

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

October 2, 2007
Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner Solomon, Chair, with Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Lowenstein, Starrels, Birch and Eason present, constituting a quorum. Before the first vote was taken, Commissioner Skelsey joined the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Police Report

Sergeant Antoine from the Metropolitan Police Department presented the police report relating to recent incidents, including problems from off-campus parties stimulated by changes in alcohol policies by Georgetown University. Statistics are available at <http://crimemap.dc.gov/presentation/query.asp> There is also a Second District web site including crime information at 2D_mpd@yahoo.com.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of ANC 2E held on September 4, 2007 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Eason (Birch second) by a vote of 7-0.

Approval of the 4th Quarter Financial Report

Commissioner Eason, ANC 2E's Treasurer, presented the fourth quarter financial report for ANC 2E. After discussion, Commissioner Solomon moved (Lowenstein second) to approve the report, which passed by a vote of 7-0. The report will be placed in the Commission's files.

Approval of an ANC 2E Budget

Commissioner Eason presented a proposed budget for the fiscal year of ANC 2E beginning October 1, 2007. After discussion, Commissioner Eason moved (Birch second) to adopt the budget as proposed, which passed by a vote of 7-0. The budget as adopted is attached to these minutes.

Support for a Legislative Proposal to Authorize Reimbursement of ANC Expenses Paid by Credit Card

Commissioner Eason moved also (Birch second) to express the support of ANC 2E for a legislative proposal to authorize reimbursement of ANC expenses paid by credit card, as follows, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED, by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E, that the Commission endorses the provisions of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Clarification Amendment Act of 2007 clarifying the authority of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to reimburse expenditures made by credit card, and urges the Council of the District of Columbia to enact said legislation.

Community Commendation to Robert Liotta

Commissioner Eason proposed the following community commendation in recognition of Robert Liotta, with Commissioner Eason moving its adoption (Birch second). The motion passed by a vote of 7-0:

In July of this year, one of our neighbors, Elizabeth Callan, ran out of her Georgetown home and into the street with her clothing on fire. A passer-by, a total stranger to her, stopped his vehicle and ran to her aid, attempting to smother the flames and summoning emergency assistance. While, tragically, Ms. Callan ultimately succumbed to the injuries she received that day, the selfless and heroic actions of an ordinary citizen in coming to her assistance are an inspiration to us all. For this most admirable conduct, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E hereby presents this Community Commendation to ROBERT LIOTTA, with our most heartfelt thanks and that of the community.

Community Commendation to Bonnie Hardy

Commissioner Solomon proposed the following community commendation in recognition of ANC Executive Director and Burleith resident Bonnie Hardy, with Commissioner Solomon moving its adoption (Starrels second). The motion passed by a vote of 7-0:

In recognition of her dedicated and effective service to the community, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E gratefully commends Bonnie Cook Hardy. With energy, enthusiasm and skill, she has been a dynamic force as a community leader, a past president of the Burleith Citizens Association, and for the past eight years, Executive Director of the Commission. Often referred to as the eighth commissioner, Bonnie has worked tirelessly in advancing and focusing the Commission's work. She has spent many hours on the phone with residents and with bureaucrats helping build a better relationship between the people and their government. Bonnie's dedication, knowledge of the community, and can-do approach have been of exceptional value to us all. With Bonnie, it wasn't a matter of working for the community because it was her job; rather, she took the job as an expression of her dedication to her community. We hereby acknowledge and express our deep appreciation and gratitude to BONIE COOK HARDY for her sustained, outstanding civic service and positive impact on our community.

Commendations were then also presented to Bonnie Hardy by Denise Cunningham on behalf of the Citizens Association of Georgetown and by Lenore Rubino and Pat Scolaro on behalf of the Burleith Citizens Association

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Hyde Elementary School Open House

Dana Nerenberg, principal of the Hyde Elementary School, announced that the school will hold an open house Friday, November 9, celebrating the school's 100th anniversary, along with other events celebrating this anniversary. There will be a gala in support of the school on November 17 at Tudor Place.

Update on Department of Health and Department of Public Works matters in commercial Georgetown

Commissioner Starrels, along with Gerald Brown from the Department of Health and Jerry Stanback from the Department of Public Works, updated the community on new, intensive steps being taken to control rats and assure proper storage and disposal of trash in Georgetown, with particular initial attention to certain commercial areas.

