

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

June 27, 2006

Christ Church, 3116 O Street, Keith Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by the Chair, Commissioner Solomon, with Commissioners Starrels, Lever, Eason, and Clements present, constituting a quorum.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 30, 2006 and June 19, 2006 meetings were approved unanimously as distributed by Commissioner Clements.

**Introduction of the Candidates for SMD 06:** The Chair introduced the four candidates running in the Special Election, Sean Howard, Robert Radin, Carol Joynt, and David “Gunnar” Halley.

**Announcement of Next Meeting:** It was announced that the next meeting of ANC 2E would be held on September 5, 2006 at Georgetown Visitation School.

**COMMUNITY COMMENT**

**Update on Hardy Middle School Renovation:** No representative for Hardy School appeared at the meeting. Commissioner Solomon noted that the major issue remaining for the renovation involved truck routes. DDOT was still considering the whether to use 35<sup>th</sup> Street or 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Change of Location for 2006 Primary Voting:** It was announced that the Hardy School polling location for the September primary would be moved to the Duke Ellington School.

**Update on DDOT Issues:** Commissioner Lever updated the commission on several pending projects. The Q Street striping was scheduled for the week following the ANC meeting. The loading zones on the 1600 block of Wisconsin Avenue had just been installed. DDOT would be considering the request for a longer pedestrian light at M and 28<sup>th</sup> Streets. Commissioner Lever also noted that he had been having difficulty obtaining final plans for the proposed light at Reservoir Road and Wisconsin Avenue. Commissioner Lever moved (Eason Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E hereby requests that DDOT disclose plans for the traffic signal at Reservoir Road and Wisconsin Avenue and delay any work until the ANC receives the plans and is able to review them.

**Announcement of BZA Decision in 1812 34<sup>th</sup> Street Appeal:** Commissioner Eason announced that the BZA had released its written decision in the case. The BZA found that a trellis was not a permissible structure to warrant reclassification of a house from “semi-detached” to “row house” status.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***ABC Matters***

**Red Ginger, 1564 Wisconsin Avenue (Application #74166):** The owner of Red Ginger was requesting the addition of spirits to his liquor license. Commissioner Starrels presented a Voluntary Agreement (attached) for the change. Commissioner Starrels moved (Lever Second) to accept the Voluntary Agreement as presented which passed by a vote of 5-0.

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

**1643 & 1645 31<sup>st</sup> Street/3051 Avon Lane (OGB 06-214):** Mark Teren and Dale Overmyer presented plans for changes to the Friendly Estate. The main features included subdivision of the property at the tennis court to two lots with four homes as well as expansion of the existing carriage house. Many neighbors appeared to oppose the plan. Andrew Farrell spoke for a large group of neighbors and cited the impact of major construction on Avon Lane, an increase in the building density on this particular part of Georgetown, the loss of mature trees, and the dangers of major excavation. Barbara Zartman from CAG commented on the dangers of underground work as well. Mr. Teren says that he realizes the many steps and obligations involved in a major project and wants to be a part of the process. Commissioner Eason moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

RESOLVED, by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E (“ANC” or Commission”) that the Commission strongly opposes the conceptual development plans for the property known as 1645 31<sup>st</sup> Street, NW (the “Friendly Estate,” or “Property”), for the following reasons:

1. The Commission opposes subdivision of the historic landmark Property, which remains one of the few large estates in Georgetown, and the negative impacts such subdivision and intensive development would have on the neighborhood.
2. The Commission has great concerns that the proposed development would compromise the significant centennial trees now on the Property, and eliminate desirable green space.
3. The Commission has great concerns about the negative impacts on the neighborhood of the additional traffic on Avon Lane which would result from the proposed development.

4. While the Commission does not oppose the general notion of sensitive additions to the existing residence on the Property, to the extent that such additions would preserve the character of the residence, not impact the centennial trees, and are otherwise sensitive to the historic nature of the Property and the neighborhood, the Commission believes that the conceptual plans advanced at this time do not meet those general criteria.

5. While the Commission appreciates the efforts of the applicant to engage in dialog with the community regarding the proposed development, the overwhelming response of the community as expressed to the Commission has been in opposition to the plans as presented.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission strongly objects to any modification to the presently approved additions to the adjacent property located at 3051 Avon Lane, NW, without full review as required by law; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to:

- The Old Georgetown Board;
- . The District of Columbia Office of Historic Preservation;
- The Zoning Administrator; and,
- Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans

**Police Report:** Sergeant Carlos Bundy of the Metropolitan Police Department gave the police report. Sgt. Bundy reported the following incidents over the past month: nine thefts from auto, five robberies, eight burglaries, and nine assaults. Over 50% of the thefts from auto occurred when car doors were unlocked. Sgt. Bundy reminded residents that these basic precautions drastically reduce the risk of thefts. Commissioner Eason asked Sgt. Bundy to investigate an encampment of homeless individuals living in the park at 2500 Q Street. Finally, Bundy announced sobriety checkpoints on K Street for the upcoming weekend between the hours of 8:00 PM and 4:00 AM.

