

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

September 2, 2008  
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 Solomon, Chair, with Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Starrels, Birch and Eason present, constituting a quorum. Before the first vote after approval of the minutes, Commissioner Skelsey joined the meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### ***Public Safety and Police Report***

Commissioner Lewis reported on recent public safety matters, and MPD Sergeants. Antoine and Hackley reported on recent crimes within PSA 206 and responded to questions from Commissioners and the community. Statistics on recent public safety incidents are available at <http://crimemap.dc.gov/presentation/query.asp> There is also a Second District web site including crime information at [2D\\_mpd@yahoo.com](mailto:2D_mpd@yahoo.com).

#### ***Approval of Minutes***

The minutes for the meeting of ANC 2E held on July 1, 2008 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Eason (Birch second) by a vote of 4-0 (Lewis abstaining, not having been present at that meeting).

#### ***Presentation of ANC 2E Letter of Appreciation to Hollin Dwiggin***

ANC 2E Commissioners presented a letter of appreciation to Hollin Dwiggin for her work since October 2007 as Executive Director of ANC 2E.

#### ***Introduction of Melanie Gisler***

Commissioner Solomon introduced Melanie Gisler to the community and moved (Starrels second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E approves hiring Ms. Melanie Gisler as Executive Director of the Commission, a half-time position of at-will employment, with a starting date of September 2, 2008, at a salary of \$1,000 per month payable monthly in arrears, and a maximum of \$12,000 in any twelve-month period.

#### ***Financial Report***

Commissioner Solomon, presented the financial reports for ANC 2E for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> fiscal quarters of 2008 (October-December and January-March). After discussion,

Commissioner Eason moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

Resolved, by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E, at a public meeting held September 2, 2008, duly noticed, at which a quorum was present and voting:

1. That the reports of the Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2008 Quarter 1 and Fiscal Year 2008 Quarter 2 as presented to the meeting be, and hereby are approved, copies of which are ordered to be attached to the minutes of the meeting; and, further
2. That the disbursements described in the aforementioned reports are ratified and confirmed.

### ***Transportation Report***

Commissioner Starrels reported on the successful repaving and restoration work on the alley by Canon's Seafood. He also reported that traffic control officers are appearing regularly to direct traffic at M Street and Wisconsin Avenue.

Commissioner Lewis reported that the final Georgetown Transportation Study report is scheduled to be published by the District Department of Transportation in October.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Community members and Commissioners discussed matters of current concern, including parking and rat abatement. Dana Nurenberg, principal of Hyde School, reported on a recently completed renovation of the schoolyard and on the start of the school year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ***Special Items***

#### **ANC 2E support for nominating Karyn LeBlanc for a Cafritz Foundation Award**

Commissioner Lewis noted the outstanding public service performed over a sustained period of time by Karyn LeBlanc, Director of Communications of the D.C. Department of Transportation, and recommended that ANC 2E join with the Citizens Association of Georgetown, Georgetown University, and the Georgetown Business Association in nominating Ms. LeBlanc for a Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Award as a Distinguished D.C. Government Employee. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lewis moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

To recognize and honor the extraordinary dedication, skill, and overall excellence in public service performed over a sustained period of time by Karyn LeBlanc, Director of Communications of the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, ANC 2E enthusiastically sponsors and supports the nomination of Ms. LeBlanc for a Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation award for distinguished D.C. Government employees.

### **Steps that Count – American Kidney Fund Walk**

Representatives of the American Kidney Fund Walk requested the Commission's support for a walk scheduled to take place on September 28 beginning at Washington Harbour. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the American Kidney Fund Walk proposed for September 28 along the riverfront in Georgetown with the stipulation that the sponsors of this event contact the residential management at Washington Harbour to coordinate planning.

### **Mt. Zion United Methodist Church annual October Festival**

A representative of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church described the Church's annual October Festival to be held at Rose Park on Sunday, October 4, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and requested the Commission's support. The Festival will include a DJ, live entertainment and a Moon Bounce. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E is happy to support the plans for the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Octoberfest in Rose Park on October 4 including entertainment and a Moon Bounce.

### **Request by Achieve Inc. to have a DJ in Rose Park on September 6**

Prior to the meeting, Achieve Inc. had informed the Commission that the organization was planning to have a staff picnic in Rose Park on September 6 and requested the Commission's support for having a DJ at the picnic. However, no representative of this organization appeared at the meeting and so the Commission did not adopt a resolution on the matter.