Update on site-selection status for an interim Georgetown Library

Representatives from the District of Columbia Public Libraries reported on progress toward selecting a site for an interim Georgetown Public Library to be used while reconstruction takes place on the permanent library building. A decision has not yet been made on an interim site. The library representatives suggested a possible site in Glover Park, but serious questions and doubts were raised by community members and commissioners whether that site would be appropriate. The library representatives agreed to consult more actively with the community as the search for an appropriate site continues.

Taste of Georgetown

Julie Weber of the Georgetown BID reported that the Taste of Georgetown would be held on Saturday, October 13, on Wisconsin Avenue south of M Street

NEW BUSINESS

ABC Matters

Update on Mortons of Chicago protest

Commissioner Starrels and Andrew Klein, representing Mortons of Chicago, reported on discussions to date. A protest hearing is scheduled for November, and mediation is scheduled to take place in October.

Proposed Voluntary Agreement with Rugby Café

Commissioner Starrels reported on a proposed voluntary agreement with Rugby Cafe, which would include seating for 8 people on outdoor sidewalk space. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E approves the Voluntary Agreement as proposed and authorizes Commissioner Starrels to execute the agreement.

Epicurean & Co., Georgetown University Campus

Representatives of Epicurean & Co. described a proposal for a new restaurant and bar on the Georgetown University campus to be located in Darnell Hall, which has requested a license for the sale of alcohol from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week. The applicant indicated a willingness to discuss and seek to resolve issues in the context of a voluntary agreement. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E protests the application for Epicurean and Company at 3800 Reservoir Road on the basis of peace, order and quiet with the hope that a voluntary agreement can be agreed to.

Le Pain Quotidien, 2815 M Street

A representative of Le Pain Quotidien described a request for a transfer of a license and addition of a summer garden with seating of 40 with alcohol service from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the license for this establishment as requested and has no objection to a stipulation that alcohol may be served pending approval of the license

Royalty Bar and Grill, 3277 M Street

Commissioner Starrels reported that this matter will come to a vote at a future meeting of the Commission.

Special Items

Georgetown University party policy restrictions

Todd Olson, Vice President and Dean of Students, Georgetown University, presented the University's position on rules for on-campus drinking compared to off-campus drinking. After extensive discussion by Commissioners and community members on the impact of off-campus parties and alcohol, Commissioner Lowenstein moved (Lewis second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC2E remains seriously concerned about the new Georgetown University party and alcohol policies. These policies have unintentionally resulted in encouraging more parties to be held off-campus. Both for student safety and neighborhood peace and quiet, on-campus activities are always preferable to off-campus partying in our view. We note with great concern the adverse effects of off-campus partying on the Georgetown and Burleith neighborhoods, and believe that recent actions by the University have exacerbated the situation. We once again urge that the University not adopt policies or regulations which encourage off-campus parties, and that administrators keep in mind the concerns of the community as they continue to evaluate these policies.

Georgetown University Run for Rigby

Representatives of the Georgetown University Run for Rigby requested the Commission's endorsement of its contemplated event in Georgetown on April 19, 2008. The run will take place mostly on the University campus. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lowenstein moved (Starrels second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC2E supports the plan for the 4th annual Run for Rigby for April 19th, 2008 provided an acceptable route can be arranged. We commend the Run for Rigby group for their work to improve the safety of housing in Georgetown and Burleith through education and community awareness, and believe this event is an important element of their ongoing efforts to promote fire safety in our community. Further, we congratulate Run for Rigby on its successes of last year, and hope that this event will continue for years to come.

Request for financial support by the District of Columbia Government of the Blue Bus

Commissioner Starrels reported that the Blue Bus, sponsored by the Georgetown BID and running through Georgetown between the Rosslyn Metro Station and the Dupont Circle Metro Station, is a highly popular route which, like most public transit, needs funding in addition to fare revenues to cover operating expenses. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Lowenstein not present):

Whereas the Georgetown Metro Connection, otherwise known as the Blue Bus, was formed in 1999 under the leadership of the Georgetown BID, under the wing of Ginger Latham and the BID Transportation Committee;

Whereas the Blue Bus currently serves 400,000 riders on the Rosslyn-Dupont route;

Whereas without the extra funding from the District of Columbia government the Georgetown Metro Connection would not be able to serve the 400,000 riders; and

Whereas the Blue Bus serves residents, visitors and persons who are employed in the Georgetown retail restaurant and hotel industry generating revenue for the District of Columbia as a whole;

Therefore ANC 2E requests that with the help of Councilmember Jack Evans, the District of Columbia government help fund the Georgetown Metro Connection through October 2008 in order to enable the bus line to remain active and to enable the 400,000 annual riders to have uninterrupted service.