**Consent Calendar:** Commissioner Clements moved (Lever Second) to approve the consent calendar, which passed by a vote of 5-0. The consent calendar included the following projects:

OGB 06-223, 1619 34<sup>th</sup> St.

OGB 06-200, 3014 O St.

OGB 06-231, 3242 M St.

**3407 R Street (OGB 06-192):** Plans were presented for a two story rear addition of approximately seven feet as well as an upper level deck. No changes were proposed to the front of the house. The neighbor to the west objected due to the loss of privacy

related to the deck. Barbara Zartman of CAG noted that a Stop Work Order had previously been issued for work without a permit on the property. Commissioner Solomon moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E opposes the plans as presented for 3407 R Street as they were not complete nor current so we request that the Old Georgetown Board defer action until new plans are presented at our next meeting. Furthermore, ANC opposes the proposed decks because of the privacy and noise concerns of the nearby neighbors.

**Request for Ceremonial Renaming of P Street Bridge to Lauzun Legion Bridge:**

Commissioner Eason moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

It is our wish to have a ceremonial renaming of the P Street Bridge to the Lauzun Legion Bridge in honor of the encampment made by Rochambeau and the Duke de Lauzun and the Lauzun Legion.

**1357 Wisconsin Avenue (OGB 06-053):** Revised plans were presented for the property. The residential addition in the rear was moved closer to Wisconsin Avenue as requested by the Old Georgetown Board. Commissioner Lever moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E does not oppose the plans for the concept of combining both commercial and residential space together at 1357 Wisconsin Avenue and we appreciate the use of garages to help alleviate potential parking problems. ANC does request that the O Street neighbors be notified of this project before our September meeting with hopes of their approval.

**1039 33<sup>rd</sup> Street (OGB 06-209):** Plans were presented for text on the east side of the building to try and increase business. The text would not be illuminated. Commissioner Starrels moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the banner as presented for Chez Mama San at 1039 33<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**3341 Prospect Street (OGB 06-???)**: Plans were presented for a two-story rear addition and side infill. Part of the addition would include a glass enclosure. The addition would only be visible from the Govinda Gallery and no neighbors appeared in opposition to the project. Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the plans for the addition and fill-in at 3341 Prospect Street but would like the owner to make contact with the absentee owner of the property on the east.

**3117 O Street (OGB 06-212):** Plans were presented for changes to the pool cabana in the rear of the property. The owner brought letters of support from all of the neighbors. The changes would not be visible from street level. Commissioner Lever moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the plans as presented for 3117 O Street and we appreciate the thoroughness of the presentation and letters of support from the neighbors.

**1601 28<sup>th</sup> Street (OGB 06-216):** Plans were presented for a curb cut on the property. Commissioner Eason noted that, while the ANC is typically opposed to curb cuts, this was a special case where the curb cut would not negatively impact the neighborhood. Commissioner Lever expressed concern about the proposal. Commissioner Eason moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Lever Abstaining):

RESOLVED, by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E (“ANC,” or “Commission”), that the Commission strongly endorses the proposed project at 1601 31<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, as being sensitive to the historic nature of the neighborhood and preservation of significant trees; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission specifically endorses the Applicant’s request for a curb-cut and driveway entrance off of Q Street, NW, noting that no parking spaces would be lost and that neighboring properties on the north side of Q Street all have driveway entrances from Q Street.

**2717 P Street (OGB 06-225):** No representative appeared to present the project. Commissioner Eason moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E requests that the OGB defer a decision on this project as no representative appeared at the duly noticed meeting of the ANC.

**1426 Wisconsin Avenue (OGB 06-197):** Plans were presented for changes to the façade and windows of the property. Several Commissioners were concerned with the “commercial quality” of the storefront. Commissioner Solomon thanked the applicant for appearing at the meeting as several businesses had recently made changes on the 1400 block of Wisconsin Avenue without proper approval. Commissioner Lever moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E objects to the commercial quality of the proposed storefront at 1426 Wisconsin Avenue, but does appreciate the fact that the owner is going through

the permit process which hopefully will have a positive influence on the 1400 block of Wisconsin Avenue.

**1675 31<sup>st</sup> Street (OGB 06-222):** Plans were presented for a second story addition on top of the existing garage. It was noted that the addition would have a negative impact on the neighbor to the south. The new structure would stand just five feet from the neighbor's existing windows. Commissioner Eason encouraged all parties to continue discussing the project. Commissioner Eason moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E recommends to the Old Georgetown Board that further discussions be allowed with the owner of 1675 31<sup>st</sup> Street and the adjoining neighbor whose light, air and privacy would be negatively affected by the proposed addition.

**Certification of Election:** After a brief recess, Gottlieb Simon announced David "Gunnar" Halley as the winner of the special election. Commissioner Solomon moved (Clements Second) to certify the election results, which passed by a vote of 5-0.

***At 9:36 PM, with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Solomon moved (Clements Second) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.***

Submitted for the Approval of ANC 2E,

Brett F. Clements  
Secretary, ANC 2E