

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

March 4, 2013

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair. Commissioners Starrels, Solomon, Lewis, Jones, Birch, Eason and Cassey present, constituting a quorum.

**Administrative**

***Approval of March 4, 2013 Agenda***

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda of the March 4, 2013 ANC 2E public meeting. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

**New Business – Wisconsin Avenue Discussion**

Councilmember Jack Evans, Councilmember Mary Cheh, and DDOT Director Terry Bellamy joined the meeting for a discussion of the effects on Burleith and Georgetown of recent traffic-lane reconfigurations on Wisconsin Avenue between Calvert Street NW and Whitehaven Parkway NW.

An in-depth discussion proceeded about the effects on traffic caused by the lane reconfigurations, particularly in causing congestion and delays in northbound traffic. Councilmember Evans and commissioners reported on congestion they are experiencing and reported that community comments were generally quite critical of the changed configurations. Most of the comments by community members present were critical of the reconfiguration. Councilmember Cheh and several community members counseled waiting until final changes on 37<sup>th</sup> Street/Tunlaw Road had been made before reaching judgment, and Director Bellamy said DDOT would observe the situation closely. Councilmember Cheh said the D.C. Council Transportation Committee, which she chairs, would hold a roundtable discussion on the Wisconsin Avenue situation in early May.

***Approval of the February 4, 2012 Minutes***

Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2012 ANC 2E public meeting. Commissioner Starrels seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

***Financial Report***

Commissioner Jones, ANC 2E Treasurer, reported that ANC 2E finances are in order.

***Public Safety Report***

Lieutenant Hedgecock of the Metropolitan Police Department reported on public safety matters in the neighborhood and noted that local Officer Antonial Atkins had been named MPD police officer of the year.

***Transportation Report***

Commissioners Lewis and Starrels noted that winter potholes can be reported on 311 or online and that repair service can be very fast.

***Department of Public Works Report***

Commissioner Jones reported on DPW matters, including noting that manual street cleaning is coming in March.

***Administrative Resolution***

Commissioner Lewis proposed a resolution of appreciation for the work of the Office of Planning, for

presentation at an oversight hearing scheduled by the Committee of the Whole of the D.C. Council.

Commissioner Solomon seconded and the resolution passed by a vote of 7-0. The resolution is printed at the end of these minutes.

### **Community Comment**

It was noted during Community Comment that tax assessments have been mailed to property owners and that D.C. Water will be holding a town-hall meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

#### **Possible additional Capital Bikeshare stations planned – 34<sup>th</sup> & Water Streets and Wisconsin Avenue & O Street**

Christopher Holben, manager of the Capital BikeShare program for DDOT, presented proposals for new BikeShare stations at 34<sup>th</sup> and Water Streets and at Wisconsin Avenue and O Street. Commissioner Birch proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Lewis. The resolution passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E supports the proposed additional Capitol Bikeshare locations for Georgetown at CVS, Wisconsin and O Streets, NW, and at 34<sup>th</sup> and Water Streets, NW.

#### **Sprint Four the Cure 5K – September 2013**

After a presentation by the event sponsor and discussion, Commissioner Starrels proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The resolution carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E endorses the Sprint Four the Cure scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013. It is important to ANC 2E that the race adheres strictly to the times as mentioned and closes as mentioned and accommodates the inhabitants of Jamison Place who need parking.

#### **Rose Park Wedding Permit**

After a presentation by the applicants for a permit to use Rose Park, Commissioner Birch proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Lewis. The resolution carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E is pleased to support the application of Ms. Sunlen Miller and Mr. Alexis Serfaty for a permit for the performance of their ceremony of marriage in Rose Park on August 3, 2013.

#### **Nike Women's Marathon Half – April 2013**

Representatives from Pacers presented regarding the event. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The resolution carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E supports the Nike Women's Marathon Half and the closure of Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, for Saturday, April 27, 2013 in the morning. We expect Nike to employ TCO's for the intersections starting at 29<sup>th</sup> and K Street NW and westbound to Wisconsin Avenue, NW. We would expect the use of a TCO officer at M Street and Wisconsin Avenue, NW, and an additional TCO officer at M and 31<sup>st</sup> Streets, NW. The organizers of the race must arrange, with the help of the Georgetown BID, the rerouting of the double-decker sightseeing bus that normally uses Thomas Jefferson Street NW to exit Georgetown during the duration of the race. We look forward to having Nike as a partner to Georgetown in the future.

## **Marine Corps Marathon - October 2013**

A representative of the Marine Corps Marathon presented regarding the event. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The resolution carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E endorses once again the Marine Corps Marathon for October 2013 with the extra stipulation that the Marathon planners will check with MPD that M Street, NW, is open to the east of 31<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, and if that poses a problem, another conversation needs to take place with ANC 2E before that takes effect.

## **Powerhouse Event Space, 3255 Grace Street, NW**

Commissioners and representatives of the Powerhouse building discussed a new use of the premises for events and made arrangements to work together toward a written understanding about the use of the space, including protections for nearby residents.

## **Red-Light Cameras on M Street, NW**

After discussing the traffic situation at intersections along M Street NW in Georgetown and a long-pending request by ANC 2E for red-light cameras, Commissioner Starrels proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Lewis. The resolution carried with a vote of 7-0.

Georgetown has a history of heavy vehicle traffic seven days a week as well as heavy pedestrian traffic, which can be a dangerous mix. By installing red light cameras, M Street, NW, will be safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. The cameras will also help with traffic flow since fewer people will run red lights and block intersections as they do now. An additional benefit is that the cameras could make more effective the work of both MPD and DDOT at these locations.

