

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

May 31, 2005
Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by the Chair, Commissioner Solomon, with Commissioners Eason, Moore, Starrels, and Clements present, constituting a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes: The minutes of the May 3, 2005 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed by Commissioner Clements.

ANC 2E Quarterly Financial Report: The report was delayed until the arrival of Commissioner Lever.

Change of Date for Next Meeting: It was announced that the meeting previously scheduled for July 5, 2005 would be moved to June 28, 2005 in celebration of the 4th of July holiday weekend.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Commissioner Skelsey arrived at this time.

Police Report: Sergeant Bundy of the Metropolitan Police Department presented the police report for the month of May. He indicated that most of the crime over the past month had been burglaries, particularly on the Georgetown University campus. In most cases, door and windows had been left unlocked. He reminded everyone that simple precautions could reduce these kinds of incidents. Laptop computers tended to be the main target. Neighbors raised the issue of excessive speeding along 35th Street. Sergeant Bundy noted that he would look into extra enforcement. He also said that this was the type of issue that would be well suited for the monthly PPS meeting. Generally it is held the last Wednesday of each month. The result of last month's meeting would be new radar guns and the repair of old radar guns for PSA 206.

Commissioner Lever arrived at this time.

Georgetown Project Update: Len Levine informed ANC 2E that work was going well. Pepco was working this week on completing all service connections. WASA ran into a small problem with the water main tie-in on 33rd Street, but was working to overcome this. Soon, all sidewalks north of Q Street would be completed. The schedule for final paving would be determined by the weather. It was also announced that DDOT would be activating the new multi-bay parking meters in the next week. Commissioner Skelsey inquired about additional trees on M Street. Although outside of the Georgetown Project,

Mr. Levine stated that utility lines in the area prevented the installation of tree boxes large enough to sustain root growth. The Georgetown Project would be receiving the Communicators Excellence Award from the American Chamber of Commerce Executives in August at a conference in St. Louis.

Traffic Announcements:

- Rubber strips would be installed at Cady's Alley as a means of speed calming.
- Late last week a right turn signal was installed at Wisconsin and M Streets.
- A traffic study will be completed in approximately two weeks to be used in the consideration of traffic lights at the upper and lower portions of the Wisconsin and Reservoir intersection. Questions were raised as to whether the no left turn rule would remain if a light was installed.

At this time, ANC 2E observed a moment of silence in honor of Joe Pozell.

Quarterly Financial Report: Commissioner Lever, treasurer of ANC 2E presented the financial report for January, February, and March of 2005. Commissioner Eason moved (Starrels Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E approves and accepts the financial quarterly report as presented by
Commissioner Lever.

NEW BUSINESS

ABC Matters

3101 K Street, Mate: Commissioner Starrels, Chair of the ABC Committee, informed ANC 2E that a Voluntary Agreement had been reached between Mate and the Committee. The Citizens Association of Georgetown would also be joining in the VA. The occupancy limit would be 130 persons. The closing time would be identical to that of establishments at Washington Harbour. Mate would not be allowed to move chairs or tables to make space for dancing.

Special Items

Traffic at Wisconsin Avenue and 34th Street: Ramona Burns of DDOT spoke to questions of continuing concerns for pedestrian and bicycle safety at this intersection. Particular interest was paid to the students of Hardy Middle School. Principal Patrick Pope stated that students leaving school in the afternoon to go to the Jellef Boys and Girls Club were in much danger. Ms. Burns said that she would look into additional actions that could be taken and would be happy to arrange an informative safety session for the students of Hardy. Commissioner Eason asked that DDOT look at the timing of the light at the intersection, as well.

Rail Lighting on Pedestrian Bridge: Karyn Leblanc of DDOT presented a rail lighting design for the pedestrian bridge spanning the canal near 33rd Street. The plans were in response to the concerns of neighbors that traditional Georgetown globe lighting would be too bright for the area. The rail lighting would light the bridge, but not the surrounding area and would be much less intrusive. The lights would be white. Commissioner Starrels moved (Moore Second) for the following which was passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E enthusiastically supports the lighting scheme as presented.

Zoning and Planning

Café Milano Kitchen Expansion: The architect for Café Milano presented plans to expand the kitchen of the restaurant. The new addition would be 544 square feet, but would not increase seating capacity. The side of the addition would be angled to decrease visibility from the sidewalk. The style would match the existing building and the primary material would be opaque glass. The new extension would not be any taller than the existing structure. Commissioner Starrels moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E has no objections to the kitchen expansion as presented.

Georgetown Waterfront Park: John Parson of the National Park Service presented new plans for the Waterfront Park. He stated that the entire process began in 1978 and that this portion of the design process began in 2002. The main structural aspects of the plans included an interactive fountain, a shade structure with benches, and a large mast extending over the Potomac. Three different drawings were presented, showing different heights of the mast. The first phase of the project would cost \$7 million followed by the \$5 million for the second phase. Discussion commenced regarding the design process and many neighbors felt their wishes had been ignored continually. Commissioner Starrels moved (Moore Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E has been generally supportive of the new Georgetown Waterfront Park. However, certain design elements, specifically the Jody Pinto masts designed to occupy the overlooks along the river do not reflect the wishes of the Georgetown community as they distract from the beauty of the Potomac River. ANC 2E regrets not being able to review more thoroughly the installations for the Park but hopes that the walkway pavers, street furniture and lighting will reflect the uniqueness of Georgetown.

