



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 1st, 2018; 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 6:30 pm. Commissioners Ed Solomon (2E01), Joe Gibbons (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Jim Wilcox (2E06), Monica Roache (2E07), and Zac Schroepfer (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the ANC's October 1st, 2018 Meeting Agenda

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's October 1st, 2018 meeting agenda. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

Lt. Dustin Bellavance, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. He encouraged local residents to install security cameras on their homes and to send any camera footage that may involve a crime to MPD.

Lt. Bellavance gave an overview of the additional MPD officer patrols that have been added to the Burleith neighborhood in order to counter a recent rise in the number of thefts from automobiles in the neighborhood.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2019 Budget

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's FY 2019 budget. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Community Commendations

Community Commendation for Dan Kerns, Retiring Head of School for Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School

Chair Gibbons presented a Community Commendation to Dan Kerns, the retiring Head of School for Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School.

Community Comment

Update from the Mayor's Office

Alyssa Ryan, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), introduced herself to meeting attendees. She encouraged local residents to take part in the Mayor's Private Security Camera Rebate Program.

Update from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that DC's general sales tax increased from 5.75% to 6% today. She said that taxes on alcohol sales, hotel stays, and cigarette sales also went up, while feminine hygiene products are no longer subject to sales tax. She added that a complete list of the recent tax changes can be found on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's (OCFO) website at: www.cfo.dc.gov.

Presentation by Gerard Brown, the Program Manager of the Rodent and Vector Control Division of DC Health

Gerard Brown, the Program Manager of the Rodent and Vector Control Division of DC Health, said that Mayor Bowser increased the DC Government's budget for rodent control as part of the city's FY 2019 budget. He gave an overview of DC Health's efforts to promote dry ice as an easy and cost-effective way for the public to protect against rodents. He also encouraged local businesses to participate in DC's Commercial Waste Compactor Grants Program. He gave an overview of the DC Government's fee structure for local residents and businesses who do not properly secure their trash from rodents.

Commissioner Solomon thanked Mr. Brown for the recent rodent control walk-through that he conducted in the Burleith neighborhood. He asked who local residents should call if they find a dead rodent in the neighborhood. Mr. Brown said that residents should call the city's 3-1-1 call center and ask for "dead animal collection."

Other Public Announcements

John Green, a Community Engagement Coordinator for the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (OAG), said that he placed a stack of handouts on the table in the back of the meeting room that includes a list of services that OAG provides to DC residents. He also gave an overview of OAG's Consumer Protection Hotline, which can be reached at (202) 442-9828 and can help local residents if they feel that they have been a victim of fraud.

Mike Carter, the Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW), introduced himself to meeting attendees.

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Joint ANC Transportation Meeting with ANC 2A

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

WHEREAS, ANC 2E appreciates the leadership of ANC 2A Chair William Kennedy Smith for coordinating this important joint ANC transportation meeting,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E Commissioner Lisa Palmer has diligently worked with ANC 2A on two specific resolutions that will greatly reduce traffic congestion on K Street NW at Rock Creek Parkway and will create a riverfront green space between Virginia Avenue NW and the Roosevelt Bridge so as to enhance pedestrian and bicycle access to the continuous riverfront park from Georgetown to the National Mall,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E has unanimously supported both resolutions,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E appreciates the opportunity to work with ANC 2A on issues that affect our community,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E applauds ANC 2A for bringing together District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Director Jeff Marootian, Councilmember Jack Evans, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, and other important decision makers for this joint ANC transportation meeting,

WHEREAS, the joint ANC transportation meeting will be for informational and community feedback purposes, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2E's participation will be limited to supporting the ANCs' joint resolutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E fully supports and will participate in the joint ANC transportation meeting with ANC 2A.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Repair of a Public Walkway on Reservoir Road NW

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

ANC 2E is very concerned about the state of the sidewalks between 3600 Reservoir Road and 3644 Reservoir Road NW, as well as beyond the "Gate 0" exit from Georgetown University, near the construction trailers and St. Mary's Hall.

ANC 2E advises the Department of the District of Transportation (DDOT) that these sidewalks are heavily used by local residents; Georgetown University students, staff, and visitors; and MedStar Georgetown University Hospital staff, patients, and visitors. The sidewalks are also seeing an increase in motorized scooter traffic and bikeshare traffic.

ANC 2E advises DDOT that, in addition to the missing or loose bricks along the sidewalks, there is a sunken area of sidewalk about 12 to 16 feet long and the full width of the sidewalk. This area creates a safety hazard with almost any level of rainfall.

ANC 2E advises DDOT that the state of the sidewalks impairs the use of the public right of way by the disabled.

Therefore, ANC 2E requests that the District Department of Transportation addresses these health, safety, right of way, and public access issues for the sidewalks on Reservoir Road NW.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Addition of Striping at “T” Intersections Along Water Street and K 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: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Near M Street NW and within ANC 2E05, there exist five "T" intersections (or in the case of 30th Street NW, a “T” intersection in practice). These are Wisconsin Avenue at K Street NW, Grace Street at Wisconsin Avenue NW, Potomac Street at M Street NW, Thomas Jefferson Street at M Street NW, and 30th Street at K Street NW. Each of these streets is a single lane as it approaches the "T" with parking on both sides or one side. At the intersection, parking is not allowed within a set distance of the crosswalk.

