



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Mr. H. Alan Brangman, Chairman, and Members of the Board
Old Georgetown Board
401 F Street NW, Suite 312
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Dear Chairman Brangman and Members of the Board:

On May 1, 2023 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on May 4, 2023:

With regard to SMD 2E03 - OG 23-200 (HPA 23-310) 1610 32nd Street, NW:

ANC 2E does not take a position on the actual staircase solely because it is not highly visible from the public way. The ANC does, however, take issue with work being done without a permit and asks that the Old Georgetown Board looks closely at the effect on neighbors and possible solutions.

With regard to SMD 2E03 - OG 23-201 (HPA 23-311) 1408 Wisconsin Avenue, NW:

ANC 2E is especially frustrated that work was done in this high visibility area of Wisconsin Avenue NW without a permit or any review. The ANC does not support a permit for work already completed in this location and asks that the Old Georgetown Board looks closely at the building's prior status and how this change affects the historic character of our neighborhood. The ANC requests that the building's façade be returned to the status at the time of the current owner's purchase.

With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 23-199 (HPA 23-309) 2900-2922 M Street, 1132 29th Street, NW:

As stated in the resolution from the ANC 2E's April 2023 meeting, the ANC continues to support Phase I of this project and welcomes the introduction of Phase II. The ANC appreciates the well thought out plans for the interior lot and looks to the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) for their guidance as to the impact that this project will have on the historic village. The ANC believes that incorporating the new with the old is a challenge but can yield a positive outcome.

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ANC 2E does not traditionally support roof decks. The ANC looks forward to seeing the applicant's transportation plan for the site, including loading and unloading, and any adjustments to the structure that will result from the transportation plan.

With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 23-202 (HPA 23-312) 3123 N Street, NW:

ANC 2E asks the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) to look closely at the impact that this fireplace construction has on the neighbors' line of sight, the height of the structure exceeding the fence line, and the impact on the gardens and tree canopy. The ANC asks that OGB ensures that this structure, or any alternate structure, adheres to historic district guidelines. The neighboring properties are immediately adjacent and there is no alley to serve as a buffer. The fireplace is clearly visible to the neighbors.

ANC 2E believes that the neighbors were not given the opportunity to review the fireplace addition and thus proper permitting is in question. There has been a Stop Work Order issued for the property. The ANC supports this stoppage and suggests that the applicant pursues proper permitting.

Separately from OGB review there are also safety issues regarding fire, smoke, and embers, which cannot be contained. ANC 2E urges the applicant to consult with DC's Fire Marshal.

With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 23-194 (HPA 23-304) 2716 O Street, NW:

This applicant had a Stop Work Order issued for this property as both the applicant's city permits and Old Georgetown Board (OGB) applications are expired. Both plans and permits were sought by another owner many years ago and the steps needed to update the plans and permits were not pursued by the developer who now owns the property. It is unclear if the permits can now even be renewed or if enough time has passed that the applicant must begin a new application and permit process. It should be noted that this property is a semi-attached home. Thus, any unpermitted work is unsafe and detrimental to all in the immediate vicinity. ANC 2E requests that this application be sent back to the initial stage of the OGB planning process.

Additionally, ANC 2E asks that OGB carefully reviews the size of this renovation. This historic block is characterized by modest homes with generous yards and mature trees. Rear additions should not project substantially beyond the adjacent building in order to maintain this character. This property would be nearly doubling in size. The building already extends 10 feet beyond its immediate neighbor to the east and thus with the proposed renovation it will be 25 feet longer. Beyond the character impact, the light of the neighbor to the east will be significantly reduced in both the neighbor's living room and garden.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Miller
Chair, ANC 2E