1500 35th Street (OGB 05-186): Georgetown Visitation presented plans for several changes to the existing property. It wished to replace the exterior windows on 35th and P Street that had been installed in the 1980s. A total of 35 windows would be replaced. It also wished to make changes to the “out building” on P Street that would now contain an air conditioning tower, replacing all the window units on the building. The school was working with an acoustic consultant to reduce noise from the new unit. Commissioner

Skelsey moved (Eason Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-1 (Starrels opposing):

ANC 2E supports the proposed modernizing of the Visitation property but asks that they pay particular attention to the proposed cooling equipment in the out building to lessen as much as possible the potential noise impact this might have on the P Street neighbors.

1611 Wisconsin Avenue (OGB 05-156): Jim Clark, architect for Commerce Bank, presented revised plans for the project that included more sidewalk space from the last version and also a smaller flag pole that was on top of the building. The pole would rise 12 feet above the roof and would be 12 inches in diameter. One foot and three inches had been added to the sidewalk. Commissioner Lever moved (Starrels Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E applauds the revised design in dealing with the cell phone towers but we would like to see the front planters removed to gain more pedestrian access on this busy Wisconsin Avenue sidewalk.

3051 Avon Place (OGB 05-167): It was noted that no neighbors were in attendance to oppose this project. Commissioner Eason moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E resolves to support the plans as presented for 3051 Avon Place.

3025 Dent Place (OGB 05-175): This project was deleted from the OGB.

1405 28th Street (OGB 05-192): No representative for the property appeared to present plans for this project at the ANC meeting. Commissioner Moore moved (Eason Second) for the following which was passed by a vote of 5-2 (Clements and Skelsey opposing):

ANC 2E cannot support the proposed project at 1405 28th Street, due to no representation regarding the proposed plans.

2804 N Street (OGB 05-187): The architect for this project presented plans to construct an exterior elevator shaft. Two different styles were shown to the ANC. The first version would be constructed of brick and contain windows that matched the house. The second version, preferred by the owners, would be constructed of steel and glass. The immediate neighbors of the property approved of either design. Commissioner Moore moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

Taking into account that the two proposed concepts for the elevator addition have the support of the immediate neighbors, ANC 2E supports either plan as proposed.

1242 Potomac Street (OGB 05-182): The architect for the project presented revised plans for the addition. The new proposal was 60% smaller than the previous version. Thus, due to the wooden trellis structure currently existing on the south side of the home, a special exception would no longer be needed as lot occupancy would be 54%. The architect claimed, much to the dismay of neighbors and several Commissioners, that the trellis qualified the home as a row house and not a semi-detached house. The neighbors to the north and the south opposed the plans due to loss of light and open space in their backyards. Other aesthetic and structural changes to the existing carriage house were proposed. Commissioner Starrels moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E has no objections to the alterations to the carriage house.

In addition, the following resolution was proposed. Commissioner Starrels moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

Because of the negative impact on the light and open space of the abutting neighbors, especially the neighbor at 1244 Potomac Street, ANC 2E cannot endorse the plans as presented. Also, ANC 2E does not appreciate the manner in which the applicant is trying to increase their lot coverage.

3108 M Street (OGB 05-160): No representative for the property appeared to make a presentation at the ANC meeting. Commissioner Starrels moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E cannot support the revised plans for 3108 M Street, due to no representation regarding the proposed plans

3251 Prospect Street (OGB 05-157): Noting that this project had been reviewed previously by the ANC, it was moved to the consent calendar.

Consent Calendar for the Old Georgetown Board: Commissioner Clements moved (Moore Second) to accept the consent calendar which passed by a vote of 7-0. The consent calendar contained the following projects:

OGB 05-173, 1419 33rd Street
OGB 05-157, 3251 Prospect Street

3209 M Street (OGB 05-179): Plans were presented for a new sign reflecting a change of name for the business. A few minor changes to the lighting would also occur. Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-2 (Lever and Solomon opposing):

ANC 2E supports a 12” sign scheme plus the alterations to the storefront and the proposed lighting.

3106 M Street (OGB 05-176): The owner of Dahn Yoga presented a drawing for a wooden blade sign that would be placed on the second floor of the building. Details regarding color, size, letter height, and specific materials were unknown at the time. Commissioner Starrels moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

Although 3106 M Street was represented at the meeting there was not enough information to take a position so we defer to the Old Georgetown Board.

3256 Prospect Street (OGB 05-180): The architects for this investment property presented plans to make several exterior changes to the existing structure. Windows and shutters would be replaced and several planters would be added beneath the windows. Interior renovations would include to new conference room spaces on the first floor. The exterior would be painted hunter green. Also, the owners wished to extend the length of the second floor by discarding the current patio scheme. Several Commissioner voiced concerns over the proposed changes to the second floor. Commissioner Starrels moved (Eason Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to Exhibit 1 as presented at our meeting but has strong opposition to a fully filled in addition design as shown in Exhibit 2.

3263 P Street (OGB 05-177): The owners and their architect presented plans for restoration to the front façade and a three-story addition to the rear. The current aluminum siding would be replaced with milled wood siding. The rear addition would be slighting depressed and would not rise three full stories above ground. The neighbors to the east had much concern over the attachment of portions of the house that were not already connected. They also worried about the structural integrity of their basement during excavation for the rear addition. Commissioner Skelsey moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E offers limited support to the project with regard to the extension, and we offer significant concern to the structural integrity of the neighbor's house.

At 11:19 PM, with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Clements moved (Solomon Second) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Submitted for the Approval of ANC 2E,

Brett F. Clements
Secretary, ANC 2E