

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

January 3, 2005  
Georgetown Visitation School, 35<sup>th</sup> and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by the Chair, Commissioner Solomon, with Commissioners Starrels, Eason, Lever, Moore, and Clements present, constituting a quorum.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Officers for 2006:** Commissioner Eason moved (Moore Second) for the following slate of candidates which passed by a vote of 6-0:

Commissioner Solomon, Chair  
Commissioner Starrels, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Clements, Secretary  
Commissioner Lever, Treasurer

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 29, 2005 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed by Commissioner Clements.

*Commissioner Skelsey arrived at this time.*

**ANC Security Fund for 2006:** In accordance with District of Columbia law, Commissioner Lever moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

Resolved that this Commission approves the ANC 's participation in the  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund and authorizes the Treasurer  
to pay the \$25 fee for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

**ANC Website:** Commissioner Lever, the treasurer, stated that the ANC needed to make an additional resolution to approve funds for the upkeep of the ANC website by Jen Perry. Commissioner Lever moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC2E approves the expenditure of not more than \$35 per hour or \$2000 per  
year for the continued maintenance of the ANC website.

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report for FY 2005:** Commissioner Lever moved (Solomon Second) to accept the financial quarterly report for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of Fiscal Year 2005 as presented to the commission, which passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Revised Budget for FY 2006:** Commissioner Lever presented the estimated budget for Fiscal Year 2006 reflecting the current estimate of a \$21,540 allotment in District of Columbia budget. Commissioner Lever also announced that ANC 2E would be awarding extra grant money to community groups this year, totaling \$5,000. More information on grant applications would be available early this spring. Commissioner Lever moved (Starrels Second) to accept the budget for Fiscal Year 2006 as presented, which passed by a vote of 7-0.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENT**

**DDOT Update:** The commission updated the community on several issues. WASA work in West Georgetown had been pushed back until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Trolley track removal had been delayed further pending a new feasibility study. Commissioner Solomon reported that he, along with several members of the community, walked around Georgetown with a representative from DDOT noting different traffic needs. Many of these related to the Georgetown Project.

**Police Report:** Lt. Lucas of the Metropolitan Police Department gave the PSA 206 police report for the month of December. She reported that burglaries decreased significantly over the past thirty days. She also said that neighbors appeared to be more diligent with locking doors and keeping windows secure. No robberies had been reported for three weeks. Lt. Lucas said that the Second District recently added a new Sergeant, William Jackson. He transferred from the Sixth District and would be working the midnight shift. Sgt. Bundy would now be on evenings with Lt. Lucas. Commissioner Solomon noted that MPD did a wonderful job during the holiday season.

**Comment:** Former Commissioner Len Levine asked that ANC 2E remain vigilant with DDOT to ensure that Georgetown streets remain on the agenda. He said that timely re-striping was a particular concern.

**SafeRides Shuttle:** Dave Morrell, the Georgetown University Vice President for Safety, presented details for the newly implemented SafeRides Shuttle. He apologized to the neighborhood that he did not present the idea to the community for feedback before the program began. The old SafeRides program would continue operation. The SafeRides Shuttle would operate from 10:00 PM to 3:00 AM, Thursday through Saturday. The change was made based on an April 2005 survey of students and the high call volume that could not be served by the old SafeRides program. Commissioner Starrels asked what type of vehicle was being used. Mr. Morrell replied that a twelve passenger van was being used in Burleith and a fourteen passenger van was being used in West Georgetown. Several neighbors raised concerns that the system would increase off-campus parties and noise near the shuttle stops.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*ABC Issues*

**Neyla Voluntary Agreement:** Commissioner Starrels presented a new Voluntary Agreement for Neyla. A log in the restaurant would track which nights the back room was used during the summer and be available to ABRA inspectors. In addition, all parties agreed to revisit the issue in a year to discuss the effectiveness of the agreement. Commissioner Skelsey said that he believed this particular part of Georgetown contained too many restaurant seats already. Commissioner Eason noted that the restaurant still did not have the trash room required in the 1994 Voluntary Agreement. Commissioner Starrels moved (Lever Second) to accept the Voluntary Agreement as proposed and withdraw the protest of the license, which passed by a vote of 5-2 (Skelsey and Eason opposed). Commissioner Lever moved (Starrels Second) to send a letter to the ABC Board with our resolution stating specific concerns about enforcement, which passed by a vote of 5-1 (Skelsey opposed, Eason abstaining).

### ***Zoning and Planning***

**Consent Calendar for the Old Georgetown Board:** Commissioner Clements moved (Moore Second) to accept the consent calendar which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Starrels absent). The consent calendar contained the following projects:

OGB 06-037, 3137 N Street

OGB 06-052, 1409 28<sup>th</sup> Street

OGB 06-056, 1068 Thomas Jefferson Street

**1693 34<sup>th</sup> Street (OGB 06-057):** Plans were presented for roof replacement at the property. The current roof was not supported properly and needed to be elevated. Commissioner Lever stated that he wished for this to be on the agenda so that neighbors would be aware that a dumpster would be needed on 34<sup>th</sup> street during the initial demolition. Commissioner Lever moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Starrels absent):

ANC 2E does not oppose the plans as presented for the roof repair and new cornice line with the caveat that the needed dumpster will remain on 34<sup>th</sup> Street for no longer than two months.

