



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 5th, 2022; 6:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Commissioner Rick Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Jenny Mitchell (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Cimrun Srivastava (2E04), Lisa Palmer (2E05), and Elizabeth Miller (2E07) were present.

Approval of the ANC's July 5th, 2022 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's July 5th, 2022 meeting agenda. Commissioner Srivastava seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's May 31st, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's May 31st, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Putta seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

Acting Lieutenant Philip Robinson, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2022 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's FY 2022 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Community Comment

Update from the Mayor's Office

Julius Terry, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an update from the Mayor's Office.

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office

Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an update from the Councilmember's Office.

Update from EastBanc Regarding the Company's Vision for Georgetown

Antony Lanier, the President and CEO of EastBanc, gave an update regarding the company's vision for Georgetown.

Update from the Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park

Commissioner Palmer gave an update on behalf of the Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park regarding the organization's activities.

Update from Georgetown Main Street

Rachel Shank, the Executive Director of Georgetown Main Street (GMS), gave an update from the organization.

Update Regarding MacArthur High School Planning

Commissioner Putta gave an update regarding MacArthur High School planning.

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Neighborhood's Rat Issues

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

WHEREAS, although ANC 2E understands that the presence of rats and other rodents is inevitable in an urban environment, in recent months the ANC has observed an alarming increase in the incidence of rodent activity throughout our neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2E has also noted a discouraging lack of diligence with respect to the proper management of trash and other rodent food sources on the part of both businesses and residents in the ANC.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. ANC 2E encourages both businesses and residents to carefully comply with all regulations governing how trash and trash receptacles are to be handled, including regulations that prohibit leaving trash cans on public space at any time other than on days that are designated for pick up. Those regulations provide, among other things, that:
 - a. all solid waste must be placed in a container of a design and manufacture approved by the Mayor "...in a manner that will not provide food, harborage, or breeding places for...rodents..." (Leaving solid waste in plastic bags on the curb or placing bags containing solid waste in public trash receptacles are violations of the regulations.)

- b. trash and recycling containers must be placed for collection on private property adjacent to alleys, or, if the residence does not abut an alley, on public space between the residence and the curb line of the street no earlier than 6:30 pm the night before collection and no later than 6:00 am on collection day. Trash and recycling containers must be removed from public space by no later than 8:00 pm on collection day. (It should be noted that in many places in Georgetown public space extends all the way to the front foundation of the house.)
2. ANC 2E also encourages the Department of Public Works (DPW):
 - a. to emphasize enforcement of regulations concerning trash handling and container storage, including, where appropriate, the issuance of citations to both residents and businesses, and
 - b. to increase the frequency of service of public trash receptacles, with particular emphasis on receptacles in the vicinity of establishments that sell food for take-out.
3. ANC 2E asks the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID), the Georgetown Business Association (GBA), and Georgetown Main Street (GMS) to emphasize to their members the importance of complying with all relevant regulations and properly managing trash and trash containers.

Special Event Application for the DC Bike Ride on Saturday, September 10th, 2022

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

ANC 2E remains very pleased that only the Whitehurst Freeway will be closed for the 2022 DC Bike Ride within the ANC and appreciates that no amplified music will be played as part of the event. The ANC supports the special event application provided that the event organizers continue to develop solutions that maximize traffic flow, minimize traffic disruptions on neighborhood streets, and protect public safety.

ANC 2E understands and appreciates that the DC Bike Ride has verbally committed to, at minimum, the mitigation strategies noted below. Furthermore, the ANC appreciates that these strategies will be paid for by the event organizers and not by the DC Government. The strategies to be implemented include, but are not limited to:

- Dedicating a to-be-determined, but at least one, number of District Department of Transportation (DDOT) traffic control officers (TCOs) to the Georgetown area for the duration of the road closures,
- Securing commitments that any roadway construction work on the Key Bridge or on Canal Road NW would either be suspended or avoid requiring any closures for the duration of the road closures for this event,
- Working with DDOT's team to determine if signal tech engineers should and will actively monitor the area and modify signal timing as necessary,

- Engaging the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to notify Waze and Google Maps about the DC Bike Ride’s resulting road closures and traffic issues, and
- Creating “day of” points of contact for direct communication between DDOT, MPD, and ANC 2E and sharing those points of contact with the ANC at least seven days in advance of the race.