Sidewalk brick replacement and asphalt patching in ANC 2E

Commissioner Lewis reported that a number of Georgetown residents have expressed concerns that when construction work takes place under Georgetown's brick sidewalks, asphalt patches are left in place for long periods of time and the original bricks are rarely restored in a timely manner. Karyn LeBlanc from the District of Columbia Department of Transportation discussed this issue with the community and committed to step up enforcement of DDOT's rules on brick replacement, which require bricks to be replaced within 45 days after construction. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lewis moved (Starrels second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E is concerned that utilities, contractors, and in some cases District of Columbia work crews are often removing bricks from Georgetown sidewalks to perform work under the sidewalks, but then are not replacing the bricks in a timely or appropriate way. ANC 2E urges the District of Columbia government to put in place systems and rules that provide for the original bricks to be re-installed at or shortly after completion of work under the sidewalks, with safeguards to assure that bricks are stored securely during work and that original or matching bricks are used to complete the job.

Zoning and Planning

Consent Calendar: Commissioner Solomon moved (Lowenstein second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Starrels not present):

The following items are considered to be on ANC 2E's Consent Calendar and will be sent to the Old Georgetown Board and other agencies without objection:

1314 28th Street, rear porch additions (OGB 07-214)

3422 N Street, rear addition at 2nd floor level (OGB 07-260)

3336 M Street, L'eclat de Verre, signage and banner (OGB 07-269)

3340 Cady's Alley, Pedini, banner (OGB 07-259)

1617 29th Street, landscape, fence, retaining wall, steps, fountain, terrace, hot tub, relocation of condensers (OGB 270)

2715 P Street, one-story addition and a rear addition at the 3rd floor (OGB 07-239)

Georgetown University (Zoning Commission, Case No. 07-23): Continuing a discussion begun at the September 4 Commission meeting, Georgetown University representatives responded to questions about the University's application for zoning special exceptions relating to the construction of a new Science Center and a new Athletic Training Facility, modifications to the approved Multi-Sports facility, and approval of an amendment to an approved campus plan to accommodate the Athletic Training Facility; plus a special exception application relating to the rooftop structure on the Science Center and a variance application for the rooftop structure on the Science Center to exceed the height limit of roof structures.

GU Science Center: After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lowenstein moved (Lewis second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-1 (Eason dissenting):

ANC2E has no objection to the proposed height variance and setback exception for the Georgetown University Science Center, given the unusual circumstances of the application.

First, the Science Center cannot be seen from anywhere other than University property. This makes the proposed height variance and setback exception for a nonconforming penthouse on the Science Center very unusual, in that the visual impact will be exclusively on the applicant's property.

Second, Georgetown University's goal of achieving LEED Silver certification for the Science Center is meritorious.

Given these highly unusual circumstances, ANC2E has no objection if the Zoning Commission applies its normally stringent standards for a penthouse variance less rigorously in this case, and approves the variance and exception. ANC2E wishes to emphasize, however, that such a decision should not become precedent for normal cases where an applicant's property can be seen from public or other privately held properties.

GU Multi-Sport Facility and Athletic Training Facility: After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lowenstein moved (Starrels second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC2E has no objection to approval of Georgetown University's Multi-Sport Facility and Athletic Training Facility, provided the University

agrees that these facilities will not be used for revenue-generating, non-University-related events. The Commission understands that the University agrees with this limitation.

ANC 2E Representation in Z.C. Case No. 07-23: After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lowenstein moved (Lewis second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC2E designates Commissioners Ed Solomon, Ron Lewis, Bill Skelsey, Jenna Lowenstein, Bill Starrels, Tom Birch, and Charles Eason Jr., or any one or more of them, to represent ANC 2E with respect to Z.C. Case No. 07-23.

3413 Dent Place (OGB 07-264): Plans were presented for a front yard fence and gate. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lewis moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Starrels not present):

ANC 2E strongly objects to the height and location of the proposed fence, particularly because it juts out beyond the plane of the abutting houses. Fences in Georgetown of this nature are customarily only around three or three and one half feet tall, with a decorative rather than a high-security look and feel.

We also urge the Old Georgetown Board to consider moving the fence back toward the house so that it runs straight across the property without jutting out past the brick front of the neighboring house to the west at 3415 Dent Place.