At each of these locations, drivers have the option to turn left or right. However, during periods of heavy congestion, a single driver waiting to turn one way in the middle of the lane frequently will block turns onto the other direction which might be clear of traffic, leading to compounding congestion as the drivers stop to wait for the turning vehicles ahead.

Each of these locations could be the site of improved lane assignment at the intersection, where for the last 40 or 60 feet before the stop bar, turn lane arrows and lane lines would be marked on the pavement, strongly encouraging drivers to shift into position to make their specific turn. ANC 2E believes that this quick lane assignment project will have a tangible benefit in reducing congestion in the area, with no drawback for the many users of the ANC’s streets.

Therefore, ANC 2E requests that the District Department of Transportation completes a design for this work and installs it within the 2018 calendar year, before it is too cold to complete new pavement markings.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Potomac Paddle Pub – Application for a New Retailer’s Class “DX” Marine Vessel License Operating Out of Washington Harbour at 3050 K Street NW

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

ANC 2E supports the granting of a stipulated license for a new Retailer’s Class “DX” Marine Vessel license operating out of Washington Harbour at 3050 K Street NW for the Potomac Paddle Pub.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E06 - OG 18-337 (HPA 18-630) 2715 M Street, NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Public Space Committee

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Public Space Committee's Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines

Commissioner Schroepfer recused himself from voting on this matter.

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

ANC 2E supports the DC Government's advocacy of broadband infrastructure deployment with the goal of ensuring that residents, businesses, and public safety operations in DC have reliable access to wireless telecommunications network technology and state-of-the-art mobile broadband communication services.

ANC 2E advises the Public Space Committee that before the Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines are adopted, DC's Urban Forestry Advisory Council should be asked to render an opinion or provide commentary on the possible effects of small cell deployment on the District's tree canopy goals. Furthermore, the proposed guidelines should be submitted to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB), the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), and the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) for full reviews within their jurisdictional authority and a vote.

ANC 2E advises the Public Space Committee that ANC 2E requests that the committee incorporate the following into the Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines:

1. A full scale mock-up of small cell installations by each carrier should be constructed for review, comments, and CFA approval prior to consideration of initial applications for Georgetown.
2. The size, color, diameter, and finish of all small cell equipment, including antennas, antenna-related equipment, cabinets, shrouds, and conduit (no exposed wiring), should be specified and mounting hardware should not exceed the dimensions of the approved mock up.
3. The guidelines should require carriers to submit yearly photographs of all small cell installations to ensure compliance.
4. Real-time maps of all actual small cell pole locations should be made publicly available.
5. Real-time maps of all proposed small cell pole locations should be made publicly available.
6. All small cell facilities should be required to perform pre- and post-installation radio frequency emission measurements on a minimum of three selected nodes, yearly,

within the small cell system to confirm compliance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations, as ANC 2E's entire community will be subjected to involuntary radio frequency exposure and this exposure may have negative effects for people with radio frequency emission disabilities or sensitivities.

7. There should be no fans, cooling devices, or back-up generators permitted to be placed on or in small cell facilities or installations.
8. Small cell facilities or installations should be located at intersecting residential property lines.
9. Small cell facilities or installations in residential neighborhoods should be located to reduce any obstructions to property sight lines as much as possible.
10. When installed in a business, commercial district, and/or mixed-use zoned area, care should be taken to locate the small cell facilities or installations so as to avoid negatively impacting businesses. Small cell facilities or installations should not be located in front of storefront windows, sidewalk cafes, outdoor patio seating, primary walkways, primary entrances, or exits, or in such a way that would impede deliveries to the establishment. Small cell facilities or installations should be located between properties as much as possible.
11. The number of poles installed in ANC 2E should be minimized. ANC 2E advises that hoteling should be seriously considered as a requirement and that the maximum numbers of poles per block face that are specified in the guidelines should not be increased.
12. Any additional poles that are installed in ANC 2E should be required to conform to the illustrations set forth in the guidelines, unless any modifications are approved on an individual case-by-case basis by the Public Space Committee, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, and the Historic Preservation Review Board.
13. As proposed in the guidelines, and as stressed by members of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts during its most recent public hearing, the vaults for all poles should be required to be located underground.
14. Should small cell technology become obsolete and/or the pole owners cease conducting business in the District of Columbia, the poles should be removed within 60 days.

ANC 2E advises the Public Space Committee to incorporate, in the current version of the Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines, the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) WiFi hardware concept design for the hardware that is proposed to attach to the small cell poles.

ANC 2E advises the Public Space Committee that the following should require a 30-day notice to the affected ANC and the specific single member district commissioner:

1. Any small cell facility installations.
2. All small cell facility maintenance.

3. All small cell facility upgrades.
4. Any location changes to existing small cell facility deployments.

ANC 2E advises the Public Space Committee that any future changes to the Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines should require a 30-day notice to the ANCs and to the public.

