

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

July 2, 2012

Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Commissioner Starrels, acting Chair, with Commissioners Starrels, Solomon, Sticka, and Birch present, constituting a quorum.

Administrative

Approval of July 2nd, 2012 Agenda

The agenda for the July 2nd, 2012 ANC 2E public meeting was approved on a motion by Commissioner Birch (Commissioner Sticka seconded) by a vote of 4-0.

Approval of the April 30th, 2012 and June 4th, 2012 Minutes

The minutes for the April 30th, 2012 and June 4th, 2012 ANC 2E public meetings were approved on a motion by Commissioner Birch (Commissioner Sticka seconded) by a vote of 4-0.

Financial Report

The checking and savings of ANC 2E remain secure. No quarterly reports have been submitted this month.

Public Safety Report

Commissioner Solomon gave a report on public safety in the neighborhood after having spoken to Commander Reese with the Metropolitan Police Department. Commissioner Solomon reported on two robberies over the weekend and a recent uptick in crimes of opportunity.

Transportation Report

Commissioner Starrels reported that ANC 2E will begin looking into rush hour conditions at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street. Commissioner Solomon offered an update on the O and P Street rehabilitation project. The project remains on time and should be complete by the end of August.

Department of Public Works Report

Commissioner Starrels reported that sweep inspections continue in the community and praised Commissioner Jones for his work with the Department of Public Works.

Community Comment

Betsy Emes from Trees for Georgetown reported on the impacts that the Derecho storm had

on Georgetown trees. Georgetown lost 20 trees, including a tree on 35th Street and Prospect Street that was the largest street tree in Georgetown. City agencies responded as quickly as possible and residents were encouraged to contact them online to report fallen trees.

Mary Lord, the current Ward 2 representative on the Board of Education, introduced herself to the community and informed the community she is now running for the at-large seat on the Board.

Jennifer Altemus from the Citizens Association of Georgetown reminded the community of an upcoming parade and concert.

New Business

MedStar/GU Hospital certification of need for a proton therapy capability at the Lombardi Cancer Center

A representative from MedStar and the Georgetown University hospital presented on their request for a certificate of need for the development of proton therapy capability at the Lombardi Cancer Center. After the presentation, Commissioner Solomon made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E is highly supportive of the request by MedStar and the Georgetown University Hospital for a certificate of need for proton therapy capability at the Lombardi Cancer Center.

GSA sale of West Heating Plant at 29th and K Streets, NW

Two representatives from the Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park read a statement that they composed in collaboration with the Citizens Association of Georgetown. The statement argued that an unrestricted sale of the West Heating Plant could lead to the limiting of public access due to development that could follow. As such, they called on the currently open area to be protected from development following the sale of the West Heating Plant.

Commissioner Birch proposed the following resolution (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E supports the position of the Friends of the Georgetown Waterfront Park and the Citizens Association of Georgetown that the current building on the West Heating Plant site can be rehabilitated by a developer for productive use and that the rest of the site on the coal yard tank area should not have buildings constructed on it and should be made available for use as a public park along the south wall of the C&O Canal National Historical Park and along the north bank of Rock Creek. ANC 2E believes that park assets on this site are important to the integrity of C&O Canal National Historical Park and Rock Creek Park and that limitations at the site are essential to protecting public park use at the site. ANC 2E is prepared to work with the Office of Planning and other District of Columbia offices on achieving this result through PUD or other appropriate zoning protections.

1078 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Paul Bakery, Public Space Permit

Commissioners Starrels, Birch, Sticka, and members of the community discussed Paul Bakery's failure to request a public space permit prior to installing tables outside their property.

After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Sticka seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

Pending approval by ABRA of the issue raised by the application for public space at a property presently holding a liquor license, ANC 2E endorses the public space permit for three tables and six seats at 1078 Wisconsin Avenue.

Zoning

1334 29th Street, NW, BZA Application No. 18425

Commissioner Birch introduced a resolution supporting the zoning request made by the Mt.

Zion United Methodist Church and Child Development Center. Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

In view of the decades of valued contributions to the families and children of the community, the minimal impact on the neighborhood, and the appropriate use of the available space, ANC 2E supports the application of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and Child Development Center for a special exception to continue the operation of the Intown Playgroup at 1334 29th Street, NW, BZA Application No. 18425, to allow a child development center of 35 children, ages infant to five years, on the first floor.

1215 31st Street, NW, BZA Application No. 18382

A representative from the Georgetown Post Office presented on the latest proposal for a commercial addition to the Post Office. Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

Given the favorable reviews of this body and others of the renovation and expansion of the Georgetown Post Office as proposed and the compatible nature of the property, ANC 2E supports the application for variances from a minimum percentage of lot occupancy, rear yard and side yard requirements, and the constitution of non-residential use.

