



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 29th, 2022; 6:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Commissioner Rick Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Jenny Mitchell (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), and Elizabeth Miller (2E07) were present.

Approval of the ANC's August 29th, 2022 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Lohse moved to approve the ANC's August 29th, 2022 meeting agenda. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's July 5th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve the ANC's July 5th, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0).

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

Sergeant Philip Robinson, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Community Comment

Update from Department of Human Services Leadership Regarding Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Rachel Pierre, the Administrator for the Family Services Administration at the Department of Human Services (DHS), and David Ross, the Chief of Staff for DHS, gave an update regarding individuals experiencing homelessness.

Update from the Mayor's Office

Julius Terry, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an update from the Mayor's Office.

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office

Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an update from the Councilmember's Office.

Introduction by the New Principal of Hardy Middle School

Errol Johnson, the new Principal of Hardy Middle School, introduced himself to meeting attendees.

Update from the Four Seasons Hotel Washington, DC Regarding the Company's Vision for Georgetown

The Commission delayed this matter to a future ANC meeting.

Update from Georgetown Main Street Regarding Art All Night

Rachel Shank, the Executive Director of Georgetown Main Street (GMS), gave an update from the organization regarding Art All Night.

Update from the Georgetown Village

Lynn Golub-Rofrano, the Executive Director of the Georgetown Village, gave an update from the organization.

Update Regarding the Jelleff Recreation Center Project

Commissioners Miller and Putta gave an update regarding the Jelleff Recreation Center Project.

Update Regarding the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study

Chair Murphy gave an update regarding the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study.

Update Regarding Georgetown University's Return to Campus

Chair Murphy gave an update regarding Georgetown University's return to campus.

Announcement Regarding Georgetown University's Community Day on Saturday, September 17th, 2022

Chair Murphy made an announcement regarding Georgetown University's Community Day on Saturday, September 17th, 2022.

Announcement Regarding the Friends of Rose Park's Celebration of 100 Years of Rose Park on Thursday, September 22nd, 2022

Commissioner Lohse made an announcement regarding the Friends of Rose Park's celebration of 100 years of Rose Park on Thursday, September 22nd, 2022.

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution Commending Commissioners Srivastava and Kumar’s Service to the Neighborhood

Chair Murphy 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:

WHEREAS, ANC 2E Commissioners Cimrun Srivastava and Arnav Kumar have represented single member districts (SMDs) 2E04 and 2E08, respectively, over the course of the last 18 months,

WHEREAS, Commissioners Srivastava and Kumar have informed the other members of ANC 2E that as of the beginning of the new academic year they no longer reside in their respective SMDs, and

WHEREAS, DC Code section 1–309.6(e) provides, “Any member of an Advisory Neighborhood Commission who ceases to reside in the single-member district from which he or she is elected shall be considered to have resigned, and the office shall be declared vacant.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E thanks Commissioners Srivastava and Kumar for their diligent and effective service during a difficult period in the District of Columbia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E directs Chair Rick Murphy and Executive Director Peter Sacco to inform the Mayor, the DC Council, the DC Board of Elections, and the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions of the vacancies now existing in single member districts 2E04 and 2E08.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Hyde-Addison Elementary School’s Maintenance Needs

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

On August 17, 2022, Commissioners Kishan Putta and Rick Murphy participated in a visit to Hyde-Addison Elementary School organized by Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto and members of her staff in anticipation of the beginning of the new school year. Councilmember Robert White, Chair of the DC Council’s Committee on Government Operations and Facilities, also attended, along with members of his staff. Attendees met with Dr. Calvin Hooks, the school’s Principal; Katie Mustian, the school’s Assistant Principal; and Tysean Curington, the school’s Director of Operations, and toured the facility.

During the course of the tour, Mr. Curington identified a long list of maintenance requests that had been directed to the Department of General Services (DGS), a number of which have been outstanding for an extended period of time.

