



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2016; 7:00 p.m.

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

Call to Order

Chair Ron Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Commissioners Ed Solomon (2E01), Ron Lewis (2E02), Kendyl Clausen (2E04), Bill Starrels (2E05), Tom Birch (2E06), Monica Roaché (2E07), and Reed Howard (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda

Chair Lewis made a motion to adopt the agenda, which was adopted without objection.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2016 public meeting, which were adopted without objection.

Resolution Regarding Peter Sacco Becoming ANC 2E Executive Director

Commissioner Birch made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution to hire Peter Sacco as ANC 2E's Executive Director. Commissioner Howard seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E approves effective April 28, 2016, hiring Peter Sacco to serve as the Deputy Executive Director of the Commission from April 28 through April 30, 2016, and to serve as Executive Director of the Commission effective May 1, 2016, a half-time position of at-will employment, with a salary of \$1,166.66 per month inclusive of benefits and applicable employee withholdings, payable monthly in arrears, and a maximum of \$14,000 for such salary payments in any twelve-month period.

Election of ANC 2E Secretary

Chair Lewis said that Commissioner Clausen has submitted her resignation as Commissioner for district 2E04 because she is graduating from Georgetown University and moving out of her single member ANC district, which would be effective on May 3, 2016, and the ANC thus needed to elect a new secretary.

Chair Lewis made a motion to nominate Commissioner Howard as ANC 2E's new secretary. Commissioner Starrels seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Public Safety and Police Report

Lieutenant Durand, representing the MPD Second District, was present. He gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Transportation Report

Chair Lewis said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) was currently fixing potholes throughout DC and will respond to reports, online or by calling 311, of specific potholes.

Commissioner Starrels said that the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) will continue to widen the sidewalks on the 3200 block of M Street NW on weekends. Commissioner Starrels also had the right turn queuing lane reinstated on east bound M Street NW just before the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue NW.

Financial Report

Chair Lewis said that Commissioner Jones was currently out of town, and that he would deliver the financial and environmental reports during next month's meeting.

Updated Resolution Authorizing Rick Murphy to Represent ANC 2E on Various Board of Zoning Adjustment Matters

Chair Lewis said, with thanks, that Rick Murphy had started representing the ANC on Board of Zoning Adjustment matters and other various matters on a pro bono basis, and that the ANC needed to add a phrase to the standing resolution that authorizes Mr. Murphy to represent the ANC.

Chair Lewis made a motion to adopt the updated standing resolution. Commissioner Birch seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Be it Resolved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E, that whenever a resolution or recommendation is adopted by the Commission that relates to a particular matter that is or will be before an agency, entity or instrumentality of the District of Columbia Government or of the United States Government, any Commissioner or any one or more of them, or any successor thereto, who in each case has voted in favor of the resolution or recommendation so adopted, may represent the Commission before such agency, entity or instrumentality with respect to such matter. Further, any such Commissioner, with the approval of the Chair or in the Chair's absence, a Vice Chair, of the Commission, may authorize any other person to represent, assist in representing, or temporarily represent the Commission, in each case on a pro bono basis without fee, before such agency, entity or instrumentality with respect to such matter.

The Commission expresses its gratitude to Richard G. Murphy, Jr., Esq. for his offer of pro bono representation of the Commission from time to time and authorizes Mr. Murphy to represent the Commission on such matters, including the power to bind the Commission, as he and any Commissioner, with the approval of the Chair or in the Chair's absence, a Vice Chair, may agree from time to time.

The Commission expresses its gratitude to Karen Cruse for her offer of pro bono representation of the Commission from time to time at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration and authorizes Ms. Cruse to represent the Commission on such matters as she and any Commissioner may agree from time to time.

Community Commendations

Community Commendation for Leslie Maysak

Chair Lewis made a motion to adopt a community commendation for Leslie Maysak. Commissioners Solomon, Clausen, Starrels, Birch, Roache, and Howard seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The community commendation reads as follows:

In recognition of her sustained and effective service to the community, ANC 2E commends Leslie Maysak. Always a public spirited and active participant in the civic life of our community, for the past two years Leslie has been the energetic and wise Executive Director of our ANC, managing complex agendas and administrative issues with unflappable poise and great skill. Her creativity, deep knowledge of our community and remarkable mastery of all the moving pieces that go into each ANC meeting have served the community extremely well. We hereby acknowledge and express our appreciation and gratitude to our good friend and colleague Leslie Maysak for her outstanding service and positive impact on our community.

Community Commendation for Kendyl Clausen

Chair Lewis made a motion to adopt a community commendation for Kendyl Clausen. Commissioners Solomon, Clausen, Starrels, Birch, Roache, and Howard seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The community commendation reads as follows:

In recognition of her dedicated and effective service to the community, ANC 2E commends Kendyl Clausen. As an ANC 2E Commissioner, Kendyl has provided strong and insightful participation and leadership within the community. Kendyl has represented both her district's constituents and the entire community ably and collegially with thoughtful contributions and diligent, sustained work on the full range of issues coming before the ANC. Her concern for the community in the largest sense and her active leadership are exemplary. We hereby acknowledge and express our appreciation and gratitude to our good friend and colleague Kendyl Clausen for her outstanding service and positive impact on our community

Community Comment

Tamara Robinson, a Public Affairs and Voter Outreach Specialist for the DC Board of Elections, was present. She gave an overview of how the Board of Elections' new voting machines operate.

