



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, October 4th, 2021; 6:30 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Rick Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Jenny Mitchell (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), and Elizabeth Miller (2E07) were present.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Approval of the ANC's October 4th, 2021 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Lohse moved to approve the ANC's October 4th, 2021 meeting agenda. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's August 30th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's August 30th, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

**Administrative**

Public Safety and Police Report

Lieutenant John Merzig, 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 Budget

*This Commission delayed consideration of this matter until the ANC's regular November 2021 meeting.*

**Community Comment**

Acknowledgement of Jamie Scott's Service to the Neighborhood

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

Since 2015, Jamie Scott has been serving our community through his work at the Georgetown BID. He has been responsible for working with the commercial real estate

community, property owners, tenants, community groups, city leaders, and other stakeholders, always with the goal of developing creative solutions to help our neighborhood grow and prosper. Most notably, from the position of the residential community, Jamie has been a terrific listener, always considering feedback from often competing positions and working hard to build consensus.

ANC 2E has been fortunate to call Jamie a partner in our joint vision of Georgetown as a vibrant, world-class, and highly relevant community. While we will miss Jamie here in Georgetown, we are thrilled for him as he embarks on a new role where he will have the opportunity to share his deep knowledge of community development and partnership building with all of the District and we wish him well as he moves on. Jamie, thank you for all that you have done for Georgetown, both at the BID and at Georgetown University. Please come visit often!

#### Update from the Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, 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

Emmanuel Brantley, the Communications Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an update from the Councilmember's Office.

#### Update Regarding the Georgetown to Metrorail Transit Enhancement Study

Commissioner Miller gave an update regarding the Georgetown to Metrorail Transit Enhancement Study.

#### **New Business**

#### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Extension of the Georgetown BID's Widened Sidewalk Project Beyond December 31st, 2021

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:

At its August 30, 2021 public meeting, ANC 2E adopted a resolution declaring the Commission's opposition to extension of the temporary public space permit issued to the Georgetown Business Improvement District (the "BID") to facilitate installation of platforms in the curb lanes of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street NW. At the same time the ANC indicated that the Commission would look favorably on continued use of some of the platforms to support dining in our community, subject to acceptable guidelines.

ANC 2E opposes the application for extension of the public space permit recently filed by the BID in its current form. The ANC remains willing to consult with the BID concerning changes to the application.

## Consideration of a Resolution in Support for Moving Forward the Neighborhood Livability Study Prior to the End of 2021

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 requested – and Councilmember Brooke Pinto secured – funds for a Georgetown transportation and livability study. It is the ANC’s hope that Georgetown can proactively address a range of forward-thinking transportation needs in a cohesive and organized way.

ANC 2E requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) kicks off the Georgetown livability study in earnest in the next six weeks, as funds to conduct the study are officially available and the ANC seeks to use those funds this calendar year while such funds are available. The ANC requests that DDOT uses the following guiding principles which address unique Georgetown needs:

- Reduce traffic congestion
- Promote green options
- Include safety issues
- Promote commuter use of commuter-designed roads
- Symbiotic transportation-related environment that allows commercial and residential to both thrive

ANC 2E requests that the study examines important issues such as bike and micro-mobility infrastructure, the use of one-way streets, public transportation access and connections, space and processes for package and people delivery in commercial and residential areas, how and where to integrate e-charging in commercial and residential areas, how the gondola and e-charging station and Metrorail at Key Bridget fit into the long-term transportation picture, residential parking needs, enforcement of parking and traffic laws, and a neighborhood-wide signage package.

ANC 2E looks forward to a close working partnership with DDOT on this study and particularly would like to be sure that the community is engaged in a thoughtful way that includes feedback from as many residents and business owners as possible.

## Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Neon Lights in Windows in the Georgetown Historic District

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

ANC 2E has been frustrated by the proliferation of neon lights in windows of businesses within the Georgetown Historic District. Per Historic Preservation Office (HPO) sign guidelines as well as Old Georgetown Board (OGB) design guidelines for commercial signage, neon signs are not appropriate in the historic district. ANC 2E calls upon the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) and HPO to vigorously enforce these guidelines immediately.

## **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

### **Application by We the Pizza Express for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 3237 M Street NW**

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

ANC 2E protests We the Pizza Express’ application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 3237 M Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to drop the protest if and when an acceptable settlement agreement is signed by the applicant and ANC 2E.

### **Application by Nick’s Riverside Grille for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 3050 K Street NW**

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

### **Application by Tony & Joe’s Seafood Place for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 3000 K Street NW**

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

## **Public Space Committee**

### **Public Space Application for the Replacement of Twelve Removed Bricks at 2903 P Street NW**

Commissioner Lohse 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 fully supports the public space application for the replacement of twelve removed bricks at 2903 P Street NW.

## **Zoning**

### **Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for Special Exceptions from the Matter-of-Right Accessory Uses and the Accessory Building Development Standards at 1963 39th Street NW**

*This Commission delayed consideration of this matter until the ANC’s regular November 2021 meeting.*

### **Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Special Exception from the Minimum Vehicle Parking Requirements to Construct a Cellar Addition, to an Existing One-Story with Cellar, Attached, Retail Use Building at 1229 Wisconsin Avenue 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 has no objection to the Board of Zoning Adjustment application for a special exception from the minimum vehicle parking requirements at 1229 Wisconsin Avenue NW. The ANC agrees with the applicant that the proposed outcome will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning regulations and zoning maps and will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property in accordance with the zoning regulations and zoning maps.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Modification of Significance from Board of Zoning Adjustment Order No.17984, Effective November 20th, 2009, to Construct a New, Two-Story with Basement Addition to an Existing, Detached, Three-Story with Basement, Accessory Garage at 1644 31st Street NW and 1605 32nd Street NW

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the Board of Zoning Adjustment application to construct a new, two-story with basement addition at 1644 31st Street NW and 1605 32nd Street NW.

### **Old Georgetown Board**

SMD 2E03 - OG 21-289 (HPA 21-4893) 3147 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: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E is disturbed that the applicant in this proceeding has not made any effort to engage with neighbors to apprise them of the impact that this project may have on the appearance of this area of the Georgetown Historic District. The ANC is also disturbed that the applicant did not come to the ANC meeting prepared to present a description of what is planned and proposed. In the absence of having had a detailed presentation, the ANC cannot offer support nor will it oppose the application.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.