ANC 2E advises the Public Space Committee that this resolution has the support of the Citizens Association of Georgetown, the Burleith Citizens Association, the Hillandale Homeowners Association, Trees for Georgetown, Georgetown Main Street, the Georgetown Business Improvement District, and the Georgetown Business Association.

ANC 2E advises the Public Space Committee to incorporate the recommendations contained in this resolution into the revised Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines and to then hold public hearings for community input as soon as possible.

Public Space Application by the Georgetown BID for the Installation of Stone Benches and Shade Umbrellas at 1046 Potomac Street NW

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

ANC 2E applauds the Georgetown BID for their continued work in reclaiming public space for public use. As such, ANC 2E supports the installation of stone benches and shade umbrellas at 1046 Potomac Street NW, noting that this specific area has been brought to life with the existing but more temporary furniture. The ANC welcomes a more permanent and heavy duty set of furniture for continued use.

Zoning

Zoning Commission Application for an Amendment to Include Request for Flexibility from Lot Occupancy Requirements at 2715 Pennsylvania Avenue 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 acknowledges that it has been provided a copy of the currently-pending amendment as part of the submission for Zoning Commission Case No. 15-18B. The ANC further acknowledges that it has been afforded the opportunity to comment on the amendment. ANC 2E resolves to not take a position on the amendment.

Old Georgetown Board (Continued)

SMD 2E03 - OG 18-325 (HPA 18-590) 3210 Volta Place, NW

Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E agrees with the direction that the homeowner and his representative received from the Old Georgetown Board during their last visit to the Old Georgetown Board.

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-334 (HPA 18-625) 2934 M 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: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E regrets that significant changes have been made to the property at 2934 M Street NW prior to receiving any approvals from the Old Georgetown Board for the work. These changes include the total transformation of a back patio, new signage, and the addition of a concrete pad behind the establishment, all of which are viewable from public space. Per the website of the Old Georgetown Board, prior to work beginning, "Signs, outdoor seating areas, window, door, and storefront replacements, mechanical equipment... visible electrical wiring and lighting, and other exterior changes commonly associated with commercial renovations all require review by the OGB".

ANC 2E very much appreciates the improvement of outdoor seating for restaurants, including the outdoor space at 2934 M Street NW. However, the ANC does not believe that the existing renovation, which was not previously reviewed by the Old Georgetown Board, adheres to the design guidelines which prevail in the Georgetown Historic District. More specifically, ANC 2E believes that the light posts and tiled walls are incompatible with the historic fabric of the community. The ANC looks forward to reviewing an updated concept design and seeing it come to fruition.

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-348 (HPA 18-651) 3140 M Street, NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-354 (HPA 18-657) 3246 Prospect Street, NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

SMD 2E06 - OG 18-299 (HPA 18-564) 1211 29th Street, NW

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

This is an application to replace windows on the side of a townhouse, which are visible from the street, with new windows comprised of a composite material known as Fibrex instead of with wood. ANC 2E asks the Old Georgetown Board to consider whether this is proper and appropriate for the Georgetown Historic District.

SMD 2E06 - OG 18-346 (HPA 18-649) 2802 P Street, NW

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

ANC 2E asks the Old Georgetown Board to consider whether the proposed garage is appropriate in its historic context and setting. There is a very narrow alley between the site of the proposed garage and the side of the house of the immediately adjacent neighbor on 28th Street NW. The proposed garage would include a peaked roof for attic storage and is therefore a total of over 14 feet high. A flat roof would be more consistent with the existing garages on the adjacent properties at 2800 P Street and 2804 P Street NW.

In addition, the adjacent neighbor on 28th Street NW has stated that the peaked roof is inappropriate in its context because it would substantially impair the existing view from her second floor master bedroom. The adjacent neighbor also states that the existing driveway is already so narrow that her neighbors on P Street NW have driven into the side of her house, requiring substantial repairs, and that the proposed garage would exacerbate this problem. ANC 2E recognizes the desirability of having garage parking in Georgetown but the ANC also asks the Old Georgetown Board to take these additional considerations into account when it evaluates this application.

Further, the applicant has stated during ANC 2E's October 1, 2018 meeting that she has met with the adjacent neighbor and that they either have resolved or are close to resolving all of the concerns that the adjacent neighbor has stated. ANC 2E thus recommends that the applicant confirm that the adjacent neighbor's concerns have been resolved by email and presents the email to the Old Georgetown Board. If all of the considerations and concerns have been adequately addressed, ANC 2E would not have any objection to approving this application.

SMD 2E06 - OG 18-353 (HPA 18-656) 2724 Olive Street, NW

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

There is an existing problem with streetscapes in Georgetown because a considerable number of residents leave their trash cans in the fronts of their houses between pickups, which significantly detracts from the attractiveness and character of the neighborhood's streetscapes. The applicants for 2724 Olive Street NW should be commended for seeking to address this problem by placing an enclosure for their trash cans in the front of their house, thereby seeking to remedy the problem.

However, some neighbors have objected to this particular enclosure and ANC 2E has consistently taken the position that it is opposed to enclosures of trash cans in public space in the front of townhouses. Therefore, ANC 2E objects to this particular application.

Adjournment

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.