ANC 2E applauds Dr. Hooks and the other members of the school staff for their dedication to the goal of maintaining Hyde-Addison Elementary School as an outstanding educational

facility. The ANC also thanks Councilmembers Pinto and White for the careful attention they are paying to the quality of our public schools, the foundation of our neighborhood and other neighborhoods throughout our city.

ANC 2E respectfully requests that the Department of General Services and DC Public Schools (DCPS) immediately address all of the outstanding maintenance issues at Hyde-Addison Elementary School. The condition of a school's physical facility is a critically important element in the creation of a successful learning environment.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Zoning Classification of 3147 Dumbarton Street NW

Chair Murphy 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:

WHEREAS, until October 2021, DC Chicken & Gyro operated an establishment at 3147 Dumbarton Street NW that was principally used for the sale of food for delivery to customers off the business' premises. That being the case, DC Chicken & Gyro was either a "Food Delivery Service" or a "Fast Food Restaurant" as those terms are defined in the Zoning Code of 2016,

WHEREAS, 3147 Dumbarton Street NW (the "premises") is located in the MU-4 zone, but is immediately adjacent to the R-20 zone,

WHEREAS, neither a Fast Food Restaurant nor a Food Delivery Service is a matter of right use in the MU-4 Zone,

WHEREAS, the operations DC Chicken & Gyro conducted at the premises had a severely negative impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the adjoining residential neighborhood because the establishment attracted large numbers of third-party delivery drivers who transited the street and congregated with their vehicles in the residential areas of Dumbarton Street NW until well into the wee hours of the morning,

WHEREAS, the owner of 3147 Dumbarton Street NW is currently renovating the premises and has informed neighbors that he intends to operate a business similar or identical to the business previously operated by DC Chicken & Gyro once the renovation is complete,

WHEREAS, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) has ordered the removal of restaurant equipment from the premises, with the result being that once the premises are renovated, they will be suitable only for the operation of a "Prepared Food Shop" or a "Food Delivery Service", as those terms are used in the Zoning Code,

WHEREAS, given the location, size, and configuration of the premises, ANC 2E is concerned that the principal use of the renovated premises will be for the production of prepared foods for delivery to customers located off the business premises, and would, therefore, be a "Food Delivery Service" that would cause severe and unreasonable disruption in the surrounding residential neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, as previously noted, a Food Delivery Service is not a matter of right use in the MU-4 zone.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E respectfully requests that DCRA's Zoning Administrator carefully examines the use that the owner of 3147 Dumbarton Street NW intends for the newly renovated premises and, if appropriate, requires the owner to apply for the zoning relief required for operation of a Food Delivery Service in the MU-4 zone before a certificate of occupancy or a business license is issued.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Parking Enforcement in the Neighborhood

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

ANC 2E has issued multiple requests to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for increased parking enforcement, including:

- March 2021: enforcement on 28th Street NW, and
- November 2020: reinstating residential parking enforcement, particularly in Burleith.

Tonight, ANC 2E reiterates its ongoing concerns related to unticketed illegal parking and requests enhanced parking enforcement in three specific areas:

- M Street between 28th Street and 34th Street NW: cars and delivery trucks are frequently double parked along M Street NW between the hours of 9:00 am and 9:00 pm. The double parking is typically related to commercial deliveries and Uber and Lyft drivers although this is by no means the entire problem,
- 28th Street between M Street and Olive Street NW: seven days a week, including during overnight hours, there continues to be illegal parking in the curb lane, both in "no parking" zones as well as in spots exceeding the two-hour residential permit parking (RPP) limits, and
- 31st Street between M Street and South Street NW: especially in the afternoons and early evening on weekdays and weekends, the road becomes impassable as cars and trucks park in "no parking" zones along the southbound travel lane, including on the 31st Street NW bridge. Enforcement is desperately needed to improve both safety and circulation conditions.

