

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

May 3, 2010
Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair, with Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Golds, Starrels, Birch, and Eason present, constituting a quorum.

Administrative

Approval of May 3 Public Meeting Agenda

The agenda for ANC 2E's May 3, 2010 regular public meeting was approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Eason (Commissioner Solomon seconded).

Approval of March 30 Meeting Minutes and April 23 Special Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of ANC 2E held on March 30, 2010 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Eason (Commissioner Solomon seconded) by a vote of 6-0.

The minutes for the special meeting of ANC 2E held on April 23, 2010 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Eason (Commissioner Solomon seconded) by a vote of 6-0.

Public Safety and Police Report

Lieutenant Hedgecock reported on public safety matters and recent crimes in the community, noting that violent crimes are still up (21 robberies this year) citywide as well as in PSA 206 specifically. In April, there was 1 attempted robbery; 9 incidents with 2 or more suspects; 3 incidents that involved a handgun; and 4 that involved snatching property (usually iPhones). Burglaries are slightly lower than at this time last year (22 this year versus 24 last year). There has been a noticeable decrease in general thefts, including a slight decrease in thefts-from-autos. He reminded everyone to report suspicious activity to 911, the number for both emergency and non-emergency calls. Lieutenant Hedgecock and Commissioner Solomon responded to questions from Commissioners and community members regarding the reimbursable detail officers in the business district and the effect on crime, the increase in robberies in the residential areas, false burglar alarms, and the need for a reimbursable detail in the waterfront area. A member of the community reported that he was the target of what he believed to be personal threats. Commissioners stressed that threats against members of the community are unacceptable and should not be tolerated, and Lieutenant Hedgecock assured the community there would be an investigation by MPD.

Commissioner Skelsey joined the meeting at this point.

Financial Report

Commissioner Solomon reported on ANC 2E's finances, noting ANC 2E is in good financial health, despite the fact that ANC 2E has not received its 4th quarter and 1st quarter financial allotments.

Commissioner Solomon moved to adopt the 2nd quarter financial report (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Transportation Report

Commissioners Lewis and Starrels reported on transportation matters in the community. Commissioner Lewis mentioned that the left turn arrow at M Street NW and Wisconsin Avenue NW remains under review at DDOT but ANC 2E remains hopeful that it can be put in place soon. Commissioner Solomon mentioned that O Street NW and P Street NW reconstruction will be underway in mid-September, beginning with the west end of the project, and that there would be significant community input before and during the construction, including from the Old Georgetown Board. The Commission responded to a question about signal timing near the soon-to-be-opened Safeway.

Community Comment

Community members made comments regarding the Georgetown neighborhood farmer's market on both Wednesdays and Saturdays, which will be starting this week; a possible tree infestation in Georgetown; the Tree Forum on Wednesday at 6 pm at House of Sweden and Trees for Georgetown's May 26 fundraiser; and the construction plans for the Jelleff field and pool.

New Business

DDOT Proposal re streetcars along K Street, NW in Georgetown; additional proposal re streetcars along Wisconsin Avenue, NW

The merits of extending a new streetcar system to Georgetown were briefly discussed. Because there was no DDOT presentation, ANC 2E decided by consensus to table this issue for a month to allow ample time for DDOT to respond and provide ANC 2E with more information.

Bike DC Event on Sunday, May 23, 2010

A representative from Bike DC presented information on this year's event. After discussion by Commissioners and community members focusing on the event's impact on traffic in and around Georgetown, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E appreciates Bike DC, however we have to balance the inconvenience of shutting down the Key Bridge in the proposed time frame. We propose that the Key Bridge be reopened at 10:00 am instead of 10:30 am. We also urge the sponsors of this event to commit to using other bridges in future years.

ABC Issues

Moratorium Update

Commissioners Starrels and Birch updated the community on the renewal of Georgetown's liquor license moratorium, noting that the business community and the residential community have come to a consensus. The agreement entails the addition of seven (7) CR licenses and the recycling of licenses in safekeeping that lapse or are terminated.

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-1 (Commissioner Eason opposed):

ANC 2E, with regard to the moratorium, revises the previously adopted petition from two (2) to seven (7) new CR licenses and revises the safekeeping language as described by Commissioner Starrels and agreed to by the other involved parties.