Megan Kanagy, a Transportation Planner for DDOT, was present. She said that DDOT would be holding a public meeting regarding the proposal to extend the DC Streetcar from Union Station

to Georgetown, and that the meeting would be on May 17, 2016 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Carnegie Library. She added that DDOT was studying a new alternative which would allow for the DC Streetcar to have more dedicated right of way lanes along the proposed route.

Ruth Werner, Committee Director for Councilmember Jack Evans' office, was present. She said that the DC Council's committees would be meeting soon to mark up the Mayor's proposed FY 2017 budget.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Agenda

Malmaison - ABRA-085367 - 3401 K Street NW

Commissioner Starrels made a motion to protest the renewal of Malmaison's Class "C" Restaurant license based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. Commissioner Birch seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E protests the renewal of Malmaison's Class "C" Restaurant license based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

Presentation from Councilmember Elissa Silverman

Councilmember Elissa Silverman, an At-Large Councilmember, was present. She said that she was motivated to run for the DC Council because she wanted to bring a new approach to government, including advocacy for campaign finance reform and affordable housing.

Councilmember Silverman said that the biggest issue that she has been working on in the past sixteen months has been paid family leave. She added that the DC Council has held three hearings on the matter thus far. She encouraged meeting attendees to contact Chairman Mendelson to voice their support for the bill.

Councilmember Silverman said that she has introduced a campaign finance bill, and is also working on a solar energy bill that would incentivize additional solar development in DC. She added that the city is making significant investments in creating and preserving affordable housing.

Commissioner Roaché asked Councilmember Silverman what her thoughts were regarding the increase in Airbnb rental properties in the city. Councilmember Silverman said that there are currently two bills in front of the DC Council that address issues related to Airbnb rentals. Commissioner Birch added that the neighborhood has had many problems with Airbnb rentals that are bought out and become party houses.

One local resident asked Councilmember Silverman if she supported Mayor Bowser's approach to affordable housing. Councilmember Silverman said that she does support the Mayor's investment in the Housing Production Trust Fund. She added that she thinks that the Mayor's administration should focus more on the preservation aspect of the fund.

One local resident asked Councilmember Silverman if she supported the Mayor's call to increase the city's minimum wage, as well as the call to increase but still preserve the tipped minimum wage. Councilmember Silverman said that she does support the proposed increase to the minimum wage. She added that the city needs to more closely collaborate with the restaurant and hospitality industry regarding the proposed increase to the tipped minimum wage.

Zoning Agenda

3015 P Street NW - BZA No. 19273

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

ANC 2E has no objection to the application for a special exception to allow a lot occupancy of 67% for a rear addition to the house at 3015 P Street, NW. Our decision is based on an understanding that the proposed addition would occupy fewer square feet than an existing deck and projecting awning at the rear of the house, would slightly increase the amount of uncovered open space and maintain a rear yard with a depth of approximately 62 feet, would not negatively affect adjacent properties, and would not detract from the character of the property or that of neighboring houses in the block.

3420 P Street NW - BZA No. 19259

Chair Lewis abstained from discussing and voting on this matter.

Commissioner Birch made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Clausen seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

Due to conflicting information and objections from the property's neighbors who would see themselves affected by this proposal, ANC 2E is not able to express support for this special exception.

Old Georgetown Board Agenda

3000 M Street NW - OG 16-205

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

ANC 2E believes that the proposed roof deck is too large for the size of the hotel. We also suggest that the perimeter of the proposed roof deck be pulled back from its current boundaries.

Regarding the proposed south façade of the property, we suggest that the applicant work closely with the National Park Service and the Old Georgetown Board to arrange an on-

site visit in order to see how the sight-lines from the C&O Canal and from the view of the neighboring townhouses would be impacted by the project. We also suggest that the applicant provide more information regarding the proposed outdoor terrace area on the south side of the hotel.

We also urge the Board to review closely the massing and height of the penthouses, including how the sight-lines from the area north of M Street NW would be affected.

1413 Wisconsin Avenue NW - OG 16-204

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

ANC 2E opposes the construction of the proposed railing at the outer edge of this property as it would change the appearance and character of the simple open space currently present on the upper level of the property. We also believe that the installation of the proposed railing would permit and encourage occupied use of a space that has never had such use, and would be intrusive, both visually and functionally, to adjacent properties. We do not object to a fence next to the rooftop equipment.

1525 Wisconsin Avenue NW - OG 16-116

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

ANC 2E supports the efforts of the applicant to provide a solid visual screening to the mechanical equipment at 1525 Wisconsin Avenue NW as well as to utilize materials that would serve to deaden the audible impact from the equipment on adjacent properties.

1200 Wisconsin Avenue NW - OG 16-197

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

ANC 2E has no objection to the proposed doors and window treatments at 1200 Wisconsin Avenue NW, as well as no objection to the design of the signage for the store. However, we suggest that the Old Georgetown Board consider minimizing the amount of signage for the store, as well as determine if the lighting as proposed for the signage is compatible with other lighted signs in the historic district.

Adjournment

Chair Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was adopted without objection at 9:35 pm.