

**Minutes for the Public Meeting of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC2E**

Tuesday, June 29, 2004
Georgetown Visitation School

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 by Chairman Birch with Commissioners Starrels, Glick, Lever, Levine, and Ryan present, constituting a quorum. This is considered the “July Meeting” of ANC 2E04. The ANC tries to meet each month prior to the meeting of the Old Georgetown Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNITY COMMENT

Minutes of June 1: The minutes of the June 1 meeting were accepted as presented by Commissioner Glick.

Announcements: Commissioner Glick reminded residents of the new cell phone regulations in the district. Cellular phones may only be used on a hands-free basis while driving.

Chairman Birch announced three upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, July 6, 7pm - Meeting on the Georgetown University Boat House to be held at Thompson Boat Center

Wednesday, July 7, 6:30pm - Meeting on the O and P Street Trolley Tracks to be held at St. John’s Church

Thursday, July 8, 6:30pm - Meeting on the Wisconsin Avenue Canal Bridge to be held at the Georgetown Project Office in Canal Square

Chairman Birch outline the schedule for the upcoming ANC Elections. Petitions are available after August 4 at the DC Board of Elections. Twenty-five signatures are required by September 3. The election will be held on November 2. The Board of Elections phone number is 727-2525.

Commissioner Levine announced he would not be seeking a third term as Commissioner in SMD 01. The audience applauded Commissioner Levine for his service.

Ed Solomon announced that the Georgetown Alert system had been adopted citywide and a launch would take place shortly.

Georgetown Project: Commissioner Levine provided the monthly report on the Georgetown Project. The project is one year from its scheduled completion. WASA is done and PEPCO should have its major parts completed by the end of July. DDOT has started on the new sidewalk on Wisconsin Avenue above Q Street. A new traffic signal and street light conduit is being installed there. He also announced that parking meters will be installed in the fall.

If you have any questions, please visit the Project website at <http://www.thegeorgetownproject.org>. You can also call Karyn LeBlanc at 298-2823. If you have an emergency during the night, please call 337-4982.

Police Report: Lieutenant Carter discussed recent incidents, including an argument involving a knife on M Street on Saturday, June 26. He also discussed staffing issues for the summer months, and ensured the community that Georgetown would have the extra summer detail on-hand.

NEW BUSINESS

Bank Street: Anthony Lanier from EastBanc announced that the lower end of the street was completed around his garage. DDOT needs funding for the final 75 feet on the northern end near Prospect Street. The street is open but will close again when DDOT does its work.

ANC2E submitted the following letter to Dan Tangherlini, Director of DDOT:

On June 29, 2004, ANC 2E held its public meeting at which Bill Irwin kindly accepted our invitation to address what role DOT will have in the reconstruction of Bank Street. At a previous meeting we were informed by Anthony Lanier that the East Banc section of Bank Street would be open July 1 and that they would be responsible for “their” part of Bank Street which according to Mr. Irwin, leaves about 75 feet of Bank Street toward Prospect Street that will need reconstruction by the city. Mr. Irwin explained that the bricks would be relayed on a concrete base with a sidewalk built for pedestrians.

ANC 2E strongly encourages DOT to target the funding for this project as soon as possible. Mr. Irwin gave the impression that if the funds were available then fall of 2004 would be the time for this reconstruction work. West Georgetown has suffered greatly with the closing of Bank Street, which has increased the flow of traffic on M Street and put the burden on 33rd Street for northbound traffic. Also, the residents who live on Bank Street have been caught up in an unsafe and inconvenient state long enough. We hope you will find the funding necessary to return Bank Street back to its normal self.

Key Bridge: Commissioner Starrels stated that a “No Right on Red” sign be posted for inbound cars leaving the Key Bridge. Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E requests the Department of Transportation to install a **No Right Turn on Red Sign** on the existing southeast post on Key Bridge at M Street. ANC 2E feels strongly that the problems that now exists with traffic trying to travel from Canal Road onto M Street will be greatly reduced with this new signage.

37th and P Intersection: Commissioner Glick stated that there are pedestrian safety issues at the intersection of 37th and P Streets. Commissioner Glick moved (Starrels second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

In order to ensure pedestrian safety and to protect cars parked near the intersection of 37th and P Streets NW, ANC 2E requests the following at this intersection:

- Two stop signs to be installed on the north and south sides of P Street, facing east.
- The installation of a well-marked north-south crosswalk originating at the southeast corner of the intersection.
- The repair and replacement of all orange reflector poles at the intersection.