ANC 2E requests immediate enhanced attention in these areas to discourage illegal parking as well as ongoing regular enforcement in these key corridors in the ANC's community.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Electric Car Charging on Residential Streets

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

ANC 2E applauds the city's efforts to combat climate change. The District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) role in promoting green transportation, meaning any kind of

transportation that does not have a negative impact on the environment, is critical to reducing our city's greenhouse gas emissions.

Electric vehicle (EV) usage, including EV cars, is an important green transportation option. ANC 2E is beginning to see an uptick of EVs on Georgetown's residential streets. The ANC expects to see this trend increase as EV incentives grow. Given our residential streets are busy, our historic sidewalks are narrow, and most homes use street parking since they do not have garages or parking, any EV charging on residential streets should be thoughtfully planned regarding location and related infrastructure needs.

In 2020, ANC 2E urged the city to conduct a future-focused Georgetown transportation study (now called the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study). In 2021, Councilmember Pinto secured funding for the study. Planning for the study is underway and the study will be conducted in 2022-2023. A few phases of implementation are expected thereafter, with the initial phase of implementation already funded per the ANC's understanding. One of the key reasons the ANC requested this forward-thinking transportation study was to determine how best to promote and integrate green transportation into Georgetown's federal historic district.

Earlier this year, ANC 2E was informed by DDOT staff that residential EV charging will not be a direct part of the Georgetown-specific study. Rather, the city's EV planning effort will work in parallel with the Georgetown study. Detailed analysis and recommendations for EV locations in Georgetown will be deferred from the Georgetown study so that the citywide EV effort can address EVs holistically. While the ANC understands the need for a holistic citywide view on EVs, the ANC believes that the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study should directly address the potential need of residential EV charging on residential streets. Space on Georgetown's narrow residential streets is a commodity with many competing demands. Like other green transportation needs, any potential EV charging stations on residential streets will require space.

Separately from the above long term planning needs, residential EV needs are emerging now. ANC 2E hopes to coordinate on interim needs as we work together on longer term plans. In sum, the ANC requests:

- First, that DDOT considers more alignment between the 2022-2023 Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study and the citywide planning underway for EV charging. Beyond overarching policies, potential use of Georgetown residential streets for EV charging requires space and related infrastructure, and thus coordinated planning is essential to our community.
- Second, that DDOT (or other city agencies) attends a fall 2022 ANC 2E meeting to discuss citywide trends on residential EV charging at both residential and public stations. Given Georgetown is a federally designated historic district, DDOT should coordinate public space dialog with the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) and share how city-designated historic districts are incorporating residential EV charging.

ANC 2E looks forward to working with the city on integrating green transportation into our community.

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

ANC 2E is following up on our numerous communications with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding the Capital Bikeshare station at Rose Park formally approved in 2019, including:

- Emails sent in the summer 2022 asking for a firm delivery date,
- An April 12, 2022 resolution (see attached), and
- A May 17, 2019 resolution (see attached).

The delivery date for this very needed bikeshare station has slipped by over a year and a half. It is the ANC's understanding that city agencies, with DDOT as the lead, are responsible for execution. The reason the ANC has been given for the delay continues to change, including DDOT contractor issues and National Park Service (NPS) permit issues.

That being said, all needed federal and city agencies gave their formal support of this bikeshare years ago. ANC 2E therefore urges:

- A clarification by DDOT (with NPS input) on the current and/or remaining causes, and
- A firm date for when this very wanted bikeshare station will be available to our community.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Citizens Association of Georgetown's Rose Park Permit Application for the Concert in the Park on Sunday, September 18th, 2022

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

ANC 2E fully supports the Citizens Association of Georgetown's (CAG) plans for a concert at Rose Park on Sunday, September 18th, 2022, including any needed amplification.

Special Event Application for Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center's BellRinger Bike Ride on Saturday, October 22nd, 2022

Chair Murphy 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 fully supports Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center's BellRinger Bike Ride special event application to conduct a race on Saturday, October 22nd, 2022.