ABC Board Roll Call Hearing for 3291 M Street, NW, Case No. 10-PRO-00021, Crepe Amour & Georgetown Wing Co.'s application for a substantial change in license

A representative from the restaurant spoke about their desire to change their current license to allow for extended operating hours. After discussion by Commissioners, ANC 2E decided to take no further action at this meeting and to continue to protest the applicant's request for a substantial change due to concerns regarding peace, order and quiet.

Request by George, 3251 Prospect Street, NW, to terminate or amend its Voluntary Agreement

Representatives from George spoke about their desires to terminate or amend the existing voluntary agreement to allow for a larger capacity but said they were not in a position to describe at this meeting exactly what they will request. Questions were raised about the applicants' operations and why the applicants did not want to adhere to the voluntary agreement that came with the license when they acquired it. The applicants and community representatives will discuss this further.

License Renewals

Riverside Grille, 3050 K Street, NW (VA); Cabanas, 3050 K Street, NW (VA); and Tony and Joe's Seafood Place, 3000 K Street, NW (VA)

Representatives from the restaurant spoke about their current operations, and their desire to change some of the provisions in the existing voluntary agreements. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, the Commission decided to not protest the license renewal, but will continue to work with the establishments to review the voluntary agreements. Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Commissioner Eason abstained):

ANC 2E hereby does not object to the license renewals at PPT T/A Riverside Grill located at 3050 K Street, NW; LLC T/A Cabana's located at 3050 K; and Dancing Crab at Washington Harbour Limited Partnership T/A Tony & Joe's Seafood Restaurant located at 3000 K Street, NW.

Il Canale, 1063 31st Street, NW (VA)

No representative from the restaurant was present, but Commissioner Starrels spoke about the proposed changes to their hours. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Eason seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E protests the license renewal at Il Canale Restaurant located at 1063 31st Street, NW for issues of peace, order and quiet.

ANC 2E adjourned for a five minute break. The meeting then resumed.

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

1521 35th Street, NW, OG 10-141 (HPA 10-238), Residence:

Representatives from the property presented permit designs for replacement windows. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Skelsey made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

With regard to the property for the replacement of windows at 1521 35th Street, NW, ANC 2E notes that the windows installed are identical to those that were replaced as well as to the others that remain on the façade of this house. We note the very poor condition of the previously existing windows and the pressing need for their replacement. ANC 2E supports the project as proposed.

1525 34th Street, NW, OG 10-117 (HPA 10-223), Residence:

Project moved to No Review without objection.

1070 ½ 31st Street, NW, OG 10-131 (HPA 10-245), Restaurant:

Project moved to No Review without objection.

1237 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 10-132 (HPA 10-248), Commercial:

Plans were presented for front alterations and a sign at the space. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Eason seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to what is being presented, however we only approve of one sign over the door.

1238 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 10-145 (HPA 10-261), Mixed-use commercial/office:

Revised designs were presented for a two-story addition to replace a one-story structure. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the design concept at 1238 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, however we do object to the revolving door concept and would rather have standard doors similar to the doors on the second level of the property, with particular attention to entrance and exit doors that are wheel chair accessible.

2720 O Street, NW, also known as 2718 O Street, NW, OG 10-144 (HPA 10-260), Residence:

Revised plans were presented for a new building at the address. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E objects to the design presented for the residence at 2720 O Street, NW. While we appreciate the effort to create an ecologically efficient residence, we find the design incompatible with the architectural character and out of dialogue with the facades of the other houses on the street. It presents a rather severe institutional aspect and its siding appears to be a rather bizarre aspect to the house on the west. We find it unfortunate that the garage door presents a blank face to the street and that we would not look kindly on a proposal to create a new curb cut.

1525 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 10-134 (HPA 10-250), Commercial:

Plans were presented for a three-story rear addition to the property. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E would have no objection to this project, but laments the possible loss of significant historic fabric to the rear of this building and questions outstanding issues regarding the neighbors to the rear on 32nd Street, NW.

Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar, containing the following two projects, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Birch (Commissioner Starrels seconded) by a vote of 6-0.

2721 N Street, NW, OG 10-123 (HPA 10-236), Residence

3141 P Street, NW, OG 10-143 (HPA 10-259), Residence

At 9:23 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