



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 28th, 2016; 6:30 p.m.

Georgetown Visitation School, Heritage Room – 1524 35th Street NW

### Call to Order

Chair Ron Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Commissioners Ron Lewis (2E02), Jeff Jones (2E03), Mara Goldman (2E04), Bill Starrels (2E05), Tom Birch (2E06), and Monica Roache (2E07) were present.

### Approval of the Agenda

#### Approval of November 28, 2016 ANC 2E Public Meeting Agenda

Chair Lewis moved to adopt the November 28, 2016 meeting agenda, which was adopted without objection.

#### Approval of the November 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Chair Lewis moved to adopt the November 1, 2016 meeting minutes, which were adopted without objection.

### Administrative

#### Public Safety and Police Report

Two officers from the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

A local resident asked whether MPD's new body cameras were standard for all officers. The officers said that all MPD officers will have the cameras by the end of the year.

A local resident asked what MPD was doing to combat package thefts over the holidays. The officers said that the Second District has mountain bike teams that can help monitor for thefts. He encouraged attendees to install cameras to help capture package thieves.

Chair Lewis asked if the neighborhood's police service area (PSA) will be receiving MPD cadets this year. The officers said that the cadets just started and that they help out with MPD visibility in the PSA.

#### Financial Report

Commissioner Jones said that the ANC's finances are sound.

## Approval of the FY 2016 Quarter 4 Financial Report

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the ANC's FY 2016 Quarter 4 financial report. Commissioner Starrels seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

## Transportation Report

Chair Lewis said that the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG) has conducted a survey regarding which blocks in the neighborhood could use additional streetlights. He encouraged meeting attendees to reach out to the ANC with their opinions regarding the city's proposal to install additional LED streetlights in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Birch said that it is important for the ANC to recognize that LED streetlights can have positive effects in certain areas, including at intersections.

## **Community Commendation**

### Community Commendation for Betsy Cooley

Chair Lewis read the proposed community commendation for Betsy Cooley aloud, as follows:

In recognition of her sustained and effective service to the community, ANC 2E commends Betsy Cooley. A public spirited and active participant in the civic life of our community, for the past 13 years Betsy has been the knowledgeable and resourceful Executive Director of the Citizens Association of Georgetown, working effectively with over 100 volunteers annually to benefit the neighborhood and to keep CAG and its mission relevant for Georgetown residents. Her strong ties to our community and her work to foster the growth to some 1,400 members of this key organization have served us all well. We hereby acknowledge and express our appreciation and gratitude to Betsy Cooley for her outstanding service and positive impact on our community.

Chair Lewis moved to approve the community commendation for Betsy Cooley. Commissioner Starrels seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

## **Old Georgetown Board**

### Rock Creek Park - Rose Park Trail

Commissioner Birch moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding this matter. Commissioner Starrels seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E applauds the efforts to improve the pedestrian path running along the eastern edge of Rose Park. Our chief concern is that the plans address issues of safety as proposed in the design for the path.

The existing trail ranges from 4 to 5 feet in width. ANC 2E has no objection to a reconstructed path at a consistent 6-foot width. Given the current and expected multipurpose use of the path, ANC 2E concurs with community proposals for the installation of traffic-calming rumble strips on the entire length of the path, along with warning signs, to discourage bicyclists from riding too fast, presenting otherwise a dangerous situation for pedestrians of all ages who use the path.

We have no objections to the use of porous asphalt as a proposed pavement, similar to the present-day asphalt pavement now. We support especially the use of flexi-pave for the stretch of pavement over the critical root zone of the monumental elm tree beside the path.

A chain link fence currently separates the trail from the ridge slope. ANC 2E supports the proposed black vinyl-coated chain link fence for minimum upkeep and visual intrusion and maximum safety consideration.

We support additional lighting along the path. We have no objections to the installation of lighting to match the same type, size, and style of the existing lighting.

### **Community Comment**

#### **Announcement Regarding Upcoming DDOT Community Meeting on the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge Project**

Chair Lewis said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is about to start the work on the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge project. He said that DDOT will be hosting a public meeting regarding the project on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30 in room 103 of GW's Fonger Hall, 2201 G Street NW.

#### **C&O Canal Rehabilitation Project Update**

Commissioner Birch said that the work on the C&O Canal rehabilitation project has begun. He said that the canal's lock 3 will be replaced and that lock 4 will be repaired. He added that parts of the canal's tow path are currently closed to pedestrians due to the construction activities.

Commissioner Birch said that there is no water in the stretch of the canal from Rock Creek to lock 5.