Basketball at Volta Park: Members of the community lamented recent problems with late-night and early morning basketball at Volta Park. The basketball playing can be noisy and disrupts the quality of life for many residents near the park. The commission requested that a sign be posted at the park, dictating that basketball is only allowed between 10am and 8pm on Monday to Friday, and noon and 6pm on Saturday and Sunday.

BikeDC: BikeDC is a citywide bicycle ride scheduled for September 18. The proposed ride will begin on the Clara Barton parkway, weave through the city, cross through upper Georgetown, and conclude in Walt Whitman Park. The proposed route of the Georgetown section is Pennsylvania Avenue to 20th street, left on to P Street then right on 31st Street, Left on R Street where it will cross Wisconsin Avenue and then a final right onto 37th Street. Commissioner Birch expressed concerns about the traffic route and flow, as well as the safety of the riders. Commissioner Birch moved (Levine second) for the following which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Glick, Lever abstaining):

ANC 2E is in support of the 2004 Giant Food Bike DC Tour as an opportunity for bikers to enjoy the City and the City to appreciate the bikers. We have no objection to the closed course ride along the Whitehurst Freeway, Canal Road and Clara Barton Parkway. We are though concerned about the open - street section of the tour on P, 31st, R and 37th streets which run through our ANC. In order to avoid potential congestion on these residential streets, we suggest an alternate route that might include Massachusetts Avenue which would be more adaptable to bicyclists.

ABC MATTERS

Au Pied Bistro: Au Pied Bistro is a new restaurant opening at 2815 M Street. This represents a substantial change in the license. Commissioner Starrels moved (Lever second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-1 (Ryan dissenting):

ANC 2E is **protesting** the license of Au Pied Bistro as it infringes on the peace, order and quiet of the immediate neighborhood. We have every intention of working out a voluntary agreement with the establishment at which time we will be in position to drop the protest.

Five Guys: Five Guys is a new restaurant opening at 1335 Wisconsin Avenue. This also represents a substantial change. Commissioner Starrels moved (Levine second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has full expectations to reach a voluntary agreement with the applicant by July 15, 2004. If this does not work out, we reserve the right to protest the license.

Bangkok Joe's: Commissioner Starrels discussed the status of the voluntary agreement negotiations between Bangkok Joe's and the condominium owners in Washington Harbor. Opposition to outdoor seating for Bangkok Joe's was not as great as anticipated. Commissioner Starrels moved (Glick second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Ryan abstaining):

ANC2E agrees to the Voluntary Agreement as written.

Smith Point: Smith Point is up for renewal with the ABC. Meanwhile, there is an outstanding protest of their license by neighbors. Commissioner Starrels stated that the restaurant had violated its voluntary agreement. Commissioner Glick proposed working out a new agreement before the protest date. Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-1 (Glick dissenting):

ANC 2E protests the license on the grounds that the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood has been violated. ANC 2E hopes to renegotiate the current voluntary agreement that will reflect the reality of the current operation.

ABC Consent Calendar: Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) for adoption of the ABC renewals list, indicating that no opposition to the following licenses had been expressed before the ANC:

1789 Restaurant, 1224 36th St, "CR 03", Apl. No. 8722
Georgetown Inn, 1310 Wisconsin Ave, "CH 01", Appl. No. 8792
La Chaumiere, 2813 M St, "CR 02", Appl. No. 9061
Blues Alley, 1069 Wisconsin Ave, "CR 02", Appl. No. 9102
Mr. Smith's, 3104 M St, "CR 03", Appl. No. 9120
Amma Vegetarian Kitchen, 3291 M St, "DR 01", Appl. No. 11909
Harmony Café, 3288 M St, "CR 01, Appl. No. 11954
Zed's, 1201 28th St, "CR 01", Appl. No. 15007
The News Café, 3056-58 M St, "CR 01", App.No 10671
Bistro Francais, 3124 M St, "CR 02", App. No. 10851
Saigon Inn, 2928 M St, "CR 01", App. No. 11032
Mendocino Grill, 2917 M St, "CR 01", App. No. 11084
The Samurai, 3222 M St, "CR 02", App. No. 11322
Latham Hotel, 3000 M St, "CH 02", App. No. 11549
Four Seasons, 2800 Penna. Ave, "CH 02", App. No. 11626
Pizzeria Uno, 3211 M St, "CR 02", App. No. 11695
Manhattan's Bar & Grill, 3116 M St, "CR 01", App No. 11704
Bistro Lepic, 1736 Wisconsin Ave, "CR 01", Appl. No. 22801
Billy Martins, 1264 Wisconsin Ave, "CR 02", Appl. No. 5228
Booeymonger Restaurant, 3265 Prospect St, "DR 01" Appl.No.3496
Confucius Café/Ledo Pizza, 1721 Wisconsin Ave, "CR 02", Appl No. 86222

ZONING AND PLANNING

Georgetown Waterfront Park: Park planners announced that they redid part of the design at Wisconsin Avenue to accommodate comments from residents. Fundraising continues on the project. The total cost is around \$15 million and they have \$9 million raised.

