

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

April 30, 2012

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair, with Commissioners Lewis, Starrels, Solomon, Sticka, and Birch present, constituting a quorum.

Administrative

Approval of April 30th, 2012 Agenda

The agenda for the April 30th, 2012 ANC 2E public meeting was approved on a motion by Commissioner Starrels (Commissioner Sticka seconded) by a vote of 5-0.

Approval of April 2nd, 2012 Minutes

The minutes for the April 2nd, 2012 ANC 2E public meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Birch (Commissioner Jones seconded) by a vote of 5-0.

Financial Report

The second quarterly report was approved on a motion by Commissioner Solomon (Commissioner Birch seconded) by a vote of 6-0.

Public Safety Report

Commissioner Solomon gave a report on public safety in the neighborhood after having spoken to Commander **Reece** 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 Lewis reported that the Pothole-Palooza has begun and encouraged community members to participate in it **by reporting potholes to 311 or online.**

Commissioner Jones offered a report on the O and P Street rehabilitation project and the ongoing progress being made. Commissioner Solomon also mentioned that several areas will soon be open, with sidewalk completion following briefly.

Commissioner Lewis introduced a representative from the District Department of Transportation. The representative gave an update on the ongoing Glover Park streetscape project. Commissioners Lewis and Solomon discussed with the representative ways in which an accurate baseline for the traffic impacts of this project on Georgetown can be put together.

Department of Public Works Report

Commissioner Jones gave a report on how the Department of Public Works plays a role in Mayor Gray's Washington DC sustainability plan. Commissioner Jones reported on the meeting of the DPW Waste Committee and new initiatives being undertaken by the committee. Finally, Commissioner Jones encouraged community members to put their trash in trash cans rather than just in green bags and to put the trash out at the proper times.

Proposed legislation to permit ANC's to initiate litigation

Commissioner Lewis introduced the legislation being considered by the D.C. Council to allow ANC's to initiate litigation. Commissioner Lewis made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E supports proposed legislation that would enable Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to initiate actions in the courts and permit using allocated funds for legal expenses associated with Commission business.

Community Comment

A representative from the Georgetown Business Improvement District presented on the move of Taste of Georgetown to June 2nd, 2012.

Ruth Werner, a represented from Councilmember Jack Evans' office, informed the community that the D.C. Council plans to vote on the upcoming budget on May 15th, 2012.

New Business

Support for a second pre-school coop at Volta Park

Commissioner Lewis introduced a representative who spoke about the new pre-school coop beginning in Volta Park for younger children in addition to the existing coop. The representative thanked ANC 2E for working with DPR to ensure that this coop could open after its initial rejection.

Bike DC, Sunday May 13th, 2012

A representative from Bike DC presented on their event and how the Washington Area Bicycle Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, sponsors and benefits from the event. Commissioner Lewis and the representative spoke about how the route and time chosen will have minimal impacts on the neighborhood. Commissioner Lewis proposed the following resolution (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E supports Bike DC to be held Sunday, May 13th, 2012.

Marine Corps Marathon, October 28, 2012

Commissioner Lewis explained the history of this race presenting to ANC 2E. Since the Marine Corps Marathon last presented, commissioners and the organization have met. According to Commissioner Starrels routing issues have been resolved.

After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E supports the Marine Corps Marathon for 2012 noting that the streets will not closed beyond 31st Street and Thomas Jefferson Streets, with limited traffic southbound on 30th Street.

Nations Triathlon, Sunday, September 9, 2012

A representative from the Nations Triathlon presented on the public space in Georgetown needed for their race on September 9, 2012. After discussion about the **for-profit** race's charitable component, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E supports the Nations Triathlon with the route as proposed and the clear understanding that the times for reopening the roads are firm.

Best Buddies Challenge, October 20, 2012

A representative from Best Buddies presented on the 501(c)(3)-benefitting race being proposed for October, 20th 2012.

After discussion, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Sticka seconded), which passed by a vote of a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the proposed details by Best Buddies Challenge Bicycle Ride for October 2012 as presented.

Zoning

1328-1330 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, BZA Order No. 18273, Request for Modification

Commissioner Jones explained that ANC 2E has previously approved this project which has minimally changed in the meantime. Commissioner Jones made the following motion (Commissioner Sticka seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E notes the original and same proposal was unanimously supported by ANC 2E during its regular monthly meeting held on August 29th, 2011. ANC 2E finds this **proposal** would benefit the character and use of the existing space. ANC 3E has received letters of support from adjacent neighbors located at 1326 and 1338 Wisconsin Avenue, NW. Therefore, ANC 2E supports the applicant's request for a Request for Modification for Variances for Rear Setback and Floor Area Ratios to allow rear additions at 1328-1330 Wisconsin Avenue, NW.