Consideration of a Post-Event Resolution Regarding the Special Event Application for the Lawyers Have Heart 10K & 5K

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

Since April 2018, ANC 2E has expressed concern to the Mayor's Special Event Task Group (MSETG) about significant disruption to our community as a result of the Lawyers Have Heart race. Nonetheless, the ANC has worked with the applicant in an earnest manner to rectify the significant impacts to our neighborhood from this race. Actions undertaken include meeting with race organizers, meeting with Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Special Operations Division representatives, and receiving significant promises from organizers which intended to protect the community and were codified in the ANC's annual resolutions giving conditional support for the race. The ANC's continued support of this race in our neighborhood has been contingent upon race organizers living up to their promises. These resolutions are attached as reference.

Each year, though, there continued to be issues. That said, ANC 2E has understood and supported the beneficiary of the race funds and has been patient as organizers promise to do a better job each year. Unfortunately, the ANC can no longer support this race in our neighborhood as the organizers continue to disregard the agreements we have made, particularly with regards to noise in the neighborhood. Issues arising out of the 2022 race include, but are not limited to:

- Toilets installed within the Georgetown Waterfront Park around the fountain where children play with no permits to do so.
- Loudspeakers affixed to pillars of the Whitehurst Freeway projecting sound at a
- high volume even though the ANC expressly shared our concerns about noise. One neighbor noted:
 - "The sound ricochets from beneath the freeway up into our homes. It is so loud with my windows closed that I was awakened and could not hear my radio over the noise. Not only will these have violated noise ordinances in terms of decibels, it shows a callous disregard for the fact that this is a heavily residential neighborhood and you have awakened everyone at a very early hour and disrupted their enjoyment of their homes for hours. I have several video/audio files to give you a sense of the volume."
- Residents have been blocked from crossing K Street NW to enter Georgetown Waterfront Park and to access the waterfront for the duration of Water Street and K Street NW.
- Residents were not allowed to drive on Water Street NW to get to or from their homes, despite repeated promises that an access lane would be made available. As a result, one building manager shared that an elderly and wheelchair-bound resident had to be carried across the 34th Street NW pedestrian bridge over the C&O Canal in order to get a taxi to take him to the airport for a flight. Even when ANC commissioners personally spoke with race organizers and MPD onsite during the race, no changes were made.

Residents have simply had enough. ANC 2E supports many races that run through our neighborhood and none of them cause anywhere near the disruption to our community that this race causes year in and year out. As a result, the ANC affirmatively resolves to no longer support this race through our community. Please find another way to raise money for the

American Heart Association. After many years of trying to work together to improve the conditions for neighbors, the ANC is done. This race needs to run through a commercial neighborhood where residents will not be disrupted.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Application by Yellow for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1524 Wisconsin Avenue NW (ABRA-121932)

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

ANC 2E protests Yellow's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1524 Wisconsin Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

Application by Flavio for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1069 31st Street NW (ABRA-008004) and

Application by Georgetown Club at Suter Tavern for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Club License at 1530 Wisconsin Avenue NW (ABRA-000779) and

Application by Good Stuff Eatery for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3291 M Street NW (ABRA-089350) and

Application by Pinstripes for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3222 M Street NW (ABRA-091662) and

Application by Bozzelli's Italian Deli for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant License at 3000 K Street NW (ABRA-118868) and

Application by High Road Cycling for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3210 Grace Street NW, Unit 101 (ABRA-117890) and

Application by Liberte / L' Annexe for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 2917 M Street NW (ABRA-109013) and

The Commission did not take any action regarding these matters.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E03 - OG 22-236 (HPA 22-409) 3328 Volta Place, NW

Chair Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E did not receive a presentation regarding this application. That being the case, the ANC has no comment.

SMD 2E05 - OG 22-240 (HPA 22-413) 3276 M Street, NW

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

ANC 2E supports the application for 3276 M Street NW and looks forward to moving the permitting process forward in an expedient manner.

Adjournment

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 9:16 pm.