With these points in mind, ANC 2E once again supports the special event application for the 2022 DC Bike Ride on Saturday, September 10, 2022.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Georgetown University’s Request for a Permit to Conduct Minor Construction After-Hours

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

ANC 2E has been informed that Georgetown University will apply to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) for permission to perform work after-hours on four townhouses during their summer renovation. The townhouses are located at 3627 Prospect Street NW, 3629 Prospect Street NW, 3631 Prospect Street NW, and 3600 P Street NW. The request is for permission to perform exterior painting and interior finish work between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on Sundays and holidays. The ANC supports Georgetown University’s application for an after-hours work permit.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Application by The Avery for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Bed and Breakfast License at 2616 P Street NW

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

ANC 2E protests The Avery’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Bed and Breakfast license at 2616 P Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to withdraw the protest if and when a satisfactory settlement agreement is executed by the ANC and the applicant and presented to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for approval.

Upon withdrawal of the protest as the result of successful negotiation of a settlement agreement, ANC 2E will support a request by the applicant for the issuance of a stipulated license.

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioners Gwendolyn Lohse, Commissioner Rick Murphy, and/or ANC 2E Executive Director Peter Sacco to represent the ANC at all hearings regarding the matter. The ANC further authorizes Commissioner Gwendolyn Lohse to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement with the applicant.

Application by Villa Yara for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 2815 M Street NW

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

ANC 2E protests Villa Yara's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 2815 M Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to withdraw the protest if and when a satisfactory settlement agreement is executed by the ANC and the applicant and presented to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for approval.

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Gwendolyn Lohse to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement with the applicant. The ANC further authorizes Commissioner Gwendolyn Lohse, Commissioner Rick Murphy, and/or ANC 2E Executive Director Peter Sacco to represent the ANC at all hearings concerning the matter.

Application by Four Seasons Hotel for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Hotel License at 2800-2810 Pennsylvania Avenue NW and

Application by Eno Wine Bar for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 2810 Pennsylvania Avenue NW and

Application by Billy Martins Tavern for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1264 Wisconsin Avenue NW and

Application by Das Ethiopian Cuisine for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1201 28th Street NW and

Application by Chez Billy Sud for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1035-1039 31st Street NW and

Application by Sticx for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1728 Wisconsin Avenue NW and

Application by Farmers Fishers Bakers for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3000 K Street NW and

Application by AMC Theatres Georgetown 14 for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3111 K Street NW and

Application by OKI & Georgetown for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant License at 1608 Wisconsin Avenue NW and

Application by Ristorante Piccolo for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1068 31st Street NW and

Application by City Sliders for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1529 Wisconsin Avenue NW and

Application by Chaia LLC for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3207 Grace Street NW and

Application by Foxtrot for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1267 Wisconsin Avenue NW and

Application by Mason's Famous Lobster Rolls for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1078 Wisconsin Avenue NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding these matters.

Application by Via Umbria for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1525 Wisconsin Avenue NW

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

ANC 2E protests Via Umbria's application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1525 Wisconsin Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to withdraw the protest if and when a satisfactory amendment to the applicant's existing settlement agreement is executed by the ANC and the applicant and presented to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for approval.

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Rick Murphy to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement with the applicant. The ANC further authorizes Commissioner Rick Murphy and/or ANC 2E Executive Director Peter Sacco to represent the ANC at all hearings concerning the matter.

Application by SandboX Restaurant for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3251 Prospect Street NW

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

ANC 2E protests SandboX Restaurant's application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 3251 Prospect Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to withdraw the protest if and when a satisfactory settlement agreement is executed by the ANC and the applicant and presented to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for approval.