DDOT – Public Space Committee

3029 Q Street, NW, Application No. 65604

Commissioner Lewis introduced this project and spoke about ANC 2E's **very limited** rationale for past approval of this proposal **which was specific to a critical health condition existing at the time**. A representative from the property **acknowledged that the old reason no longer applies and** spoke about their **new** reasoning for requesting the curb cut. After questions by the Commission, Commissioner Eason made the following motion

(Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 7-0: *[Jake – was Charlie at this meeting? I think I made this motion and it passed 6-0, but my recollection may be wrong]*

ANC 2E objects to the grant of a curb cut on the basis that it affects the historic character of that property. ANC 2E also notes there is no critical need for the curb cut. Moreover, the property already has access to public space through the rear.

ABC

1050 31st Street, NW, ABRA-08911, Castleton Hotel Partners LCC t/a Coppella Georgetown Hotel, application for a Retailer’s Class C Hotel License

Three representatives from the property presented on the location of the roof top deck and the voluntary agreement that they are willing to sign. Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the license for ABRA-08911.

Old Georgetown Board

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

Regular Calendar

Public Projects

With regard to 3040 M Street, NW, OG 12-154 (HPA 12-254):

A representative from Volta Park presented on the alterations being proposed for the park, which mainly consist of bench and path additions. After discussion, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed 6-0:

ANC 2E recognizes the aesthetic and safety concerns addressed by the plan for improvements at Rose Park as presented and has no objection to the plans before us.

Private Projects

With regard to 1645 31st Street, NW, OG 12-211 (HPA 12-337):

A representative from the property proposed their plans for Williams-Addison House, also known as Oak Crest and Friendly Estate. The plans include a two-story and basement rear addition and additions to the carriage house.

After extended discussion about the project, Commissioner Birch made the following resolution (Commissioner Sticka seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E recognizes the historic importance of the house and the property on which it sits and in order to preserve the historic character of the so called Friendly Estate we have no objection to the completion of projects which have been earlier proposed and permitted. We do, however, have objections to new work presented here because of our reservations about the overdevelopment that these plans suggest to us. We heard concerns from neighbors at our public meeting who helped to inform our

understanding of the impact of these proposals.

With regard to 3038 Dent Place, NW, OG 12-191 (HPA 12-313):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal to replace the house's rear balcony. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Jones seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

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

With regard to 3204 O Street, NW, OG 12-200 (HPA 12-324):

A representative from the property presented on the sign scheme at their property. Commissioner Jones made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to this sign scheme as proposed.

With regard to 3040 M Street, NW, OG 12-198 (HPA 12-322):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for storefront alterations and its new sign scheme. Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the evolution of the design and appreciates that the swoosh is no longer illuminated on the Thomas Jefferson Street side of the project. ANC 2E has no objections to this project as proposed.

With regard to 3222, M Street NW, OG 12-202 (HPA 12-326):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for alterations to the storefronts, its new cooling tower, and new windows. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E likes the evolution of the project. ANC 2E would like the Old Georgetown Board to pay close attention to the canal-side window additions. Specifically we would like the Old Georgetown Board to consider if these windows fit with the industrial feel of the canal. The other area we would like the Old Georgetown Board to consider is the new entrance on the east side and the materials being proposed for use there.

With regard to 3239 M Street, NW, OG 12-199 (HPA 12-323):

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 Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E does not support the concept as presented. Specifically ANC 2E feels that the expansion of glass to the street level is not in keeping with the historic nature of M Street. ANC 2E realizes that there are other properties that have done this but ANC 2E would like the Old Georgetown Board to encourage additional masonry along the ground-level for projects in the historic district. ANC 2E does not object to the entryway nor the size of lettering.

With regard to 3212 Grace Street, NW OG 12-146 (HPA 12-243):

A representative from the property spoke about their plans for a new building.

After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Sticka seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E endorses the curb-cut with the specific condition that we would like the curb, when reinstated, to be brick, with the curb itself being granite, such that it fits with the historical nature of the area.

After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Jones seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E continues to have concerns about this project. We have concerns about the massing: specifically we are concerned that this building will overtake the historic small-house neighborhood east of this proposed building. We would like this building to represent a transition in mass between the small buildings to the east and the larger buildings to the west. We would like the Old Georgetown Board to focus on the size and design of the windows for this project. We are also concerned about the design, treatment, and slopping of the roof. Additionally, ANC 2E would like the property setback on the Cecil Place side to be re-examined. Finally, ANC 2E would like attention paid to the design of the gate, how it functions, and how it looks to the street.

With regard to 3401 Water Street, NW OG 12-201 (HPA 12-325):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for a marquee and sign scheme for their property.

After discussion by Commissioners, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the design as presented and has no objections.

At 10:17 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Lewis moved (Commissioner Sticka 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