### **Bicycle Racks in Georgetown**

Commissioner Starrels reported that at the BID's request, DDOT is considering authorizing the installation of several bicycle racks on the sidewalks in some commercial locations in Georgetown, now that the individual parking meters, to which bicycles used to be locked, have been removed. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Skelsey second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E supports the concept of new bicycle racks in Georgetown and looks forward to working with others to determine the location and number of these racks and welcomes the participation and review of the Old Georgetown Board.

### **Fees for Dumpsters on Public Streets**

Commissioner Starrels reported that DDOT is proposing regulations increasing somewhat the fees for permits to place dumpsters on public streets. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved to adopt the following resolution (Skelsey second), which as proposed would have recommended increasing fees to \$500 per month. An amendment proposed by Commissioner Birch (Lowenstein second) would increase the recommended fee to \$750 per month. During further discussion, it was noted that a typical dumpster can take away three parking spaces and that to rent a parking space in the neighborhood costs some \$250 per month, so that \$750 per month for a dumpster permit is a reasonable amount. The amendment passed by a vote of 7-0. The resolution as amended passed by a vote of 7-0, as follows:

ANC 2E recommends increasing the fees to \$750 per month for having dumpsters on the streets in the District of Columbia in areas zoned R-1 through R-5.

### *Zoning and Planning*

**Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School (BZA 17549):** Dan Kerns, Headmaster of the Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, reported that the Board of Zoning Adjustment had granted a continuance until February 20 to hear the school's application and that the school, the neighbors, and the Citizens Association of Georgetown, with the support of Commissioners Skelsey and Lewis, are in agreement on a Transportation Management Plan to manage and reduce school-generated traffic.. The school requested that the ANC support the school's request to increase its enrollment and faculty-staff caps, conditional upon adoption of the agreed-upon Transportation Management Plan. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lewis moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E recognizes and appreciates the collegial efforts of Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, the Georgetown residents who are the School's neighbors, and the Citizens Association of Georgetown in working together to consider, negotiate and arrive at a proposed transportation management plan for the School. These efforts have resulted in an agreed-upon proposed transportation management plan, to be implemented in connection with the school's request for a zoning exception to increase its enrollment and faculty and staff caps, that should result in both significantly improved management of the school's traffic and, during the peak morning period, an actual reduction from current levels in school-generated traffic.

ANC 2E supports and approves the proposed transportation management plan for the School and authorizes any ANC 2E Commissioner to execute an agreement on behalf of ANC 2E at such time as Commissioners Skelsey and Lewis advise that such agreement is identical to or substantially the same as the attached agreement embodying the transportation management plan.

If and only if the Board of Zoning Adjustment, by itself or together with the School, takes action that, under the terms of the proposed transportation management plan, permits the proposed transportation management plan in its entirety to go into effect, then ANC 2E supports the School's application to the BZA for a special exception in Case No 17549.

If, however, contrary to the ANC's position, the Board of Zoning Adjustment should consider taking any action that would not result in the proposed transportation management plan in its entirety going into effect, then ANC 2E objects to any increase in the student or faculty and staff caps for the School. Without the proposed transportation management plan to manage and reduce school-related traffic, the neighborhood could not tolerate or accept the traffic burdens caused by any increase in the number of the School's students or faculty and staff above currently authorized levels.

ANC 2E designates Commissioner Skelsey and Commissioner Lewis, or either of them, to represent the ANC in Case No. 17549 before the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

**Georgetown Waterfront Park – Wisconsin Avenue Terminus:** Design development plans were presented for the Wisconsin Avenue Terminus of the Georgetown Waterfront Park, including plans for a pool, a pergola and steps leading to the river. During discussion, some questions were raised about certain design elements, to be reviewed by the Old Georgetown Board of the Fine Arts Commission, and about prospects for the Park Service to raise the necessary funds in a timely manner. On funding, John Parsons of the Park Service stated that he expected to have the necessary \$6 to \$7 million in hand for the project by December 2007. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the work and perspectives of the National Park Service, the Waterfront Park Commission, the Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park and the many community members and organizations involved in this project and appreciates the evolution that has taken place in the design development for Phase II. ANC 2E would like the construction work on Phase II to move forward expeditiously so that the park can be completed as quickly as possible. ANC 2E approves the design development concepts, with careful design review by the Old Georgetown Board.

**2613 Dumbarton Street (OGB 06-301):** Revised plans were presented for the property. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-1 (Lowenstein opposing):

ANC 2E continues to have reservations about the proposed addition to 2613 Dumbarton Street and requests that the Old Georgetown Board consider the massing of the addition at the rear and consider reducing the west facing windows on the second floor to none if possible, and no more than one.

**1645 31<sup>st</sup> Street (OGB 06-214):** Revised plans were presented for the property, involving additions and partial demolition on the existing residence; a new residence; and new garages. During discussion, questions were again raised, particularly about the massing of the proposed additions to the existing residence, the massing of the proposed new residence, the adequacy of the proponent's consultation with the neighbors and the ANC, and the suitability of the lot for a second residence. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which as proposed would not have discussed the massing of the second house. An amendment proposed by Commissioner Lewis (Solomon second) would object to the massing of the second house as well as to the

massing of the addition to the existing house.. The amendment passed by a vote of 7-0. The resolution as amended passed by a vote of 7-0, as follows:

ANC 2E is extremely disappointed that the applicant has consistently ignored the ANC's requests for information about the size of the remodeled and proposed new structures, the proposed location of the lot lines, and applicability of the Alley Dwelling Act of 1934, and continues to be concerned that a second house is inappropriate and that the massing of both the proposed new house and the proposed addition to the existing house remains inappropriately large. ANC 2E is concerned also about the proximity of the garage, proposed to serve the existing house, to a mature tree and the impact on the tree.

**1403 Wisconsin Avenue, CVS (OGB 07-070):** No representative of the proponent of this proposal appeared at the ANC meeting. Commissioner Birch moved (Skelsey second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

Based on plans submitted, ANC 2E opposes the proposal to replace the window frames with steel and new doors and requests the Old Georgetown Board require replacement in-kind matching the existing materials.

**Consent Calendar:** Commissioner Birch moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

The following items are considered to be on ANC 2E's Consent Calendar and will be sent to the Old Georgetown Board and other agencies without objection:

OGB 07-064, 1318 28<sup>th</sup> St.

OGB 07-065, 3001 Q St.

OGB 07-044, 1617 29<sup>th</sup> St.

OGB 07-049, 1534 28<sup>th</sup> St.

OGB 07-054, 1642 29<sup>th</sup> St.

OGB 07-062, 3327 P St.

OGB 07-057, 2616 P St.

OGB 07-068, 3047 N St.

OGB 07-053, 2001 Wisconsin Ave.

OGB 07-056, 3245 S St.

OGB 07-040, 1329 Wisconsin Ave.

*At 9:28 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Birch moved (Lewis second) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.*

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

Ron Lewis  
Secretary, ANC 2E