



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018; 6:30 p.m.

Georgetown Visitation School, Cafeteria – 1524 35th Street NW

### Call to Order

Chair Joe Gibbons called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Commissioners Ed Solomon (2E01), Joe Gibbons (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Jim Wilcox (2E06), and Monica Roache (2E07) were present.

### Election of ANC Officers

#### Election of the ANC's Officers for 2018

Commissioner Wilcox moved to re-elect Commissioner Gibbons as the ANC's Chair, Commissioner Roache as the ANC's Vice Chair, Commissioner Goldman as the ANC's Secretary, and Commissioner Schroepfer as the ANC's Treasurer for 2018. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

### Approval of the Agenda

#### Approval of the ANC's January 3rd, 2018 Meeting Agenda

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's January 3rd, 2018 meeting agenda. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

#### Approval of the ANC's December 4th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's December 4th, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

### Administrative

#### Public Safety and Police Report

Lt. Valerie Steward, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, introduced herself to meeting attendees as a new Lieutenant for the Second District. She gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Lt. Steward said that MPD recently issued tickets for food trucks parking after-hours on Thomas Jefferson Street NW. She said that the location is not part of the food truck lottery system.

#### Approval of the ANC's 2018 Meeting Calendar

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's 2018 meeting calendar. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The meeting calendar is as follows:

- Regular January Meeting: Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- Regular February Meeting: Monday, January 29th, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- Regular March Meeting: Monday, February 26th, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- Regular April Meeting: Monday, April 2nd, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- Regular May Meeting: Monday, April 30th, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- Regular June Meeting: Monday, June 4th, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- Regular July Meeting: Monday, July 2nd, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- Regular September Meeting: Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- Regular October Meeting: Monday, October 1st, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- Regular November Meeting: Monday, October 29th, 2018 at 6:30 pm
- Regular December Meeting: Monday, December 3rd, 2018 at 6:30 pm

#### Approval of the Addition of New Officers as Signatories for the ANC's Bank Accounts

*The commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

#### Approval of the ANC's Participation in the 2018 ANC Security Fund

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's participation in the 2018 ANC Security Fund and the respective \$25 expenditure to participate. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

#### **Community Comment**

##### Update from the Mayor's Office

Richard Livingstone, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an overview of the DC Government snow team's plowing and preparation efforts for the upcoming snow storm. He encouraged local residents to call the city's shelter hotline, which is (202) 399-7093, if they see any homeless individuals out in the cold.

Mr. Livingstone said that crime was down 11% in 2017 over 2016. He said that Mayor Bowser is continuing her Every Day Counts initiative for the start of school for the new semester. He encouraged local residents to take the Every Day Counts pledge at <https://attendance.dc.gov/>.

Mr. Livingstone said that Mayor Bowser is unveiling her Third Annual Accountability Report during an event on Thursday, January 4th at 5:00 pm at Gallaudet University's Kellogg Conference Center, 800 Florida Avenue NE.

##### Update from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that she had no updates but that she was happy to answer any questions that the community may have.

### Update from the Citizens Association of Georgetown

*There was no update regarding this matter.*

### Update from the Burleith Citizens Association

Eric Langenbacher, the President of the Burleith Citizens Association (BCA), said that the organization recently carried out a survey of Burleith residents regarding parking issues in the neighborhood. He said that the organization received a good response rate to the survey, and that the organization is currently analyzing the data. He said that BCA believes that the data will be helpful during the neighborhood's upcoming parking conversations regarding how to address neighborhood parking issues.

### Update from the Georgetown BID

Joe Sternlieb, the CEO and President of the Georgetown BID, said that the BID's Georgetown GLOW program runs through this coming Sunday night. He said that the BID will then begin taking down holiday decorations in the neighborhood at the conclusion of the program.

### Update from the Department of Public Works

Sonya Street, a representative for the Department of Public Works (DPW), said that DPW's holiday tree collection efforts will begin on Friday, January 12th. She said that trees can be put out with residents' recycling for pick-up.

### Announcement Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Upcoming DC Streetcar Union Station to Georgetown Environmental Assessment Public Meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd

Kim Manning, a representative for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), said that DDOT will be hosting a community meeting regarding the proposed extension of the DC Streetcar to Georgetown on Tuesday, January 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in room 108 of George Washington University's Fonger Hall, 2201 G Street NW. She said that, during the meeting, there will be a discussion regarding the proposal to construct an additional storage and maintenance facility for the DC Streetcar.

### Announcement Regarding the National Symphony Orchestra's Upcoming "NSO In Your Neighborhood" Community Performances

Chair Gibbons said that the National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) will be hosting a series of free "NSO in Your Neighborhood" community performances over the week of January 3rd to January 9th. He said that more information regarding the performances is available on the table in the front of the meeting room.

### Other Announcements

Commissioner Solomon said that oral arguments for the DC Fair Skies Coalition’s legal challenge against the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will take place on Thursday, January 11th at 9:00 am in Courtroom 31 of the Federal Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit, 333 Constitution Avenue NW. He encouraged local residents to attend the hearing to show the court that the community has an interest in the case.