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Rick Murphy to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement with the applicant. The ANC further authorizes Commissioner Rick Murphy and/or ANC 2E Executive Director Peter Sacco to represent the ANC at all hearings concerning the matter.

Public Space Committee

Public Space Application for the Installation of Bollards at 3140 Dumbarton Street NW

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

ANC 2E recognizes that the applicants for the public space application at 3140 Dumbarton Street NW have experienced significant hardships when trucks back into the exterior walls of their home. The ANC also recognizes that this is an active alley where trucks need to make deliveries and otherwise access commercial properties on the opposite side of the alley. With this in mind, the ANC encourages the Public Space Committee to seek a solution that protects the applicants' home while also ensuring that commercial operations are not unduly impacted.

Public Space Application for Streetscape Improvements, Including New Curb and Driveway, Sidewalk Work, Landscaping, and Utility Excavation, at 1055 29th Street NW

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

ANC 2E supports the public space application for streetscape improvements, including new curb and driveway, sidewalk work, landscaping, and utility excavation, at 1055 29th Street NW.

Public Space Application for a New Driveway at 3300 Whitehaven Street NW

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

ANC 2E supports the public space application for a new driveway at 3300 Whitehaven Street NW.

Zoning

Presentation Regarding an Upcoming Planned Unit Development (PUD) Application for 3300 Whitehaven Street NW

Gui Almeida, an architect for Hickok Cole, and Eddie Mansius, a Development Manager for Grosvenor, gave a presentation regarding an upcoming planned unit development (PUD) application for 3300 Whitehaven Street NW.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Special Exception from the Matter-of-Right Uses Requirements to Permit a Food Delivery Use in an Existing, Attached, Two-Story Commercial Building at 1719-1721 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Commissioner Mitchell moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-1-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the Board of Zoning Adjustment application for a special exception from the matter-of-right uses requirements to permit a food delivery use in an existing, attached, two-story commercial building at 1719-1721 Wisconsin Avenue NW.

Historic Preservation Review Board

Historic Preservation Review Board Concept Application for the Subdivision of One Lot into Three Lots and Construction of Two Three-Story Rowhouses at 1524 33rd Street NW

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

ANC 2E remains concerned about the scale of the proposed structures in the context of the existing residences on Volta Place NW. The ANC is even more concerned about the negative impact that the proposed project may have on the existing easement that forms the western boundary of the lot to be subdivided because, in the opinion of the ANC, the project, if constructed, would render the easement virtually useless.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E03 - OG 22-182 (HPA 22-313) 1524 33rd Street, NW

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

ANC 2E remains concerned about the scale of the proposed structures in the context of the existing residences on Volta Place NW. The ANC is even more concerned about the negative impact that the proposed project may have on the existing easement that forms the western boundary of the lot to be subdivided because, in the opinion of the ANC, the project, if constructed, would render the easement virtually useless.

SMD 2E05 - OG 22-200 (HPA 22-349) 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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

ANC 2E is generally supportive of the proposed roof decks in this application. However, the ANC also shares concerns about sound traveling from roof decks in the Georgetown Historic District to residents' homes. While there are not residents adjacent to this building, the ANC notes that virtual sound tunnels carry noise from other roof decks near this proposed deck up to N Street NW and north, creating disturbances for residents at night.

ANC 2E supports the inclusion of a retractable roof deck but asks the applicant to consider ensuring that it is covering the space at night and that the applicant also considers additional noise mitigation measures so that the areas can be enjoyed by guests but do not create overnight noise disturbances for residents on N Street NW and north. Such mitigation measures could include, but are not limited to, inclusion of additional softscapes to buffer sound, no use of speakers after 10:00 pm, having installed speakers face downwards, etc. Additionally, the ANC notes that other hotels in the area have, to great success, hired sound consultants to make recommendations for creative ways to tamp down traveling sound and then implemented such recommendations. The ANC recommends that the applicant does the same and returns to the Old Georgetown Board with such recommendations incorporated into the concept design.

