



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 3rd, 2017; 6:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order

Chair Joe Gibbons called the meeting to order at 6:31 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.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of April 3rd, 2017 ANC 2E Public Meeting Agenda

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

Approval of the February 27th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the February 27th, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Administrative

Announcement Regarding the Launch of the New ANC 2E Website

Peter Sacco, ANC 2E's Executive Director, said that the ANC's new website is up and running. He encouraged meeting attendees to send him any comments or suggestions regarding the new website.

Community Comment

Update from the Mayor's Office

Richard Livingstone, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an overview of DC Public Schools (DCPS) Chancellor Antwan Wilson's upcoming Ward 2 community meeting, which will be on Monday, April 24th at 6:30 pm at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens.

Mr. Livingstone said that the Mayor recently launched Potholepalooza, a month-long campaign to rapidly fix the city's potholes. He encouraged meeting attendees to submit requests for pothole repairs via the city's 311 call center. He added that on Tuesday, April 4th the Mayor will be unveiling her proposed FY 2018 budget at the regular DC Council breakfast. He said that the

proposed budget includes tax reductions, a new childcare initiative, and funding for the Mayor's Homeward DC initiative.

Update from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' office, said that the DC Council will soon begin a 56 day review of the Mayor's proposed FY 2018 budget.

Ms. Werner said that the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) upcoming implementation of the city's red top meter program will go into effect on May 1st in the city's central business district (CBD). Commissioner Solomon said that he thought that there were still red top meters in Georgetown, which is outside of the CBD. He asked if DDOT would be removing the meters. Ms. Werner said that meeting attendees can send the locations of any red top meters in Georgetown to her so that DDOT can remove them.

Update from the Attorney General's Office

John Green, the Community Engagement Coordinator for Attorney General Karl Racine's office, gave an overview of the Attorney General's role, including his prosecution of juvenile crimes in DC, as well as his bringing of lawsuits that help protect consumers.

Announcement of Upcoming Community Meeting Regarding the C&O Canal Restoration Project on March 29th

Will Handsfield, the Transportation Director for the Georgetown BID, gave an overview of the outcomes of the recent C&O Canal Restoration Project community meeting. He gave an overview of James Corner Field Operations, the design firm that was hired for the project. He said that there will be plenty of opportunities for community input regarding the project and that the next project community meeting will be announced soon.

Update Regarding the Duke Ellington School of the Arts Modernization Project

Commissioner Solomon said that the ANC has received assurances that the Duke Ellington School of the Arts modernization project will be completed by August 2017, with the students starting school in the new building in September. He said that there will be a lot of move-in activity at the site once construction has completed.

Commissioner Solomon said that there are more than 300 contractors working on a daily basis at the site and that there continue to be neighborhood concerns regarding contractors parking on neighborhood streets. He said that out of the 300 contractors, approximately 100 contractors park on neighborhood streets.

A local resident asked if DCPS would be offering any community tours of the new building. Commissioner Solomon said that the construction site is still a hard hat area so he would have to check if tours will be offered.

Commissioner Murphy added that construction has to be finished this summer in order for the students at Hyde-Addison Elementary School to go to Meyer Elementary School, the building currently occupied by the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, this fall.

Presentation by the District Department of Transportation and the Georgetown BID Regarding the BID's Proposed Traffic Plan for K Street and Water Street NW

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

The traffic along Water Street NW and heading north on Wisconsin Avenue continues to worsen, particularly during evening rush hour and throughout the day and evenings on weekends. Each weekend, nearby residents send photos of gridlock in front of their homes and garages, noting, in particular, that emergency vehicles have been trapped in the gridlock on Water Street, and even including a video of a frustrated driver aggressively leaving his car to scream at another driver because traffic has grinded to a halt.

Residents in ANC 2E05 are fed up with the worsening conditions and in desperate need of traffic relief. ANC 2E greatly appreciates the preliminary work completed to provide some of this relief via the traffic plan presented at the ANC's meeting this evening. While we continue to have questions related to the elimination of parking and tour bus parking and look forward to coming to an agreement that adequately addresses these two concerns, we are anxious to move this work forward quickly so that residents may get to and from their homes in a reasonable manner, visitors can enjoy all that Georgetown provides without sitting in untenable traffic, and pedestrians and bikers can safely navigate the streets in an orderly manner and without the fear of being hit by cars and/or other bikers.

As such, ANC 2E requests that appropriate resources are committed to move this traffic plan forward immediately and to continue to address outstanding questions from the community. Additionally, ANC 2E encourages the District Department of Transportation to pursue immediate traffic remedies along Water and K Street, including by providing traffic control officers along Water Street during peak traffic times, immediately assessing the timing of lights on Wisconsin Avenue, and providing simpler and more efficient access to northbound Rock Creek Parkway, all in an effort to drain the traffic from Water Street in an expeditious manner.

Announcement from the Georgetown BID Regarding the BID's French Market Event on April 28th to April 30th

Mr. Handsfield said that the Georgetown BID's annual French Market event will run from April 28th to April 30th on Wisconsin Avenue between O Street and Reservoir Road NW.

Announcement from the Georgetown BID Regarding the BID's Georgetown Gateways Community Meeting on April 5th

Mr. Handsfield said that the upcoming community meeting for the Georgetown BID's Georgetown Gateways project will be on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00 pm at the Georgetown Neighborhood Library, 3260 R Street NW. He gave an overview of Beyer Blinder Belle, the architecture firm that was hired for the project.

Update Regarding the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Commissioner Palmer said that she has heard that the detours for DDOT's Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project will begin in mid- to late-April. She added that the project contractor has been very helpful in addressing community concerns.

