

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

November 1, 2010
Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair, with Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Golds, Starrels, Birch, and Eason present, constituting a quorum.

Administrative

Approval of November 1 Agenda

The agenda for the November 1 ANC 2E public meeting was approved on a motion by Commissioner Solomon (Commissioner Eason seconded) by a vote of 6-0.

Approval of October 4 Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of ANC 2E held on October 4, 2010 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Solomon (Commissioner Starrels seconded) by a vote of 6-0.

Public Safety and Police Report

Commissioner Solomon reported on public safety matters in the community, noting that there has been a spike in crime in the community, including nine thefts this weekend and multiple assaults. MPD is implementing new procedures as a result. During Halloween weekend, crowds were not as heavy as predicted on Saturday night, but traffic flow remained a problem. Commissioner Golds and Commissioner Solomon spoke about the drug-related incidents at Georgetown University.

Financial Report, Revised FY2011 Budget for ANC 2E, and Fourth Quarter Report

Commissioner Solomon reported on ANC 2E's finances, noting that the ANC allotment is now expected to be reduced for the 2011 fiscal year by ten percent from FY2010, instead of the 3.3% decrease anticipated last month. ANC 2E remains in good financial health.

Commissioner Solomon moved to adopt an amended FY2011 Budget reflecting the revised ANC allotment and updated expenditure expectations (Commissioner Lewis seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Commissioner Starrels moved to adopt the Fourth Quarter financial report for FY2010 (Commissioner Golds seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Commissioner Skelsey joined the meeting at this point.

Old Georgetown Board

3535 O Street, NW, OG 11-015 (HPA 11-018), Residence, Concept:

Representatives from the property spoke about the replacement of windows and siding, along with other alterations. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Skelsey made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no issue with the plans as presented.

Commissioner Lewis recused himself from the consideration and vote on this matter. Commissioner Birch chaired the meeting for the consideration of this matter. Commissioner Skelsey left the meeting after the vote on this matter.

Administrative

Transportation Report

Commissioners Lewis and Starrels reported on transportation matters in the community, noting that DDOT is interested in adding a left-turn lane at 35th Street and Reservoir Road. Commissioner Solomon reported that the contractor for rehabilitation of O and P Streets will be selected soon and construction will begin before the end of the year. A community meeting will occur once a contractor is selected.

Community Comment

Commissioner Lewis expressed the Commissioners' congratulations and good wishes to Commissioner Birch on his recent marriage.

Jon Wiebenson (Georgetown BID) spoke about the upcoming Merriment in Georgetown event (Sunday, December 5, 2pm-5pm), including the street closures on Wisconsin Avenue NW (permitted until 9PM) and the temporary removal of parking spaces for traffic flow.

A Georgetown medical student announced a study regarding alcohol and substance abuse by youths in the community.

Commissioner Solomon reminded meeting attendees to vote tomorrow.

Commissioner Lewis led a discussion regarding street closures in Georgetown related to special events in Georgetown, particularly foot races and the recent triathlon, and the negative impacts on traffic flow, especially when Key Bridge or M Street is involved.

New Business

Lawyers Have Heart 10K—June 11, 2011

A representative (Hilary Sama) from the Lawyers Have Heart 10K spoke about next year's event, including their proposed route and street closures. After discussion by commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E supports the Lawyers Have Heart race and the fact that it is a worthy non-profit cause. At the same time, we want to qualify our support by noting that there is a significant impact on Georgetown residents who live south of M Street NW. We have concerns for residents who park on Thomas Jefferson Street NW and residents who live in condominiums on K Street NW who will be landlocked until 10AM on race day. We appreciate any mediation to help alleviate these concerns. We also encourage the race planners to promote alternate means of transportation to participants in order to discourage them from bringing cars into Georgetown. Our support for this event is conditioned on the understanding that Key Bridge and M Street NW will remain open for the duration of this event.

Possibility of adding several parking spaces on the north side of Dent Place, 3400 Block:

Commissioner Lewis spoke about the opportunity to add parking spaces on the north side of the 3400 block of Dent Place NW, due to the possible loss of spaces on 35th Street NW if a left-turn lane is added. After discussion by commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lewis made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E requests that DDOT examine the north side of Dent Place, NW, in the 3400 block, to determine if some RPP parking can be made available on that block face. The nearby 3300 block of Dent Place, NW, already has parking on both sides of the street and it works well. We hope DDOT can allow some two-side parking in the 3400 block, while accommodating the access and turning needs of the fire station in that block.

Zoning and Planning

1687 32nd Street NW, BZA Application No. 18143, Frederic Underwood and Blair Farr, Application for a special exception to allow a rear addition to an existing dwelling not meeting lot occupancy, side yard, lot dimension and non-conforming requirements, (Hearing date Dec. 7):

A representative from the property presented plans for a rear addition. After discussion by commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

Resolved, by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E, that the Commission has no objection to the applicant's request for special exceptions for the property located at 1687 32nd Street NW, square 1281, Lot 11, in the D/R-1-B zone, under BZA Case No. 18143. We note the negligible impact on light and air of the neighboring properties, the fact that these special exceptions largely concern existing conditions, and that there is no neighbor opposition to the project.

ABC Issues

License renewal for “Third Edition,” 1218 Wisconsin Avenue NW, ABRA-000604:

Neighbors who live near Third Edition spoke about the negative impact of the establishment on the neighborhood. No representative from Third Edition was present. After discussion by commissioners and community members which focused on concerns about noise coming from the establishment as well as repeated violations of the existing voluntary agreement, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Eason seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E protests the renewal of the license for Third Edition based on complaints received concerning peace, order, and quiet and their failure to comply with their existing voluntary agreement. We are attaching a letter that highlights some of the problems observed.

Application for License by “International House of Pong,” License No. ABRA-084905, 1010 Wisconsin Avenue NW:

A representative from International House of Pong spoke about their plans for the new establishment and the need for a liquor license. 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 concept of the establishment, but at this point in time we protest the license based on issues of peace, order and quiet and the potential impact on traffic and pedestrians. We hope to work towards a voluntary agreement with the establishment soon.

Commissioner Lewis thanked Karen Cruse on behalf of ANC 2E for her work with the ANC and the Citizens Association of Georgetown on liquor licensing in Georgetown, including representing both the ANC and CAG at recent proceedings held by the ABC Board.

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

3254 O Street, NW, OG 10-258 (HPA 10-462), Residence, Concept:

This project was withdrawn by applicant for this month’s Old Georgetown Board meeting.

3066 M Street, NW, OG 10-253 (HPA 10-421), Commercial, Permit:

Representatives from the property spoke about the sign scheme, including a projecting sign and replacement front doors. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Eason seconded) which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E does not have any objection to the new door and the new sign in the window, but does object to the blade sign because it is a ground floor business on M Street NW.

3219 M Street, NW, OG 11-002 (HPA 11-005), Retail, Permit:

Representatives from Camper spoke about new awnings and signs at the property. 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 any strong objection to the revised awnings as presented. We want to have a minimized logo on the awning, including no logo on the sides of the awning. We will let the Old Georgetown Board take care of the finer aspects of the design.

2914 P Street, NW, OG 11-012 (HPA 11-015), Residence, Concept:

Representatives from the property spoke about a one-story rear addition and other alterations. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded) which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the plans as presented, with the reservation that the plans include at least a three foot additional screen of lattice work to accommodate the private enjoyment of neighbors in their own garden. We are pleased that the applicant was able to discuss the plan and make an accommodation with the concerned neighbors.

At 8:24 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Golds moved (Commissioner Solomon 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