SMD 2E05 - TBD (HPA TBD) 3500 Water Street, NW

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

ANC 2E continues to express concerns about public safety in this area of Water Street NW. At the ANC's last meeting, a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Commander specifically noted a number of gun recoveries in this area, in addition to other illegal behavior. In partnership with a variety of agencies who take ownership of this corridor, including MPD, Councilmember Pinto's office and, before, Councilmember Evans' office, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Georgetown BID, and the National Park Service (NPS), we have implemented a number of changes which improve the safety in this area.

ANC 2E is happy to see NPS continuing to consider how to make safety a priority with this application. With that said, the ANC believes that the proposed chain link fence is not reflective of the work that has been done in this area. The ANC notes that DDOT has improved circulation, parking, public space, and traffic issues by implementing new traffic patterns, striping the roadway for greater clarity on what is and is not allowed, removing overnight parking, which was strongly recommended by MPD, and improving conditions at the trailhead. However, contrary to DDOT's removal of parking and the posting of "No Parking" signs, which was strongly supported by Councilmember Pinto and all others on the team, NPS has posted signs for staff parking in the areas where DDOT posted "No Parking" signs, including in the areas that were hashed out by DDOT. As part of our collective work to make this area safer, the ANC asks that NPS removes the staff parking signs and makes clear to employees that this is a "No Parking" area immediately.

Furthermore, ANC 2E asks the Old Georgetown Board to consider that a chain link fence, while providing important security functions, is not appropriate from an aesthetic standpoint in the historic district. The ANC continues to believe that if we build structures in the area that look like a militarized zone, it will continue to be treated as an afterthought, despite the fact that the waterfront area is and should continue to be treated as a crown jewel in our community. As such, the ANC seeks a more aesthetically appropriate solution to the significant security issues at hand and hopes that we can move such a solution forward in an expedient manner so as to stem any additional security issues.

SMD 2E05 - OG 22-186 (HPA 22-317) 1023 31st Street, NW

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

While ANC 2E does not typically review projects like this one in consecutive months, the ANC is pleased to note that the Old Georgetown Board took considerable pains to incorporate our feedback into the board's feedback last month and that the applicant has also taken our traffic, loading, and unloading concerns seriously. The ANC understands that the overall number of users may be lighter with a hotel over an office building on per day basis, but the ANC remains concerned about the traffic implications for loading and unloading of guests. The proposed loading zones in the front of the building will be key to preserving traffic circulation on 31st Street NW and the ANC supports the use of the alley for loading and unloading of supplies. The ANC does note that in order for the loading zones to serve their purpose, they need to not only be incorporated into the overall design of this project but will also need to be actively managed to ensure that rideshare drivers do not double park on this narrow roadway.

ANC 2E leaves recommendations for the overall design of the project to the Old Georgetown Board but wants to be sure that the alley will be large enough for trucks to enter and exit without needing to back into 31st Street NW and that appropriate loading and unloading spaces for guests are incorporated into any approved plan moving forward.

SMD 2E07 - OG 22-204 (HPA 22-353) 3023 Q Street, NW

Commissioner Miller recused herself from voting on this matter.

Chair Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E is concerned about the second entrance that the applicant proposes to construct at the southwest corner of the house in very close proximity to the front door of the house. As currently proposed, the door of the second entrance would face Q Street NW only a few feet west and north of the main entrance. The appearance that would result would be, in the opinion of the ANC, awkward at best. More importantly, the steps from the proposed second entrance would deposit pedestrians into what is a very narrow and effectively shared driveway, creating a safety hazard. The ANC supports all aspects of the revised concept design except the proposed second entrance. If the proposed second entrance were removed, the ANC would have no objection to the approval of the proposed concept design.

Adjournment

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 10:20 pm.