

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

November 30, 2004
Georgetown Visitation School

The meeting was called to order at 6:13pm by Chairman Birch with Commissioners Glick, Lever, Levine and Ryan present, constituting a quorum.

GRANTS

The Commission held a preliminary session for this meeting for the purpose of considering grant applications from community groups and organizations. The Commission had up to \$2,000 to distribute. Eight applications were received and each applicant was on hand to answer questions from the Commissioners.

The following applications were under consideration:

Friends of Book Hill Park, two new crape myrtles, \$500 requested
Georgetown Senior Center, transportation, \$1,000
Hardy Middle School, architecture of ANC2E project, \$1,000 (application later amended to come from the school's PTA)
Tudor Place, bulbs and plants for spring, \$500
Georgetown Ministry Center, new cots, \$500
Friends of Rose Park, lacrosse supplies and doggy bag dispenser, \$250
Fillmore School PTA, dance program supplies, \$1,000
Hyde School PTA, weather station repairs, \$1,000

After discussing each application, the Commissioners briefly deliberated the awards. Commissioner Lever moved (Starrels second) for the following distribution of \$2,000 which passed by unanimously:

<u>Friends of Book Hill Park</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>Georgetown Senior Center</u>	<u>\$400</u>
<u>Hardy Middle School PTA</u>	<u>\$300</u>
<u>Tudor Place</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>Georgetown Ministry Center</u>	<u>\$400</u>
<u>Friends of Rose Park</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>Fillmore School PTA</u>	<u>\$250</u>
<u>Hyde School PTA</u>	<u>\$350</u>

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chairman Birch announced that this would be the final meeting of the 2003-2004 ANC term. The Commission's next meeting will be January 4, 2005, with three remaining Commissioners -

Bill Skelsey, Bill Starrels, and John Lever - and four newcomers: Charles Eason, Brett Clements, Ed Solomon, and Pam Moore.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 26, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed by Commissioner Glick. Commissioner Levine abstained due to his absence on October 26.

Holiday Boat Parade: Linda Greenan, President of the GBPA, announced the Holiday Boat Parade on December 5. The event is free and open to the public. Decorated boats will travel down the Potomac from Virginia and prime viewing is available in Washington Harbor.

Ms. Greenan also announced the Georgetown University Community Relations Holiday Party to be held on Monday, December 6 at 5:30pm in Riggs Library in Healy Hall.

National Cherry Blossom Project: Chairman Birch announced that each of the District's wards will be receiving three Cherry Blossoms. The National Park Service is looking for community groups in each ward to award the trees to. The groups would then be responsible for upkeep of the trees. Applications are available through the ANC office.

Police Report: Lt. Felicia Lucas was on hand to provide the police report. As of November 1, Lt. Lucas reported an increase in burglaries, robberies, and theft from autos. She encouraged residents to close windows, lock doors, and conceal items in their homes. Also, residents should inform neighbors when they are going to be on vacation and when they might be having workers at their home.

Lt. Lucas announced an Open House for the Second District to be held on December 1 from 7-9pm at the District Office on Idaho Avenue.

Lt. Lucas then took questions and addressed issues with street vendors and quality of life problems in West Georgetown.

Georgetown Project: Commissioner Levine provided the monthly report on the Georgetown Project. The annual holiday moratorium is being observed until Sunday, January 2. Overnight parking restrictions have been suspended, steel plates have been removed, and temporary striping has been done in the middle of streets and at crosswalks.

On M Street, a review is currently being undertaken with regard to parking meter and loading zone locations. The ANC will have the opportunity to review the final proposal.

On Wisconsin Avenue, all work south of Q Street has been substantially complete. WASA is also done with their major work north of Q Street.

The July 2005 completion target date is still anticipated to be reached. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the CRT Office at 298-2823.

At the conclusion of Commissioner Levine's report, Karyn LeBlanc rose to publicly thank Commissioner Levine for his extensive work on the Georgetown Project.

David Clark, DCRA: David Clark, Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, provided an update on group house inspections. Mr. Clark discussed the process for obtaining a Basic Business License. Finally, Mr. Clark stated that residents should not be intimidated by signs posted in their residences by landlords and that tenants have substantial rights.

Inspections can be requested at 442-4400.

Remarks from Departing Commissioners: Commissioners Ryan, Levine, Glick, and Birch will be departing at the conclusion of the 2003-2004 term. As this was their last meeting, each of the departing commissioners spoke for a few minutes, discussing community issues and thanking members of the community.