1680 Wisconsin Avenue, Long and Foster garages (OGB 07-261): Plans were presented for roof replacement, new downspouts and light fixtures on a multi-bay garage. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lewis moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Lowenstein not present):

ANC 2E supports the proposals for the roof, downspouts and lighting for this multi-bay garage. We appreciate the collegial approach by the neighbors and Long and Foster in addressing these issues. At the same time, we agree with the neighbors, whose petition we attach, in urging that OGB include a requirement that doors be re-installed on the garage bays. This would be in keeping with the original appearance of the garage and much more consistent with the residential look of this location.

1626-32 Wisconsin Avenue (OGB 07-186): Plans were presented for new construction of apartments facing 33rd Street. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lewis moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Lowenstein not present):

ANC 2E appreciates the ongoing dialog on this property between the neighbors on 33rd Street, which the proposed building would face, and the applicant, and we encourage continuation of that dialog. We also support residential rather than commercial development at this site. We urge further progress toward the development of a project which is compatible in massing and scale with the street. We are also concerned about the proposed color of the brick and urge a better match with a customary Georgetown brick color.

3251 Prospect Street, Café Milano (OGB 07-202): Plans were presented for a roof deck over a one-story front addition. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Lowenstein not present):

ANC 2E has concerns about the proposed deck and its implications to the appearance of the street, as well as the implications for the building as a whole, including the condominiums in the upper stories. We are concerned about the visual and functional impact of rooftop occupation of this space and the possible precedent in constructing a type of regularly used space not typically seen in historic Georgetown.

1046-1054 Potomac Street and 1025-1029 33rd Street, Caton's Walk (OGB 07-098): Plans were presented for alterations, a rear addition, and rooftop additions. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Eason and Lowenstein not present):

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

3050 K Street, Starbucks (OGB 07-257): Plans were presented for signage and storefront replacement. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Lowenstein not present):

ANC 2E is concerned that Starbucks put up the signage without going through the usual process. We have no objection to the three projecting signs already installed and no objection to the un-illuminated sign. However, we strenuously object to the two illuminated signs and we hope the Old Georgetown Board will reject them.

3301 M Street, Starbucks (OGB 07-271): Plans were presented for signage and an awning. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Lowenstein not present):

ANC 2E believes there is excessive signage in the proposal. We recommend one sign on each side of the building and the Starbucks' logo on one central part of the

awnings, not on all three of the awning sections. We have strong opposition to the proposed illuminated sign.

3342 M Street, Bo Concept (OGB 07-272): Plans were presented for signage projecting on front and alley, and a roof deck. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Lowenstein and Skelsey not present):

ANC 2E supports the Bo Concept proposed lettering from the M Street side, recognizing that two of the letters will be 15 inches. ANC 2E has no objection to the LCD lighting on the M Street side. We object to the proposed blade sign on M Street, but do not object to a blade sign on Cady's Alley. We urge the Old Georgetown Board to examine existing signage in the windows to determine if it is excessive.

3030 O Street (OGB 07-268): Plans were presented for the addition of enclosed roof access and roof deck. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Lowenstein not present):

ANC 2E has concerns about the roof deck proposed at 3030 O Street insofar as the activity on the roof deck might be visible from public space, which we would find unacceptable.

3102 P Street (OGB 07-265): Plans were presented for a stone fireplace on the rear yard, existing. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Lowenstein not present):

Given the excused absence of the applicant at our meeting, ANC 2E was not able to fully discuss the implications of the fireplace constructed without permits at 3102 P Street. However, we do convey our concerns about the work completed and the imposition on the adjacent property by a chimney rising to a substantial height above the legal limit of the existing seven foot brick wall between the two properties. We question the legality of a chimney constructed on a joint property wall.

2715 P Street (OGB 07-239): At the suggestion of Commissioner Eason and with no objection from any commissioner, this item was moved to the consent calendar.

At 10:58 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Solomon moved (Lewis second) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

Ron Lewis
Secretary, ANC 2E

Attachments: Budget for FY 2008

Petition of neighbors re Long and Foster garages (OGB 07-261)

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**Budget – Fiscal Year 2008****October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008****Approved by ANC 2E at its October 2, 2007 Meeting**REVENUE

District Allotment \$22,381

Interest 100

Miscellaneous 0

TOTAL REVENUE \$22,481
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EXPENSESAdministrative

Salary and Wages

Salary of Executive Director	\$11,400
Payroll Taxes	1,026
Office Rent	2,100
Telephone and Telecommunications	1,500
Internet services	132
Public Communications	1,200
Professional Services	1,000
ANC Security Fund	25
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,500
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TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$19,883
NET SURPLUS (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	\$2,598
Capital (Non-Recurring) Expenses	
Fireproof file cabinet	\$1,000
UNALLOCATED SURPLUS	\$1,598
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