



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 August 31, 2020 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on September 3, 2020:

With regard to SMD 2E03 - OG 20-238 (HPA 20-432) 3401 Prospect Street, NW:

ANC 2E notes that roof decks are not common features on houses built during the period of significance in historic Georgetown. The ANC has a traditional practice of opposing the construction of roof decks when concept designs are proposed to the Old Georgetown Board. The ANC sees nothing in this proposal to suggest that we should retreat from that historic position within the ANC, notwithstanding the fact that we are very pleased with all of the other features of the project that are being executed by the owners of this property.

Therefore, ANC 2E urges the Old Georgetown Board to consider this project carefully and to reject the portion of the project that proposes the extension of the existing roof terrace which may or may not be properly permitted.

With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 20-243 (HPA 20-437) 2818 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW:

ANC 2E understands that the applicant has pulled its plans for this coming Old Georgetown Board meeting. While the ANC does have some general concerns about adding a penthouse to this building, we look forward to reviewing a more definitive set of concept drawings at the time when the applicant wishes to move those plans forward.

With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 20-227 (HPA 20-421) 1267 Wisconsin Avenue, NW:

ANC 2E welcomes Foxtrot to the neighborhood and looks forward to their opening. The ANC appreciates the importance of outside seating availability, particularly during the reopening

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phases of our city. Due to the fact that N Street NW becomes residential just east of this establishment, the ANC wishes to share the following feedback with the Old Georgetown Board for its consideration:

1. The establishment has agreed to close its sidewalk café by 9:00 pm nightly and requests that the tables and chairs be removed from the sidewalk at that time and not just locked up along the block. This is a tidy residential block and ANC 2E would like that to continue even when the restaurant is closed; leaving the chairs locked up does not fit with the block's aesthetic.
2. ANC 2E requests that the establishment considers pulling back the most eastern table so that patrons are not sitting so close to a residence, even if those tables are only removed after 7:00 pm. The closest neighbor to the establishment shares: "Since construction has begun, there has been a notable increase in rodents as well as loitering on our property. The outdoor seating would certainly encourage more trash and loitering."
3. As discussed with the applicant, ANC 2E believes that subtle lighting like twinkle lights would be a nice addition to the concept design but requests that any such addition of lighting be carefully installed so that residents are not impacted by the lights from within their homes.
4. ANC 2E strongly requests that with any addition of table seating, ample places for the discarding of trash along Wisconsin Avenue NW, not on N Street NW, are also added. Residents have already expressed concern about the growing rat population in that area and the ANC shares their concerns that the addition of new food sources without appropriate places to dispose of such food could lead to an increase in the rat population.
5. ANC 2E would like to be on the record at this time of supporting a sidewalk café that provides at least six feet of clear space for pedestrians between tree boxes and the seating but does not support any additional seating curbside in this area, including no streateries or parklets.
6. Finally, ANC 2E has seen many sidewalk cafes across the neighborhood "creep" into areas that were not permitted for sidewalk café use. In an attempt to avoid this situation on this corner as well as to discourage use of the tables and chairs from folks who are not patrons of the business, the ANC would like to see the applicant consider some sort of barrier which indicates where the sidewalk café ends and the pedestrian sidewalk begins.

In conclusion, ANC 2E strongly supports the addition of a sidewalk café by Foxtrot at 1267 Wisconsin Avenue NW provided that the aforementioned concerns are addressed.

With regard to SMD 2E07 - OG 20-260 (HPA 20-454) 2715 Q Street, NW:

ANC 2E supports the plans of Dumbarton House to provide wayfinding signs and other interpretative signs to enhance the ability of visitors to enjoy this historic property.

With regard to SMD 2E07 - OG 20-234 (HPA 20-428) 3023 Dent Place, NW:

ANC 2E has no comment regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E