32nd Street: Chairman Birch brought to the attention of the commission a hearing before the Mayor's Agent scheduled for June 30 regarding the development of lots on the east side of the 1500 block of 32nd Street. Birch explained that the hearing would deal with the question of the preservation of existing trees and the installation of a sidewalk. Chairman Birch moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Starrels absent):

ANC 2E strongly objects to the design of the two proposed houses on the east side of the 1500 block of 32nd Street. ANC 2E recommends that, to be compatible with the character of the Georgetown Historic District, the scale and massing of the proposed houses should be reduced to be complementary to the houses on the opposite side of 32nd Street, as we have recommended in past resolutions. Further following the D.C. Historic Preservation Guidelines for New Construction in Historic Districts, ANC 2E strongly supports the installation of brick sidewalks and the preservation of the mature oak trees as a design feature fronting the houses on the east side of the 1500 block of 32nd Street.

3251 Q Street: Request was for alterations to front and rear porches, stoop railing and a curb cut. Commissioner Lever moved (Glick second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E supports the project so long as the proposed curb-cut is not in the plans presented to the Old Georgetown Board.

Georgetown University Multi-sport Facility: Request was for additional seating and fencing to improve the main athletic field. Commissioner Glick moved (Ryan) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E supports the first phase for the multi-sport facility at Georgetown University and appreciates the attention given to mix the architecture of brick and stone to conform to the surrounding buildings. We look forward to the final completion of the project so that the Georgetown campus can enjoy competitive sporting events on campus. We are confident that Georgetown University will comply with the Campus Plan as to the times during the day that these sporting events can take place at the new facility and ANC 2E encourages a policy of free on campus parking for these events so as to lessen the impact of parking on the neighboring streets.

1039 33rd Street: Request was for a mural on the north side of the building facing M Street. Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E endorses the idea and concept of the proposed mural for Chez Mama San but does not support the use of any lettering in the mural.

3256 N Street: Request was for an apartment building, repair, a new brick garden wall, and a roof over the rear door. There would be five apartment units. Commissioner Birch moved (Glick second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

While ANC 2E would prefer the rehabilitation of this building for a single-family dwelling we support the development of floor-through units with all entered from N Street.

2908 N Street: Request was for excavation of the front court and bridge to door, and replacement of front windows. Chairman Birch moved (Glick second) for the following which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Levine and Starrels absent):

ANC 2E supports the plans as presented.

1340 31st Street: Request was for a one-story rear addition. This was an HPRB project, not an OGB application. Chairman Birch moved (Starrels second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Lever abstaining):

ANC 2E asks the Historic Preservation Review Board to address the possibility that the proposed skylight for 1340 31st Street may block the view of the church windows to the north and that the in-fill on the south side might interfere with the neighbor's enjoyment of their own property.

3038 Dumbarton Avenue: Request was for alterations to front stair, side portico, rear 2nd floor enclosed porch and terrace addition. Chairman Birch moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objection for the alterations to the front stairs or plans for the rear of the home but we suggest the Old Georgetown Board review the proposed terrace as a possible imposition on the privacy of the surrounding neighbors.

3028 Cambridge Place: Request was for a rear porch addition over the 3rd floor terrace. Commissioner Ryan moved (Lever second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E supports the project as presented minus the roof which would have a negative impact on the immediate neighbor.

Consent Calendar: Commissioner Glick moved (Lever second) for adoption of the Consent Calendar, indicating that the following items were reviewed by the ANC and that no opposition to them had been expressed before the ANC:

OGB # 04-216, 2719 P Street

OGB # 04-221, 3305 Cady's Alley
OGB # 04-206, 1218 31st Street
OGB # 04-205, 1310 Wisconsin Avenue
OGB # 04-222, 1626 34th Street
OGB # 04-220, 2912 N Street

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Glick
ANC2E Secretary