

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

Feb 2, 2015

Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, NW Little Odeon Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair. Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Starrels, Birch, Roache, Clausen and Howard were present, constituting a quorum. Commissioner Jones was absent.

Administrative

Approval of February 2, 2015 ANC 2E Public Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda of the February 2, 2015 ANC 2E public meeting. The motion was seconded and carried 7-0.

Public Safety Report

Lt. Knutsun of MPD gave the crime report noting that there had been five recent robberies in Georgetown but that four cases had been closed out and he was confident they were close to closing the last one. The two robberies of the 7-11 on P Street remain unsolved and the police department is soliciting information on the robberies from the community. On Super Bowl Sunday fifteen car windows were smashed on Dumbarton St and the Lt. requested assistance from anyone who may have had a surveillance camera operating in the area at that time. Commissioner Solomon mentioned that there have been many incidents of packages being stolen from homes in the Burleith area and urged residents to consider having a neighbor collect their packages if they aren't home having them held by the delivery company or post office. Commissioner Starrels reported that in the recent graffiti incidents a photo of the perpetrator is being circulated and graffiti experts working with the police department are being employed. Commissioner Starrels also requested that MPD and DPW work together to improve Sunday enforcement in his SMD.

Financial Report

Commissioner Lewis reported that Commissioner Jones (absent) had confirmed that finances are secure.

Transportation Report

Commissioner Lewis reported on the DDOT meeting about the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge project: the ANC's suggestion of using parking lanes to divert traffic is unworkable, but the lights at M Street and 28th Street will be re-timed as two lanes going out are required. ANC 2E also asked DDOT if the duration of the project can be shortened and inquiries will be made of bidders on the contract. The maximum duration of traffic diversion is eight months. Commissioner Starrels reported that he met with an ANC 2A commissioner (Foggy Bottom) which is also impacted by this project and they will be working with ANC 2E on the project.

Community Comment

The National Park Service is preparing to undertake an environmental assessment for a possible nonmotorized boathouse zone on the waterfront in Georgetown near the Key Bridge. The public comment period will run until March 5, 2015.

Ruth Warner from Councilman Jack Evans' office reported that there will be a Park Service meeting at Georgetown Palisades library on February 4, 2015 for Q & A regarding the nonmotorized boathouse zone options. Also, the Council is beginning the budget season and performance oversight hearings.

Patrick McDonald (GU Student) of Georgetown Energy/DC Sun introduced the group's solar energy mission.

New Business

Mark Williams presented the route, schedule and clean-up procedures for the 2015 Marine Corps marathon.

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion:

ANC 2E appreciates the Marine Corps Marathon and how it's run and has no objection to it or the use of Rock Creek Park.

The motion was seconded and carried 7-0

Old Georgetown Board

Commissioner Birch chaired the Old Georgetown Board portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Lewis made the following motion:

With Regard to 3324 Dent Pl., NW:

The historic house on this property suffered from neglect as a vacant property for many years. A tree that fell on the second story several years ago delivered the coup-de-grace, sadly, and made razing the house the only feasible option.

Now the property's contract purchaser wants to build two much larger houses on the property.

The original house was a charming, small two-story structure located toward the east side of the property, leaving a green swath to the west and a smaller green space to the east, with a rare verdant view into the center of the block.

We urge that the Board not approve two new houses for this site, and that as a preferred option a new house be limited to the size and location of the footprint of the original house and to the height of the original house. This would be in keeping with the historic use and appearance of the property. It would be a just result as well.

If the Board feels otherwise, however, we urge at least that a single house be considered with a side setback of 8 feet or more required from the property line on the west side and a side setback to the east; that the front façade be no farther forward than the façade of the adjacent house to the east; that lot coverage be no greater than 30%; and that the house have two stories but if three stories are allowed, the third story have dormer windows.

The motion was seconded and carried 7-0.

Commissioner Birch made the following motion:

With regard to 2924 N St., NW:

ANC 2E supports the plans for renovation and restoration of the property at 2924 N St., NW and in particular is pleased with the agreement reached with neighbors regarding the gate on 30th Street with access to the walkway used by neighbors on N Street and 30th Street.

The motion was seconded and carried 7-0.

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion:

With regard to 3150 M St., NW

ANC 2E appreciates the attention to this historic site and is in support of the plans as proposed. We have no objection to the proposed roof deck because of its location: it does not appear to present an objectionable situation. It does not present noise or neighbor concerns because it is unlikely to be used intensively.

The motion was seconded and carried 7-0.

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion:

With regard to 1065 Thomas Jefferson St., NW:

ANC 2E appreciates the evolution of the concept. We are still strong in our desire to preserve the original height of the facade with nothing higher than the front facade visible from perspectives anywhere on Thomas Jefferson Street or from the Canal.

The motion was seconded and carried 7-0.

Commissioner Roache made the following motion:

With regard to 1609 31st St., NW:

ANC 2E is supportive of the concept presented for alterations to the facade of 1609 31st St., NW. We have some concerns about the height of the hip roof and we look toward future reviews in order to hear the views of neighbors who have not yet had the chance to be heard.

The motion was seconded and carried 7-0.

At 8:20 P.M. with no further business on the agenda, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carries 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie MaysaK