

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

March 2, 2004  
Georgetown Visitation School

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Chairman Birch with Commissioners Starrels, Glick, Skelsey, Levine, and Ryan present constituting a quorum.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Minutes of February 3:** The minutes of the February 3, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed by Commissioner Glick.

**Resignation of Commissioner Jason Hurdle:** Chairman Birch announced the resignation of Commissioner Hurdle (SMD 02) due to his relocation to Tennessee. The resignation was published in the February 29 DC Register and the petition period will last until March 29. A special election will be held at an ANC Public Meeting thereafter. The term will last until December 31, 2004.

**Election of Treasurer:** Commissioner Hurdle's departure also vacated the Treasurer's position. Chairman Birch nominated Commissioner Skelsey (Starrels second) to fill the void, which passed unanimously.

**COMMUNITY COMMENT**

**Police Report:** Sgt. Cummings provided the monthly police report. He noted that the 2D officers had made some quality arrests in the past month and that the unit was seeing a positive effect on their numbers. There continues to be a problem with theft from autos, and the Sargeant warned residents against this. Commissioner Starrels requested that MPD look into the illegal parking outside a pizza restaurant on the 1200 block of 34th street.

**Commendation for Joe Pozell, Reserve Officer, 2nd District:** Commissioner Starrels offered the following commendation on behalf of the Commission:

The commendations planned for Officer Barry Goodwin and Master Patrol Officer Kevin Birtingham of the 2nd District was postponed until March 30.

**Pilot Alert System Update:** Ed Solomon, President of the Burleith Citizens Association, discussed the status of the Pilot Alert System, initiated in November 2002. The project has achieved its goal of registering 200 people. Residents who wish to sign up may register at [www.gtownalert.com](http://www.gtownalert.com).

**Georgetown Project Update:** Commissioner Levine provided the monthly report on the Georgetown Project. Weather permitting, final paving of M Street will take place this month or soon thereafter. Work continues mainly on Wisconsin Avenue. Utility work should be done south of Q Street by late spring or early summer with streetscape work to follow. North of Q Street, Washington Gas is presently at work, but should be done in the next couple weeks. PEPCO has started near there as well, and WASA is expected to move into this area by early summer. Commissioner Levine announced that roughly one year from now, streetscape should be started on all of Wisconsin Avenue.

Commissioner Levine encouraged residents to visit the Project's website at [www.thegeorgetownproject.org](http://www.thegeorgetownproject.org), and to take advantage of the e-mail alert function.

### **Other Community Comments:**

A representative from the DC Democratic Party announced the March 6 Delegate selection to send Democratic Delegates to this summer's National Convention. Delegates will be appropriate according to candidate's percentage of the February 14 caucus vote. Democrats in Ward 2 will be voting for CD 1.

Ray Kukulski announced the upcoming meetings of the Alliance for Local Living (Tuesday, March 16, Georgetown University Leavey Center) and the Partnerships for Problem Solving (Thursday, March 18, St. John's).

Charles Mallett thanked the commissioners for their efforts to secure a light at T Street on Wisconsin Avenue.

Karyn Good provided three brief transportation announcements:

1. Work on the 31st Street Bridge is progressing well and should be done in a few more weeks.
2. There is a discrepancy with the detour signage at Wisconsin and M Streets, indicating a left-hand turn detour while going westbound. DDOT is working on an alternative.
3. Ms. Good encouraged all residents to address all letters concerning the Snow Emergency Route to Ken Layden at the TPPA. Chairman Birch said the Commission would send a letter, indicating that the section between 35th Street and Wisconsin Avenue need not be included in this new proposal.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SPECIAL ITEMS**

**Track Removal Project:** DDOT had planned to redo O and P Street beginning in April and to remove the tracks on those streets. HPRB had recently expressed concerns that the tracks were historic. Residents continue to be upset by the safety and accident implications of the tracks. DDOT planned a meeting for March 11th at 6pm at St. John's Church to provide an in-depth discussion of the project.

Commissioner Glick expressed concern that if the ANC did not take a position in this public meeting, that we would not have adequate opportunity to have our official opinion heard. A discussion and debate ensued. Commissioner Skelsey lamented the serious personal injury and less to property that would potentially continue if the tracks were kept in. Tim Downs expressed the grave safety concerns of living and parking on that street. Ray Kukulski stated that there were alternatives and that the tracks were too historic to removed.

Commissioner Skelsey moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E urges all involved city agencies to place public safety and timely action at the top of the list of criteria for the renovation of O and P Streets in Georgetown. The current situation threatens the safety of citizens and their property, and we seek timely action to allay these concerns.