### **Community Reports**

Ruth Werner, Committee Director for Councilmember Jack Evans, said that the swearing-in for new Councilmembers and ANC Commissioners will be on Monday, January 2nd. She said that the Mayor recently transmitted a nomination for the next Chancellor of the DC Public Schools, and that the DC Council's Committee on Education is hosting three roundtables to consider the nomination.

John Lever, a representative for the Friends of Volta Park, said that the organization's annual Breakfast with Santa program will be on Sunday, December 14th at 10:00 am at Volta Park. He added that CAG is holding an event with the Mayor, Councilmember Evans, and Councilmember Grosso to discuss the Hyde-Addison and Duke Ellington school renovations. He said that the event will be on Tuesday, November 29th at St. John's Church, 3240 0 Street NW.

A representative for the Georgetown Village gave an overview of the Village's effort to recruit volunteers to serve as medical note takers for Village members.

### **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

#### **Renewal of Gypsy Sally's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 3401 K Street NW**

Commissioner Starrels moved to withdraw the ANC's previous protest of Gypsy Sally's license renewal application. Commissioner Birch seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E withdraws its pending protest of the Class "C" Tavern License in this matter.

#### **Renewal of Smith Point's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License at 1338 Wisconsin Avenue NW**

Commissioner Starrels moved to protest Smith Point's license renewal application based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E protests Smith Point's application for the renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

We note that the licensee has multiple issues under the settlement agreement that has been in place for several years.

#### **Extension of Holiday Hours for all Establishments with Settlement Agreements**

Commissioner Birch moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding this matter. Commissioner Starrels seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the requests of ABRA licensees with which we have Settlement Agreements for extended hours for the Presidential Inaugural and other designated holidays in 2017.

### **Zoning**

#### **S&R Foundation – Evermay (1623 28th Street NW)**

Commissioner Roache moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding this matter. Chair Lewis seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the application for the Special Exception Renewal (BZA #18315A) by the Kuno/Ueno Foundations for the Evermay property for the following conditions listed in the renewal application, including:

- Hours of Operation
- Valet and staff regulations
- Number of events listed per year
- Parking guidelines
- Amplified music

We support the application in recognition that Dr. Kuno and Dr. Ueno have been welcoming considerate and generous-spirited neighbors in our community who are always willing to sit down and meet with neighbors. It is also nice to have this cultural arts venue right in our neighborhood.

### **Old Georgetown Board (Continued)**

#### **OG 17-030 (HPA 17-057) 1659 Wisconsin Avenue, NW**

Chair Lewis moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding this matter. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E does not support the additions as proposed. The rear addition in particular would be larger than and significantly out of scale with the original building. No building in that block goes back to the lot line, and all of the buildings to the south of the applicant's building are much farther back from the lot line than the proposed addition would be. The addition would also be out of keeping with and would dwarf the mid-lot residence immediately to the north.

#### **OG 17-029 (HPA 17-054) 1032-1034 33rd Street, NW**

Commissioner Starrels moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding this matter. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E objects to the plans as presented. The plans are too large and not subservient to the existing structures. They do not adhere to the historic character and the size of the existing buildings and are out of place for this area.

#### **OG 16-375 (HPA 16-666) 3401 Water Street, NW**

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

OG 16-340 (HPA 16-598) 2716 O Street, NW

Commissioner Birch moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding this matter. Chair Lewis seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E continues to object to the mass of the proposed rear addition at 2716 O Street NW in the length and the height of the planned extension. A reduction in the addition would retain the open aspect of the adjacent property and respect the existing character of the houses in this stretch of the south side of O Street. ANC 2E also objects to the proposed deck at the second-floor rear of the addition; we would suggest instead a simple iron railing across the doors at the rear.

OG 16-385 (HPA 16-676) 3012 Q Street, NW

Commissioner Birch moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding this matter. Chair Lewis seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the proposal to renovate the structure at 3012 Q Street NW; however, we object to the proposed raised roof addition to the house due to the concerns about the negative impact on the surrounding properties and the light and viewshed into the block. The proposal is out of scale with adjacent properties. 3012 Q Street is part of an architecturally harmonious block of houses from 3012 to 3022 Q Street NW. Proposed alterations to the roofline would disrupt the original design of this portion of Georgetown homes.

We call to the attention of the Old Georgetown Board our objection to rear-yard decks and we ask them to judge whether the plans presented here are appropriate and ascertain whether the existing rear-yard deck is permitted or not.

**Adjournment**

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.