### **Addition to the agenda – Addison School Driveway**

The following matter was added to the Commission's agenda at the request of Commissioner Skelsey, without objection:

Commissioner Skelsey reported that Addison School has requested a public space permit for a driveway at 3268 P Street. After discussion by Commissioners and community

members, Commissioner Skelsey moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E supports a public space permit for a driveway as proposed by Addison School at 3268 P Street, N.W.

### ***ABC Issues***

Commissioner Starrels reported that Rhino Bar management is taking over management of Blue Gin. ANC 2E expects to have an opportunity to comment on any operating changes proposed by the licensee.

### ***Zoning and Planning***

#### **Old Georgetown Board**

***No Action:*** Commissioners suggested at this point and later in the meeting that the following projects be removed from the agenda and treated as items for which no review is being undertaken by the Commission:

1691 34<sup>th</sup> Street (Lewis)

1663 34<sup>th</sup> Street (Lewis)

3268 P Street (Skelsey)

There were no objections and the items were so removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Lewis recused himself from the consideration and vote of all of the following items relating to the Old Georgetown Board on the ANC 2E agenda for this meeting.

#### **Georgetown Branch Library, 3260 R Street, NW, O.G. 08-145 (H.P.A. 08-407):**

Concept plans were presented for repair and alterations. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason moved (Skelsey second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the presentation of the conceptual plans for the Georgetown Branch Library. We would encourage the architects to continue to strengthen the relationships and accessibility of the interior of the library to the new public functions proposed for the meeting terrace adjacent to Book Hill Park.

#### **1717 34<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, O.G. 08-226 (H.P.A. 08-344):**

Concept plans were presented for a rear addition at the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor level and front dormers. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Solomon moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Skelsey not present):

ANC 2E has no objection to the concept plans as presented.

**2909 Q Street, NW, O.G. 08-196 (H.P.A. 08-293):**

Permit plans were presented for a new parking pad, fill, a retaining wall and wood gates. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

In the absence of the submission of plans for this project or the presence of anyone to speak to them, ANC 2E cannot recommend this project.

**3058 R Street, NW, O.G. 08-142 and 08-281 (H.P.A. 08-225 and 08-414):**

Concept plans were presented for a one-story side addition, window and door alterations, window replacements and fence. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

In the absence of the submission of plans for this project or the presence of anyone to speak to them, ANC 2E cannot recommend this project.

**3007 Q Street, NW –**

- (a) Permit plans were presented to demolish a one-story rear addition – work completed. **O.G. 08-289 (H.P.A. 08-422)**
- (b) Permit plans were presented to repair existing windows. **O.G. 08-290 (H.P.A. 08-423)**
- (c) Concept plans were presented for a new rear porch and side basement entry. **O.G. 08-280 (H.P.A. 08-423)**

After discussion by Commissioners and community members of the projects described in (a), (b) and (c), above, Commissioner Eason moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

In the absence of the submission of plans for this project or the presence of anyone to speak to them, ANC 2E cannot recommend this project.

**3019 P Street, NW –**

- (a) Concept plans were presented for front elevation alterations. **O.G. 08-276 (H.P.A. 08-409)**

ANC 2E did not consider the front elevation of this project as the Old Georgetown Board has placed the matter on its Consent Calendar.

**(b) Concept plans were presented for rear elevation alterations. O.G. 078-277 (H.P.A. 08-410)**

After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E in principle supports the proposed alterations to the rear of 3019 P Street including the proposal to infill the existing nonconforming court. We have concerns which we draw to the attention of the Old Georgetown Board regarding the possible loss of existing fabric consistent with the history of the building in the enlargement and creation of doorways and windows as well as the proposed removal of the brick wall on the north side of the garden.

**2808 Olive Street, NW, O.G. 08-244 (H.P.A. 08-377)**

Permit plans were presented for a rear deck with partial roof covering. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E is unable to make recommendations on the proposal because of a lack of presentation of plans.

**3270 M Street, NW, Georgetown Park, O.G. 08-011 (H.P.A. 08-094):**

Revised concept plans were presented for alterations and additions for a mixed-use residential/retail building. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the evolution of the designs for 3270 M Street known as Georgetown Park and has no objection to the revised concept design as presented.

**3416 N Street, NW, O.G. 08-216 (H.P.A. 08-334):**

Concept plans were presented for alterations and additions to a carriage house off a rear alley. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution with respect to the Old Georgetown Board, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E objects to the concept as presented because it appears to be a good-sized residence on a small alley that does not fit the location. We encourage the Old

Georgetown Board to review the proposed facades carefully in the context of this alley.