### **ABC**

**Cabana's**: Commissioner Starrels discussed the opening of a Southwest Mexican themed restaurant to open in the space vacated by Sole in Washington Harbour. The owners of the restaurant also maintain Tony and Joe's and Nick's Riverside Grill in that area. The voluntary agreement called for no outside bar and no music to be heard on the outside. Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E will not protest Cabana's application for a "C" license provided a voluntary agreement is signed by all the parties.

### **ZONING AND PLANNING**

**Sexton Residence, 2505 P St.**: This was a request for a special exception from the BZA for a rear addition. The ANC had previously approved this project for OGB. Commissioner Ryan moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E has no objection to the applicant's request for a special exception to allow a rear addition at 2505 P Street and notes ANC 2E 's prior approval of the project design and letters of support from the neighbors.

**Addison/Hyde, 3426 P St.**: Modified plans were presented to include adequate on-site parking and a revised overall parking scheme. Commissioner Skelsey moved (Starrels second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0-1 (Ryan abstaining):

ANC 2E strongly supports the site plan as presented especially the proposed parking area on the O Street side to help accommodate on site parking. Furthermore, we support the connector from Addison to Hyde school.

**Stevens Estate, 1686 34th St.:** Plans were presented for the reconstruction of the wood cornice on the carriage house. Commissioner Skelsey moved (Birch second) for the following which passed unanimously:

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

**Sassanova, 1641 Wisconsin Avenue:** Plans were presented to approve an existing sign and awning. Commissioner Birch moved (Glick second) for the following which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Levine, Skelsey absent):

ANC 2E has no objection to the blade sign and the sign above the front window of Sassanova, but does object to the signage on the awning and additional signage material on the front window.

**Hughs Residence, 1417 28th St.:** Plans were presented for a 2nd story addition and alterations to the property, Community residents from Poplar Street presented great opposition, mainly focused on the disproportionate nature of the proposed structure. Commissioner Birch moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E objects to going forward with permit review at this point in the design process without a full review of all elements as presented including any changes made in design elements since the last concept review. We ask the Old Georgetown Board to consider the impact of the mass and scale of this addition, constituting three stories above Poplar Street, and the elements involved including the height of the rear elevation, the roofline and the proposed skylight, particularly in view of changes which may have occurred since the last concept review.

**DeDreuzy Residence, 3228 O St.:** Plans were presented for a ½ story structure at the rear of the lot. Concerns were expressed about using this structure as a rental unit. Commissioner Skelsey moved (Birch second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-1 (Levine opposed):

ANC 2E does have concerns that the proposed structure has the potential to be used as a rental unit and we urge the owner not to do this. Beyond that, ANC 2E has no objection to the project as presented.

**Adidas, 1251 Wisconsin Avenue:** Plans were presented for signage a revised storefront. There were immediate objection to the illumination of the main sign. Commissioner Birch moved (Starrels second) for the following which passed by a vote of 4-1-1 (Glick opposed, Levine abstaining):

ANC 2E has no objection to the signage as proposed for the show windows, but the Commission does object to the central logo sign because of concerns about the size and illumination proposed.

**Georgetown Park, 3222 M St.:** Plans were presented for a sign on the mall's marquee. Commissioner Starrels moved (Skelsey second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-1 (Glick opposed):

ANC 2E has no objection to the signage and use of the putti as presented.

**InterArch Commerce Bank, 1611 Wisconsin Avenue:** Plans were presented for major alterations for a new building, currently Reed Electric. This represented a major overhaul at a key intersection in Georgetown. Commissioner Birch moved (Starrels second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E does not support the plans as presented and suggests the developer recognize the prominence of this location and propose a design that relates to the various historic elements in the architecture of the commercial district and representing the historic fabric that makes Georgetown unique.

**I See Icy Natural Ice Cream, 1560 Wisconsin Avenue:** Plans were presented for modifications to the storefront and for new signage at this new ice cream shop. Commissioner Birch moved (Glick second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-1 (Ryan opposed):

ANC 2E has no objection to the proposed installation of new doors and windows, provided the plans meet with ADA compliance. The Commission supports the proposed lettering for the signage but objects to the lighted sign with the trade logo as being oversized.

**Consent Calendar:** Commissioner Glick moved (Starrels second) for adoption of the following items reviewed by the ANC and passed without objection, indicating that no opposition to them had been expressed before the ANC:

OGB# 04-95, 3108 Q Street  
OGB# 04-104, 3303 Water Street

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Glick  
Secretary, ANC2E