Former Commissioner Justin Wagner, who served during the 2001-2002 term, followed up, thanking the entire commission for their continued service to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL ITEMS

Stop Sign Request at 33rd Street and Dent Place: Commissioner Lever explained that the intersection of 33rd and Dent Place remains dangerous. He stated that a stop sign is warranted northbound on 33rd Street at this intersection. Commissioner Lever moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E requests a stop sign and stripped crosswalk on 33rd Street at the intersection of 33rd Street and Dent Place, NW to help the numerous pedestrians and children cross this well traveled street.

ABC MATTERS

Consent Calendar: Commissioner Levine moved (Ryan second) for adoption of the ABC Consent Calendar indicating that no opposition had been expressed for the following ABC renewals to the ANC. The motion passed unanimously:

Rhino Bar & Pumphouse, App No, 5555

Cafe Divan, 50120

Nathan's, 3865

Blue Gin, 11950

Nathan's: Chairman Birch explained that the lease is nearly up for Nathan's restaurant at the Southeast corner of the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street. The property owners have expressed a desire to convert the property into a retail establishment. Chairman Birch stated that Nathan's was a longstanding establishment at that location and that the restaurant was

deeply entrenched in the fabric of Georgetown. Chairman Birch moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E supports the presence of a restaurant at the current location of Nathan's situated since 1969 at the crossroads of Georgetown at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street. The establishment contributes greatly to the vitality and ambiance of Georgetown and the community. It would be a considerable loss to the community if there were not to be a restaurant at that prime location.

Chez Mama San: Representatives from Chez Mama San were on hand to request support for their application for ABC license transfer to their new restaurant. The restaurant will have 50 seats and no bar. Background music is permitted. The restaurant will close before 11pm every night of the week. Commissioner Starrels moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E has no objection to the requested license by the applicant. We welcome Chez Mama San to Georgetown and consider it an asset to the community.

ZONING AND PLANNING

Consent Calendar: Commissioner Skelsey moved (Lever second) for adoption of the OGB Consent Calendar indicating that no opposition had been expressed for the following projects. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0 (Glick absent):

OGB 05-47, 3106 Q St.
OGB 05-050, 3240 P St.

Georgetown Waterfront Park: Application was for concept design for development of overlooks. Commissioner Birch moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E appreciates the National Park presentation of the concept design of the overlooks for the future Georgetown Waterfront Park and has no objection to the designs and locations.

3502 Winfield Lane, new property: Application was for a new townhouse at this location. Commissioner Lever moved (Birch second) for the following which passed unanimously:

In hearing no objections from the neighbors, ANC 2E supports the plans for the new residence at 3502 Winfield Lane.

1406 35th Street, Plank residence: Application was reconstruction/addition of rear 2-story porch partially enclosed at the lower level. Commissioner Skelsey moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E does not support the proposal for the porch addition as shown, and encourages the applicant to consider modifying plans to show greater light to the neighbors' existing adjacent window.

3313 O Street, Connors residence: This item was brought for discussion only, as the project will not appear on the December OGB agenda. Chairman Birch expressed frustration that the ANC was taking any time to discuss this project at this time. A brief discussion was allowed and many neighbors voiced dissent at the proposed infill on this block.

Georgetown University Canal Road entrance: Application was for new signage at the Canal Road entrance. Commissioner Glick moved (Birch second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E supports the concept of a welcome sign at the revised Canal Road entrance to Georgetown University. The commission requests that the design be improved as to include the unique and historic seal of Georgetown University. The commission strongly requests that no modification be made to the existing blue and gray "HOYA SAXA" mural which adds to the fabric and spirit of Georgetown University.

1329 Wisconsin Avenue, commercial property: Application was for alterations to the storefront and new building behind historic facade at this address. Commissioner Birch moved (Levine second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E is very enthusiastic by the plans to rehabilitate the neglected property at 1329 Wisconsin Avenue and have no objection to the proposed project as presented.

1521 32nd Street, Phillips residence: Application was for a new residence at this address. This was the result of positive negotiations between neighbors on this street. Commissioner Birch moved (Levine second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E has no objection to the construction of a house at the location indicated by the applicant. However, because the applicant developer and the affected residents are still negotiating the terms of a construction agreement, ANC 2E requests that the Old Georgetown Board refrain from moving forward with the application until the agreement has been completed, while still taking the opportunity to offer comments and criticism on the design as presented, including consideration of the proposed height of the house.

There being no further business, Commissioner Glick moved (Levine second) to adjourn the meeting at 9:42pm, which was agreed upon unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Glick

Secretary, ANC2E