**3331 Prospect Street (BZA 17424):** Revised plans were presented for the Wormley School building. The building would contain up to eight condominiums. The parking, as proposed, would have twenty-two spaces. It was also announced that some Wormley neighbors had negotiated a cooperative agreement with the developer. Commissioner Starrels thanked the neighbors and developer for the agreement. Commissioner Clements asked whether the neighbors signing on to the agreement were mostly on N Street or Prospect Street. The developer replied that mostly N Street neighbors were involved. Commissioner Starrels moved (Moore Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E supports the request for the conversion of the existing Wormley School building to multiple-dwelling use with up to eight condominium units along with no less than twenty-two parking spaces.

**1357 Wisconsin Avenue (OGB 06-053):** Plans were presented to fill in the rear yard and renovate the garages on the alley. The new addition would serve as residential space on top of a larger retail establishment. The addition on the upper level was far enough back that it would not be seen much, or at all, from Wisconsin Avenue. Commissioner Moore noted that the property was in poor condition. Commissioner Moore moved (Starrels Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E does not oppose the concept for creation of three apartments on the alley side at 1357 1359 Wisconsin Avenue as presented, but we want to express concerns about the loss of two parking ports. In addition the height of the proposed building might impact O Street residences near the property and they should be notified by Mr. Misrahi. ANC 2E wants to be appraised of the progress of this project.

**1065 Wisconsin Avenue (OGB 06-044):** Updated plans were presented for the Ralph Lauren Rugby store. The Old Georgetown Board asked Ralph Lauren to “clean up” the design between the concept and permit phases. The new design removed the brick benches and extended the glass on the front windows. Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the revised plans as presented.

Commissioner Eason moved (Clements Second) for the following amendment which passed by a vote of 7-0:

We are not taking any position with respect to the use of the public space needed for the outdoor café.

**3034 M Street (OGB 06-054):** Plans were presented for a third floor addition at the site. The addition would be a modern glass structure on top of the original historic building. Commissioners were concerned that the building would be much taller, creating unnecessary massing on historic M Street. The modern type of addition also troubled several commissioners. Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-1 (Skelsey opposed):

ANC 2E does not support the proposed concept for the rear addition at the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor level.

**1517 Wisconsin Avenue (OGB 06-059):** Plans were presented for a one story rear addition and second floor alterations at the Hugo Boss store. The goal was to add space while creating a more consistent building. Renovations over the years did not always match. The rear addition would extend forty feet. The roof on the second floor would be

four to five feet higher in certain parts. Commissioner Lever moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E do not oppose the project as long as agreement is received from the rear neighbor by the time it is presented to the Historic Preservation Review Board.

**3042 Cambridge Place (OGB 06-055):** Plans were presented for a two story rear addition. The addition would add a play room for the children as well as a roof deck to be accessed via a spiral staircase in the rear. The neighbor at 3040 looked at the plans and had no objections. The neighbor at 2044 signed a letter agreeing to the proposal. Several commissioners were concerned with the roof deck and spiral staircase. Commissioner Eason moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E advises the Old Georgetown Board we do not object to the plans as presented with the exception of the proposed spiral staircase and roof deck. We hope that the neighbor to the rear will be involved as the project progresses.

**3406 R Street (OGB 06-060):** Plans were presented for shed dormers in the rear of the property on the third floor level. The neighbor at 3404 had no objections, but the owner did not have a letter. The owner did not receive a response from 3408. The house was built in 1971. Commissioner Lever moved (Moore Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E does not oppose the plans as proposed if letters of agreement are received from the neighbors.

**1246-50 27<sup>th</sup> Street (OGB 05-289):** Commissioner Moore introduced the project by stating that ANC 2E had already taken a position, but wished to see the changes requested by the OGB. The new plans featured “regularized fenestration.” Additionally, the third floor balcony from the original proposal had been removed.

**3138 P Street (OGB 06-065):** Plans were presented for the addition of a basement entrance as well as decorative changes on the front. The proposal called for shutters as seen on the house in a photograph from the 1960s. Commissioner Moore was worried that the neighbor to the west had not been informed of the proposal. Commissioner Moore moved (Starrels Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E does not support the concept of a basement entryway and does not support the proposed shutters and decorative work on the façade and we have concerns that there is no opinion from the neighbor on the west side.

**1229 28<sup>th</sup> Street (OGB 06-058):** Plans were presented for the addition of a rear patio and landscaping changes. Additionally, the rear guard rail would be replaced so that it was aligned with the garden wall. Commissioner Moored moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E approves the plans as presented.

**2715 P Street (OGB 06-051):** Plans were presented for a two story addition with a roof deck as well as an addition at the third story level of the original house. The owner said that she had spoken to both neighbors, who approved of the proposal. She received a letter from the resident, not the owner of one of houses. The other house is a vacant four unit apartment building. Commissioner Eason moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E advises the Old Georgetown Board that we approve of all the proposed alterations to 2715 P Street with the exception of the roof deck.

*At 10:10 PM, with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Clements moved (Solomon Second) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.*

Submitted for the Approval of ANC 2E,

Brett F. Clements  
Secretary, ANC 2E