ANC 2E requests the District of Columbia Government to give priority to the placement of red light cameras in Georgetown. The locations we suggest, in order of importance, include:

- Wisconsin and M Street, NW – controlling east and west bound traffic
- Key Bridge at M Street, NW – both inbound traffic directions
- M Street, NW, at Thomas Jefferson Street, NW – westbound traffic
- 31<sup>st</sup> Street, NW and M Street, NW
- 29<sup>th</sup> Street, NW at M Street, NW

Since our request has been pending for some three years, we would greatly appreciate establishing a timetable for installation and contact information for the appropriate person at MPD to follow through on this.

## **ABC**

### **3050 K Street, NW, Fiola Mare, Application No. ABRA-091251, Application for liquor license**

A representative of the applicant presented regarding the license application. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The resolution carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E welcomes the applicant for ABRA Liquor License No. 091251. We endorse the license and welcome them to the community.

### **3315 Cady's Alley, NW, Kafe Leopold/L2, ABRA License No. 25268, Temporary Daylight Savings Time Extension of Hours**

Commissioner Birch proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Starrels. The resolution carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E supports the request by Kafe Leopold/L2 for a temporary Daylight Savings Time Extension of Hours license during the evening of Saturday, March 9, 23013 through the morning of Sunday, March 10, 2013, waiving the closing times in the licensee's Voluntary Agreement.

### **Old Georgetown Board**

Commissioner Birch chaired the meeting for consideration of the following OGB-related matters. Commissioner Lewis did not participate in the discussion or vote regarding any of these matters.

#### ***Regular Calendar***

#### **Private Projects**

**3222 M Street, NW, OG 13-080** (HPA 13-132) Commercial, Alterations to storefront, sign scheme for "H&M", paint first floor façade, Concept

After a presentation by the applicant and discussion, Commissioner Starrels proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The resolution carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E appreciates the evolution of the façade. We hope that the cornice and above the second story windows will be the same materials. We like the brushed steel material. We approve of the size of the lettering and choice of halo lighting. We do not have a position on the rest of the design decisions.

**3222 M Street, NW, OG 13-117** (HPA 13-194) Commercial, Alterations to façade facing C & O Canal, sign scheme for "Pinstripes," Concept

After a presentation by the applicant and discussion, Commissioner Starrels proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The resolution carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E likes the overall concept and has no objection to Pinstripes signage facing toward the east and no objection to the sign near the southeast corner. However, we believe the third sign farthest west facing the canal interferes with the vantage points/view of the canal and we do not think it is necessary. We have no objection to the additional entrance.

**3100 Dumbarton Street, NW, OG 13-101** (HPA 13-177) Residence, Addition above garage and swimming pool, Concept

After a presentation by the applicant and discussion, Commissioner Birch proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The resolution carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC 2E objects to the concept and plans as submitted. We feel they are not in keeping with the historic nature of this property nor the adjacent properties; the proposal compromises the relationship with the two nearest properties and the view from 31st street. We hope the OGB will reject this concept.

**1815 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 13-100** (HPA 13-176) Commercial, Sign scheme for "Roosters", including sign at rear and on vehicular gate, awnings, Permit

After a presentation by the applicant and discussion, Commissioner Eason proposed the following resolution,

which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The resolution carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E objects to the permit because the applicant did not appear to present his sign scheme.

**At 10:15 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn the public meeting session of ANC 2E. Commissioner Starrels seconded the motion. With a vote of 7-0, the motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Cassey  
Acting Secretary, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Resolution by ANC 2E expressing appreciation for the work of the D.C. Office of Planning:

ANC 2E, serving Georgetown and Burleith, represents communities that often work closely with the D.C. Office of Planning.

We consistently find that the Office of Planning is highly professional, skillful, creative, efficiently responsive, and welcoming and collegial toward community input. In our experience, the Office of Planning serves the District of Columbia extremely well.

We interact closely with the Office of Planning on a broad variety of issues important to our communities. Within the past year, these have included –

- Collegial and productive work by OP on a possible customized residential zone for the Georgetown Historic District, as part of the zoning regulations rewrite. The goals are to blend new ideas with historic preservation principles to enhance the vibrancy, sustainability and historic character of the community. The Office of Planning throughout has welcomed working with the community and is doing outstanding work toward achieving shared goals.
- Clear and powerful analysis by OP on the town-gown issues involved in the recent Georgetown University 10-year campus plan zoning review. OP's work was crucial in leading to the unprecedented comprehensive agreement by the community and the university on a new campus plan, including a strong community-university partnership going forward.
- Fast, responsive and highly accurate demographic and mapping work for the recent redistricting of our ANC. We needed to create an additional single member ANC district, in a location that was very difficult to describe: it essentially divided the Georgetown University campus into two districts, based on on-campus population in various buildings. As laypersons, it seemed far from easy to us to figure out how to do this, especially where there are few streets on campus for dividing-lines to follow. OP's experts, to our great relief and appreciation, threaded the lines through the campus, building-by-building, complete with mapping and a clear and readable description of where the lines would go.
- A project by OP to increase public understanding of the historic built environment in the Georgetown Historic District, by documenting the history and appearance of many interesting and often unique buildings off the beaten path in Georgetown, along its alleys and by-ways. This will add to understanding and appreciation not only by neighborhood and city residents, but by many of the 10 million visitors as well who come to Georgetown each year.
- Thoughtful and productive reviews by OP's Historic Preservation Office of every external building-permit application in Georgetown, to give expert advice at the monthly meetings of the Commission of Fine Arts/Old Georgetown Board and the Historic Preservation Review Board on how to protect the historic character of the neighborhood while allowing for building alterations to meet modern needs. This high-quality work, day in and day out, has an enormous positive influence on our community and the city as a whole.

We appreciate and commend the Office of Planning for the high quality of its work and for the inclusiveness of its approach to the community.