After further discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution with respect to the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E requests that the concept of a proposal for the property at 3416 N Street NW be reviewed by DCRA. We are particularly concerned by the proposed use and size of the property in light of the 10-foot wide alley, especially the safety aspects; whether this meets the D.C. Code; and whether this constitutes a permissible second dwelling on this property.

**1061 (Rear) Wisconsin Avenue, NW (a.k.a. Blues Alley), Blues Alley Jazz Club, O.G. 08-200 (H.P.A. 08-297):**

Concept plans were presented for rear alterations and a roof terrace. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the limited presentation and looks forward to seeing in the future the evolution of the uses and design of the building as it moves forward.

**3251 Prospect Street, NW, Prospect Place, O.G. 08-229, 08-271 and 08-272 (H.P.A. 08-347, 08-404 and 08-405):**

Plans were presented for adding a balcony, a new window opening, courtyard additions, and three rooftop condensers with screens. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the plans as presented for 3251 Prospect Street NW.

**1241 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, O.G. 08-263 (H.P.A. 08-396):**

Permit plans were presented for side and rear alterations. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the alterations as presented for 1241 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. We note the L'Enfant Trust has consented to the proposed alterations.

**3000 M Street, NW, Latham Hotel, O.G. 08-269 (H.P.A. 08-402):**

Concept plans were presented for alterations. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the attempt to open up the entrance area of this property to make the hotel's entrance more user friendly to both automobiles and especially pedestrians. However ANC 2E has objections to the severe contrast of the design as presented.

**1203 Potomac Street, NW, Vivvy's Nails, O.G. 08-243 (H.P.A. 08-375):**

Permit plans were presented for an awning, signage and a fence. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E was not given an opportunity of seeing a presentation on this proposal and therefore we cannot approve it.

**1211 Potomac Street, NW, Philly Pizza and Grill –**

- (a) Permit plans were presented for an awning and a sign. **O.G. 08-247 (H.P.A. 08-380)**
- (b) Permit plans were presented for an alteration to a first floor window and door. **O.G. 08-292 (H.P.A. 08-425)**
- (c) An un-permitted ventilation system was considered

*All 3 matters* – After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolutions, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E requests the Chair of the Old Georgetown Board to take this matter off of the Consent Calendar.

The applicant has not afforded ANC 2E the opportunity to review its plans for awnings and signs. Since neighbors have expressed reservations about the awnings and signs, we object to the awnings and signs at this time.

We also are concerned with the loss of residential use of this property to commercial use in this location.

*With respect to (b), above (alteration to a first floor window and door)* – After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no plans to review and no presentation and again wants to highlight the concern of immediate residential neighbors. ANC 2E therefore objects to the first floor window and door plans.

*With respect to (c), above (un-permitted ventilation system) – After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:*

ANC 2E would like to alert the Old Georgetown Board that in the attached photographs given to us by affected neighbors, there is a large, recently installed un-permitted metal ventilation system which is clearly visible from public space. ANC 2E as well as the neighbors are very concerned that this was put up with no authorization. ANC 2E requests the Old Georgetown Board to request the immediate removal of this un-permitted addition to the structure.

**1312 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, O.G. 08-273 (H.P.A. 08-406):**

Permit plans were presented for a rear addition, replacement of damaged wood siding, and a new door surround. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Skelsey moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Starrels not present)

We encourage the owner to continue a dialog with the neighbors and otherwise we have no objection to the plans as presented.

**1425 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, O.G. 08-279 (H.P.A. 08-412):**

Concept plans were presented for a new front porch, removing a rear one-story addition, and erecting a rear two-story addition. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Skelsey moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Starrels not present):

ANC 2E endorses the plan as proposed with some concern about the design of the rear façade and asks the OGB to review it carefully in the context of the larger block.

**1319 34<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, O.G. 08-278 (H.P.A. 08-411):**

Concept plans were presented for alterations to the front façade, a bay window, a false flat top, and alterations to side openings and dormers. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Skelsey moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the plans as presented.

**3257 O Street, NW, O.G. 08-233 and 08-287 (H.P.A. 08-351 and 08-420):**

Concept plans were presented for a 2-story rear and side in-fill addition. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Skelsey moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has concerns that there are still unresolved issues between the neighbors. We support the architectural direction that the project is taking with regard to the aesthetics of the façade and we encourage the parties to continue communicating.

*At 10:50 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Solomon moved (Lewis second) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.*

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

Ron Lewis

Secretary, ANC 2E