Behind the Table: Heroes for Hearts

Commissioner Goldman introduced the "Behind the Table" organization for the evening, Heroes for Hearts.

A representative for Heroes for Hearts said that the organization trains students on how to perform CPR who then train community members on how to perform CPR. He said that the organization trained more than 300 community members this past year and that they are looking to expand across the nation during the coming school year. He added that organizations and businesses in the neighborhood can contact Heroes for Hearts for training opportunities.

Other Community Comments

Greg Miller, a representative for the Georgetown-Burleith Solar Co-op, gave an overview of the co-op's recent information sessions. He said that the Burleith Citizens Association recently voted to partner on the solar co-op efforts.

Administrative (Continued)

Public Safety and Police Report

Commissioner Solomon said that there has been a recent uptick in burglaries in the neighborhood, including a recent burglary at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts construction site.

New Business

Presentation and Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Proposed Installation of LED Streetlights

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

WHEREAS, DC's Office of Public-Private Partnership (OP3), in conjunction with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), is initiating a complete modernization of the District's streetlight system,

WHEREAS, this complete modernization has inherent technological concerns regarding the conversion of non-LED DDOT-owned streetlights to LED streetlights.

WHEREAS, ANC 2E requests that OP3, in conjunction with DDOT and OCTO, work with the residents of ANC 2E to understand the neighborhood concerns about this new lighting technology, which has been included in OP3's Smart Lighting Project, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2E requests that the federally-protected historic characteristics of our neighborhood be taken into account when applying LED technology to our streetlight lanterns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E requests that the technology of the LED streetlights currently being analyzed by DC's Office of Public-Private Partnership, in conjunction with the District Department of Transportation and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer, be presented to the ANC before the streetlights' installation in order to allow for community discussion.

Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Proposed Removal of the Traffic Signal at the Georgetown Park Parking Garage on Wisconsin Avenue South of M Street NW

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed 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 is grateful to DDOT for the review of and conclusions related to the traffic light on Wisconsin Avenue just south of M Street NW, pursuant to an engineering evaluation. As traffic continues to worsen along Water Street and heading north on Wisconsin Avenue, particularly in the spring and summer during evening rush hour and throughout the weekend, ANC 2E supports DDOT's recommendation to remove the flashing traffic light on the south side of the intersection by the Georgetown Park garage.

ANC 2E encourages DDOT to continue to assess the gridlock conditions along Wisconsin Avenue in order to develop effective solutions for managing the traffic. In the meantime, we support the finding that this traffic light, halting northbound traffic, is no longer justified and, furthermore, is confusing, in many cases unsafe for drivers, and backs up traffic unnecessarily. ANC 2E also supports the incorporation of signage instructing drivers to not block the intersection so that drivers may exit from the Georgetown Park garage. We look forward to hearing when the work will be completed so that we can further inform our constituents.

Resolution Regarding the Proposed Creation of Georgetown Main Streets

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

DC Main Streets is a comprehensive program that promotes the revitalization of traditional business districts in the District of Columbia. Created in 2002 through the National Trust for Historic Preservation, DC Main Streets serves as a citywide coordinating program that provides services and funding for the 12 “Main Streets” found in the District of Columbia, which include Dupont Circle, Eastern Market, and Barracks Row.

DC Main Streets’ mission is to support the traditional retail corridors of the District. Vibrant commercial corridors are an important asset to the vitality of Georgetown.

ANC 2E enthusiastically supports the creation of a Georgetown Main Streets program.

Resolution Regarding Possible Federal Action on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Policy

This Commission deferred this matter to a future ANC meeting.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Appointment of Commissioner Murphy to Represent ANC 2E in ABRA Case #16- PRO-00126 (Restaurant Enterprises t/a Smith Point)

Commissioner Solomon moved to appoint Commissioner Murphy as the ANC’s representative for the ANC’s ongoing case with Smith Point. Commissioner Goldman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E05 - OG 17-146 (HPA 14-016) 1051 29th Street, NW

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

Acting in accordance with the resolution adopted by this commission on February 1, 2016, ANC 2E takes no position with respect to whether demolition of the existing structure would be appropriate. However, in the event that demolition is approved, ANC 2E supports the revised conceptual design for the proposed West Heating Plant project.

SMD 2E02 - OG 17-165 (HPA 17-282) 3336 Reservoir Road, NW

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

ANC 2E has determined that this small rooftop addition is in keeping with the character of the rear of this neighborhood. The irregular expression of the surrounding residences

affords this applicant the ability to build this addition. However, ANC 2E acknowledges the concerns of light reduction by the contiguous eastern property owner (3333 Reservoir Road NW). This concern was personally investigated by the ANC 2E02 Commissioner and it is the belief of said Commissioner that it is not a reason to alter the concept design. The concept design could not be altered to provide relief to the owner of 3334 Reservoir Road NW. Therefore, ANC 2E, while acknowledging the concerns, gives its approval of the concept design.

SMD 2E02 - OG 17-162 (HPA 17-279) 3217 Volta Place, NW

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

ANC 2E approves of the concept design and believes that the proposed concept design is harmonious to the neighborhood. The applicant's concept design will ensure the uniqueness of the rear of these 1870s townhouses.

SMD 2E02 - OG 17-161 (HPA 17-278) 1647 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

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

ANC 2E approves of the concept design with no awning or canopy.

SMD 2E06 - OG 17-132 (HPA 17-224) 3023 P Street, NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Administrative (Continued)

Reimbursement to Peter Sacco for Purchase of Website Hosting Service

Chair Gibbons moves to reimburse Peter Sacco \$168 for the purchase of the Wix website hosting service for the ANC's new website. Commissioner Goldman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Adjournment

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.