

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

June 1, 2009  
Georgetown Visitation School, 35<sup>th</sup> and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair, with Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Golds, Starrels, and Eason present, constituting a quorum.

**Administrative**

***Public Safety and Police Report***

Commissioner Solomon reported on public safety matters and recent crimes in the community. No one from the Second District attended the meeting, despite being invited. Commissioner Solomon stated that crime has stabilized, despite continued shoplifting in the business community; that MPD will work to address quality of life issues; and that the tow truck situation on M St. NW raised at the May meeting has been improved. He also reported that a health fair will be at the MPD academy to encourage officers to get into shape.

***Approval of May 4 Meeting Minutes***

The minutes for the meeting of ANC 2E held on May 4, 2009 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Eason (Commissioner Solomon seconded) by a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Birch joined the meeting at this point.

***Financial Report***

Commissioner Solomon reported on ANC 2E's finances, noting that ANC 2E has more than \$9,000 in the bank. He also stated that the Commission's second quarter report will be sent within a week. ANC 2E has responded to the city auditor's questions and will receive about \$20,000 in allotments. ANC 2E is in good financial health.

***Transportation Report***

Commissioners Lewis and Starrels reported on transportation matters in the community, noting that the light posts will be painted soon. The Commissioners also stated that sidewalks will be repaired, starting in the business district. ANC 2E asks community members to contact the Commission to prioritize sidewalks with ANC 2E. Commissioner Starrels reported that streetlights are out at the intersection of 31<sup>st</sup> St. NW and K St. NW, and a meeting has been arranged with Washington Harbor and Park to turn the lights back on. A meeting will take place regarding the repair of canal bridges (both pedestrian and street). The bridges will be repaired one at a time over a three-year period. ANC 2E will report before the project begins. The "No Left Turn" sign has been removed at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue NW and 34<sup>th</sup> St. NW.

## **Special Commendation**

Commissioner Lewis presented the following special commendation to former Citizens' Association of Georgetown president Denise Cunningham. Commissioner Starrels seconded the commendation, which passed unanimously.

In recognition of her dedicated and effective service to the community, ANC 2E commends Denise Cunningham. For the past two and one-half years as president of the Citizens Association of Georgetown, Denise has provided strong and inclusive leadership within the community. With exuberance, style, warmth, persistence, a keen eye for the practical and a passion for civic improvement, she has led CAG ably. Equally important, Denise has been a positive and collegial voice for cooperative efforts among all elements within our community, including residents, businesses and the university. Her leadership skills and dedication are a model for us all. We hereby acknowledge and express our appreciation and gratitude to Denise Cunningham for her outstanding service and positive impact on our community.

## **Community Comment**

The Washington, DC Police Foundation reported that a new forensics laboratory is being built. The laboratory will speed up turn around times to better aid detectives and solve crimes. A representative from Councilmember Jack Evans' office, Ruth Warner, stated that the Council will vote on the budget tomorrow, Anacostia clean-up bill (also known as the bag tax) in the near future, and the mark-up of the trash compactor bill before recess. She stated that a plan was in place with regard to the Jelleff Boys and Girls Club, but will not be included in the budget.

## **ABC Issues**

Commissioner Starrels led a discussion of current ABC matters in the community, including a discussion of the potential application of the existing Voluntary Agreement to a change in management and operations at the site of the former Georgetown Billiards, 3251 Prospect St. NW. A number of neighbors shared their concerns with this project, including noise, parking, rats and the operation of a private dining club. It was noted that this is a preliminary discussion as the new owners have yet to apply for a change in the existing voluntary agreement.

## **Zoning and Planning**

### ***4401 Reservoir Rd., NW—Presentation regarding proposed construction at French Chancery***

Representatives from the Chancery presented their construction plans to alter their entrance. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Solomon made the following motion (Commissioner Eason seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the concept as presented.

### ***2903 Q St., NW—Application for a variance from the lot occupancy requirements***

No representatives from the property were in attendance to present plans to change the lot occupancy requirements. ANC 2E decided to take no action on this project.

### **Old Georgetown Board**

Commissioner Lewis recused himself from the consideration and vote of all of the following items relating to the Old Georgetown Board on the ANC 2E agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Birch chaired the meeting for consideration of the following OGB-related matters.

### ***Regular Calendar***

#### **Private Projects**

##### **3020 Cambridge Place, NW, OG 09-232 (HPA 09-211), Residence:**

Representatives from the property presented concept designs for a rear parking pad off the alley. After discussion by Commissioners and community members (one neighbor spoke representing a number of neighbors against the project), Commissioner Eason made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded) which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Golds abstained):

The commission finds that the proposed project creates a parking area that is inconsistent with the historic nature of the neighborhood and would have a negative impact on the adjoining properties. ANC 2E asks that the application be denied.

##### **1673 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 09-254 (HPA 09-266), Commercial:**

Representatives presented concept plans for an alteration to a window opening on a new storefront. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Eason seconded) which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E does not support the concept to create a large window at 1673 Wisconsin Ave. because of a concern with a loss of historic fabric and the marker that this façade presents to this stretch of Wisconsin Ave.

##### **3279 M Street, NW, OG 09-252 (HPA 09-264), Chevy Chase Bank:**

Representatives from the bank presented plans for an alteration to the door for the ATM and a projecting sign. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded) which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E does not have strong objections to the machine itself but does have an objection to the projecting sign. Hence, ANC 2E recommends that the sign not be permitted.

##### **1247 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 09-255 (HPA 09-267), Commercial:**

Representatives from the store presented plans for a projecting banner with the logo for Polo/Ralph Lauren. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Eason seconded) which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E objects to the proposal of the projecting banner as it does not comply with our standards of projecting signs.

At 7:57 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Lewis moved (Commissioner Golds seconded) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

Aaron Golds  
Secretary, ANC 2E