1906 35th Street, NW, BZA Application No. 18407

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for construction of a 2-story addition to a single-family semi-detached dwelling not meeting the lot occupancy requirements. After discussion, Commissioner Solomon made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E does not object to supporting a special exception for this application to construct an additional room on an existing structure that has been permitted by DCRA as long as the footprint of the project stays within the footprint of the permitted first floor addition. ANC 2E did not hear any objections from the neighbors on this addition. ANC 2E does have concerns about a deck on top of the roof of the additional room as far as privacy and noise considerations for neighbors to the north and south.

ABC

3236 Prospect Street, NW, ABRA-087240, t/a M Café, Voluntary Agreement

Commissioner Starrels reported that a provision from a Voluntary Agreement with M Café was struck by ABRA. As a result, ANC 2E had to reconsider the Voluntary Agreement. Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the Voluntary Agreement for ABRA-087240.

Old Georgetown Board

Commissioner Birch chaired the meeting for consideration of the following OGB-related matters.

Regular Calendar

Private Projects

With regard to 3407 R Street, NW, OG 12-288 (HPA 12-476):

A representative from the property spoke about the proposed two-story rear addition. A majority of the project had been previously permitted. Commissioner Solomon made the following resolution (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the revisions and changes as proposed by the applicant. ANC 2E does, however, withhold our support pending an appropriate review and approval of the plans by the neighbors.

With regard to 3409 R Street, NW, OG 12-255 (HPA 12-411):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal to add a raze metal garage and a new metal garage structure. After discussion, Commissioner Solomon made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the project as presented.

With regard to 3419 R Street, NW, OG 12-286 (HPA 12-474):

A representative from the property presented on their proposed 1-story accessory building. Commissioner Solomon made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the project as presented.

With regard to 3240 Q Street, NW, OG 12-179 (HPA 12-290):

A representative from the property spoke about the proposed 2-story rear addition with basement and alterations. Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E is pleased with the direction of the changes made in the plans and has no objection to the presentation made before us.

With regard to 3222, M Street NW, OG 12-295 (HPA 12-483):

A representative from the property spoke about minor changes made to the property following the last Old Georgetown Board meeting. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the evolution of the design as presented and has no objection.

With regard to 3222, M Street NW, OG 12-294 (HPA 12-482):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for alterations to the storefront and a new sign scheme. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the presentation and favor option number 1 for signage. We like the use of banners on the west side facing Dean & Deluca and have no objection to the lighting as long as metal letters are used. ANC 2E has no objection to the other elements of presentation.

With regard to 3240 Grace Street, NW OG 12-280 (HPA 12-280):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for a 4-story building. Several members of the community also spoke about elements of the project they continue to find objectionable.

After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E would like OGB to pay special attention to: 1) the great concern raised over the windows of the building and their possible uses; 2) possible uses of the roof area on the west side of the area; 3) using neighboring properties' cooper for downspouts on the building. Otherwise, ANC 2E likes the evolution of the bike storage and gating on the property as presented. ANC 2E encourages the applicant to continue communicating with the neighbors going forward.

With regard to 1000 Potomac Street, NW OG 12-275 (HPA 12-463):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for replacement windows

and waterproofing. After this, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E encourages the OGB to pay special to this project. We would like OGB to pay attention to the use of replacement in-kind materials, how they relate today to existing materials to ensure there is continuity. We encourage OGB to ensure that the commercial windows that are being replaced include the same but-glazing. ANC 2E also reminds OGB of the proximity of this building to the C&O Canal.

With regard to 1000 Potomac Street (also known as 1015 33rd Street, NW), NW OG 12-276 (HPA 12-464):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for replacement doors, balconies, and waterproofing. After this, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E would like the OGB to pay attention to the original design of the building and maintaining continuity with it. ANC 2E advises OGB that if the river birch tree is removed it should be replaced with an in-kind tree similar to others along the C&O Canal. ANC 2E would also like the OGB to judge whether the existing railings can be repaired or if they require additional railings to be constructed.

With regard to 3014 P Street, NW OG 12-299 (HPA 12-487):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for a roof addition over the rear deck. After this, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Sticka seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has reservations about a proposal for a roof deck with a gas fireplace in that it does appear to be keeping with the character of this structure, which is an important historic house. ANC 2E requests the OGB to give it consideration in that light.

With regard to 1600 28th Street, NW OG 12-217 (HPA 12-357):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for a fence, retaining wall, planter, and paving on public space. After this, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Sticka seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has no objection.

With regard to 3252 S Street, NW OG 12-293 (HPA 12-481):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for a garden wall and gates on the front yard. After this, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the bricks walls proposed at this project but draws the attention of the OGB to the design in that it is keeping with the residential character of the street.

At 10:17 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Sticka moved (Commissioner Birch seconded) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

Jake Sticka
Secretary, ANC 2E

