



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. H. Alan Brangman, Chairman, and Members of the Board
Old Georgetown Board
401 F Street NW, Suite 312
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Dear Chairman Brangman and Members of the Board:

On January 31, 2022 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by six commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on February 3, 2022:

With regard to SMD 2E03 - OG 22-076 (HPA 22-129) 3401 N Street, NW:

ANC 2E is concerned about the proposal to add two porches on the north side of the building, which could be used by individuals going outside of the building and gathering. The ANC does not believe that porches such as this were historically included in buildings built in this part of the Georgetown Historic District and asks the Old Georgetown Board to carefully consider whether a porch should be approved at this location.

With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 21-270 (HPA 21-474) 3000 M Street, NW:

ANC 2E is interested to see that the applicant continues to spend time on a concept proposal for the property even considering its stated interest in selling the property, as stated in its blighted property classification appeal, which will be reviewed as part of a Real Property Tax Appeals Commission hearing on February 2, 2022. Nonetheless, the ANC remains hopeful that the site will be redeveloped in short order, as it has sat vacant since water caused extensive damage to the building in 2013, almost nine years ago. Regarding the specific proposal in front of the ANC today,

- ANC 2E continues to quite like many of the elements of the plan, particularly the notion of episodic design on the M Street NW façade. The ANC appreciates the comments that the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) has shared thus far and continues to ask OGB to ensure that any new building respects the scale and the design of the buildings on M Street NW and is, likewise, appropriate from the south.

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- From a use perspective, ANC 2E continues to note its concern related to use. The ANC looks forward to better understanding the built environment for picking up and dropping off guests, noting that the block will likely become more congested as 30th Street NW is also slated as the location for a new visitor center, which would also require a school bus loading zone in a similar location.
- As the ANC has noted in previous resolutions, the ANC hopes that these comments will assist the applicant as it moves its plans forward. The ANC's neighborhood is eager to see a permanent solution for this important space, which has been a desolate and unused construction site for too many years already.

With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 22-054 (HPA 22-107) 2811 M Street, NW:

The proposed construction in this application was completed by the applicant in December of 2021. No effort was made by the applicant to apply to the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) or to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), thus the work was done illegally and was reported as such in December. Earlier today, DCRA did finally place a corrective order on the property.

ANC 2E does not support this application and urges OGB to review it carefully, including the materials. The front windows, which matched windows on the sides, were torn out and replaced with French doors that have snap-in plastic dividers. The ANC hopes to see a new application that appropriately adheres to historic Georgetown standards and city construction permit processes. A full replacement of what existed should be the next step forward.

ANC 2E further notes that the applicant(s) and their agent(s) were informed of the ANC meeting but did not attend.

With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 22-047 (HPA 22-100) 2819 N Street, NW:

ANC 2E fully supports the concerns submitted to the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) by the immediate neighbors regarding this application.

The proposed addition, including new windows that overlook the neighbor's lawn and house, will negatively affect both the light and privacy of one of the immediate neighbors. Additionally, concerns regarding shared walls, foundations, and the large size of the garage door need to be carefully considered. The ANC asks OGB to work with this applicant to reduce the size of the addition, fully remove any privacy issues, and address issues with the garage door.

With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 22-083 (HPA 22-136) 3024 Q Street, NW:

Neighbor notification is a well-established part of the Georgetown renovation process. ANC 2E is disappointed that the applicant, or their architect, for this project did not share the proposed plans with the immediate neighbors until three days ago, when pressed to do so by the ANC commissioner. The neighbors did communicate that they have not yet had a chance to review the proposed plans that were given to them three days ago. Given the close proximity of the proposed closed porch, and its potential impact on natural light flow, especially to neighbors on the west side of the applicant, the ANC does not support this application at this time. The ANC

looks forward to reviewing the application after proper neighbor notification occurs. As expressed with other projects, the ANC is also concerned about newly constructed porches.

ANC 2E further notes that the applicant(s) and their agent(s) were informed of the ANC meeting but did not attend.

With regard to SMD 2E07 - OG 22-074 (HPA 22-127) 3100 R Street, NW:

ANC 2E has no comment regarding this project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard G. Murphy, Jr." in a cursive script.

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E