### **New Business**

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation’s Notice of Intent to Designate Parking Spaces in Front of the Embassy of Antigua at 3234 Prospect Street NW as Diplomatic Parking Spaces

*The commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

### **Public Space Committee**

Public Space Application by the Georgetown House for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 2 Tables and 8 Seats at 1061 31st Street NW

*The commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

Public Space Application by Altus Realty Partners for Streetscaping Work at 3601 M Street NW

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

ANC 2E is concerned about the overall impact of this project on the historic homes on the 3600 block of Prospect Street NW. However, this particular public space application does not implicate the effect that the overall project might have on the homes and therefore ANC 2E expresses no objection to the issuance of the requested public space permit by the District Department of Transportation.

Public Space Application by FRESHFARM for the Renewal of the Public Space Permit for the Georgetown Farmstand at 1044 Wisconsin Avenue NW

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

ANC 2E is pleased by the success of FRESHFARM’s Georgetown Farmstand at 1044 Wisconsin Avenue NW and looks forward to its return. As such, ANC 2E supports the public space application by FRESHFARM for the renewal of their public space permit for the Georgetown Farmstand at 1044 Wisconsin Avenue NW.

### **Zoning**

Application for a Special Exception from the Rear Addition Requirements to Construct a Third Story and a Rear Addition to an Existing One-Family Dwelling at 3608 S Street NW

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

ANC 2E has reviewed the subject application for a special exception to permit the construction of an addition that would, among other things, extend 22 feet off the rear of the existing structure and add a third story. ANC 2E has the following concerns:

1. The proposed addition would include a balcony at the rear of the second floor, a deck at the rear of the third floor, and a deck on the roof of the new third floor. ANC 2E believes that the three design elements would unduly compromise the privacy of use and enjoyment of neighboring properties in violation of 5201.3(b) of the Zoning Code and should not be permitted.
2. ANC 2E does not have the ability to confirm the adequacy of the shadow studies offered by the applicant and, therefore, is concerned that the proposed addition might unduly affect the light available to neighboring properties in violation of 5201.3(a) of the Zoning Code.
3. ANC 2E is concerned that the addition of a third story to the front facade of the house might substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and patterns of the houses on the south side of the 3600 block of S Street NW in violation of 5201.3(c) of the Zoning Code.

With the above as background, ANC 2E recommends that the application for a special exception to permit the construction of a third story addition and a 22-foot addition to the rear of the building, including a second floor balcony, a third floor deck, and a roof deck, be denied.

Application for a Special Exception Under the Accessory Apartment Regulations to Permit an Accessory Apartment at 3238 Reservoir Road NW

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

WHEREAS, the applicant seeks relief from the accessory apartment regulations for an R-20 zoned district,

WHEREAS, the applicant recently purchased 3238 Reservoir Road NW, a single-family residence,

WHEREAS, this residence maintains an accessory apartment that has been continuously occupied for 18 years,

WHEREAS, the property straddles two different zoning districts: MU-4, which allows for a “two family flat or accessory unit,” and R-20, which does not allow for “two family flat or accessory unit,”

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to maintain this accessory apartment and acquire a separate Certificate of Occupancy and offer a long-term lease,

WHEREAS, the applicant, under current conditions, is unable to maintain half of the existing basement unit as a separate accessory unit,

WHEREAS, the property has an existing separate entrance for the accessory apartment that maintains the historic fabric of the neighborhood,

WHEREAS, there are no objections filed by the neighbors in this matter,

WHEREAS, the applicant would have an untenable financial burden if they had to remove the existing full kitchen and reconfigure the interiors, and

WHEREAS, this property is a unique and specific situation to the Zoning Map.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E finds that granting relief for 3238 Reservoir Road NW would not be a substantial detriment to the public good.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E finds that granting relief would not be inconsistent with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Map.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E supports only this specific fact pattern of this unique situation for relief from the accessory apartment regulations of Subtitle U § 253.4.

### **Old Georgetown Board**

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-054 (HPA 18-092) 1026 31st Street, NW; SMD 2E05 - OG 18-053 (HPA 18-091) 1032 31st Street, NW; SMD 2E05 - OG 18-052 (HPA 18-090) 1040 31st Street, NW; SMD 2E05 - OG 18-051 (HPA 18-089) 1042 31st Street, NW; SMD 2E05 - OG 18-055 (HPA 18-093) 3103 South Street, NW; and SMD 2E05 - OG 18-056 (HPA 18-094) 3105 South Street, NW

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

ANC 2E supports changes to the buildings themselves as presented to the ANC on January 3, 2018. Furthermore, ANC 2E supports Option 1 based on concerns related to accessibility and the greater good for the community, even in the face of some loss of individuality across the scheme overall.

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

ANC 2E has heard the concerns from the House of Sweden related to safety of their guests on their rooftop and agrees with the House of Sweden that a seasonal tent on the roof will add an important and heightened level of safety and comfort for their guests.

Additionally, ANC 2E appreciates that the House of Sweden undertook significant work to ensure that neighbors – including residential neighbors, commercial neighbors, and the National Park Service – were aware of the plans, had an opportunity to weigh in on the plans, and supported such plans.

Finally, ANC 2E appreciates that the House of Sweden chose to use a Swedish company to design the tent such that it meshes with a Swedish aesthetic. As such, ANC 2E supports the installation of a seasonal tent on the rooftop of 2900 K Street NW.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.