



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 26th, 2018; 6:30 p.m.
Georgetown Visitation School, Heritage Room – 1524 35th Street NW

Call to Order

Chair Joe Gibbons called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Commissioners Ed Solomon (2E01), Joe Gibbons (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Mara Goldman (2E04), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Jim Wilcox (2E06), Monica Roache (2E07), and Zac Schroepfer (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the ANC's February 26th, 2018 Meeting Agenda

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's February 26th, 2018 meeting agenda. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's January 29th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's January 29th, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

Lt. Darren Haskis, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

A local resident asked about a recent robbery that took place on M Street NW. Lt. Haskis said that MPD is trying to increase its patrols on M Street NW in response to the prevalence of robberies, including business robberies, in the area.

Presentation by Chief Gregory Dean, Chief of the DC Fire and EMS Department

David Foust, the Assistant Fire Chief of Services for the DC Fire and EMS Department (FEMS), gave an overview of FEMS' new Right Care, Right Now initiative. He said that, as part of the initiative, callers to 9-1-1 with non-emergency injuries or illnesses will be transferred to a nurse, who will review the symptoms and then transfer the caller to an urgent care facility if needed. He said that certain low-income callers will also be provided with free transportation if needed.

Assistant Fire Chief Foust said that the initiative will help free up beds at emergency rooms in DC. He said that DC has the highest per-capita emergency medical services call volume in the

nation. He added that a large amount of emergency medical services calls are classified as non-emergency. He said that local residents should not call 9-1-1 for cuts or minor injuries or for routine medical conditions that are best addressed through an appointment with a primary care physician.

Commissioner Solomon said that he is concerned whether, once the initiative is implemented, certain 9-1-1 callers who are displaying symptoms that are difficult to determine whether they are emergency situations or not will not receive the appropriate level of care. Assistant Fire Chief Foust said that, once the initiative is implemented, FEMS will respond to all of the calls where the nurse taking the call has difficulty determining whether a situation is an emergency or not.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2018 Quarter 1 Financial Report

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's FY 2018 Quarter 1 financial report. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Community Comment

Presentation by Laura Newland, the Executive Director of the DC Office on Aging

Laura Newland, the Executive Director of the DC Office on Aging (DCOA), said that she has been traveling around the city to talk about DCOA with different ANCs and civic groups. She gave an overview of the \$300,000 grant program that DCOA runs in order to support villages across the city. She said that DCOA loves the concept of villages because the agency believes that villages are critical to people's ability to live and thrive in DC.

Ms. Newland said that DCOA works with the Mayor's Office and with villages to determine how the agency can support villages in the most sustainable matter. She said that DCOA has an open-door policy and is more than willing to meet with any village.

Ms. Newland said that DCOA is currently working with its partners to combat loneliness among seniors. She said that some studies have shown that loneliness is more detrimental to a senior's health than smoking.

Commissioner Roache asked how DCOA supports low-income seniors in the neighborhood. Ms. Newland gave an overview of the ward-based community dining sites, transportation services, and large community events that DCOA offers to low-income seniors.

Lynn Golub-Rofrano, the Executive Director of the Georgetown Village, gave an overview of the reduced fee memberships that the Village offers to low-income seniors in the neighborhood. She said that any seniors in the neighborhood who feel like they cannot afford the full cost of a Village membership can contact the Village office to inquire about the reduced fee memberships.

Update from the Mayor's Office

Richard Livingstone, a representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), said that on Saturday, March 3rd Mayor Bowser and the DC Council will

unveil the new Marion Barry statue outside of the John A. Wilson Building at 11:30 am. He encouraged local residents to attend the event.

Mr. Livingstone gave an overview of Mayor Bowser's 2018 Women of Excellence Awards, which will take place on Sunday, March 4th at 4:00 pm at the Pearl Street Warehouse, 33 Pearl Street SW. He encouraged local residents to attend at the event.

Mr. Livingstone said that Mayor Bowser will be at Tony & Joe's Seafood Place on Tuesday, February 27th for a fundraiser for the recent Stoneman Douglas school shooting. He said that the Mayor recently introduced legislation into the DC Council to ban bump stocks in DC.

Update from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the DC Council is currently carrying out performance oversight hearings. She said that the hearings will continue for the next two weeks, after which the Mayor will be presenting her proposed FY 2019 budget to the DC Council. She said there will be another round of budget oversight hearings after the budget is presented. She encouraged local residents to sign up to testify during the oversight hearings.

Ms. Werner said that homeowners will be soon be receiving their annual real property tax bill in the mail. She said that homeowners will also soon be receiving the annual real property tax assessment. She said that local residents can appeal their assessments if they believe they are too high or too low.

Commissioner Roache and a local resident said that they have both experienced difficulty while trying to appeal their real property tax assessments to the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission. They said that the process is very challenging for homeowners.

Update from the Citizens Association of Georgetown

Bob vom Eigen, the President of the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG), said that CAG will be holding its next public meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at 7:30 pm at Georgetown University's Healey Family Center.

Update from the Burleith Citizens Association

There was no update regarding this matter.

Update from the Georgetown BID

There was no update regarding this matter.

Update from the Georgetown Business Association

There was no update regarding this matter.

Update from Georgetown Main Street

Jessie Himmelrich, the Executive Director of Georgetown Main Street, said that the organization is administering a grants program for small businesses along Wisconsin Avenue NW. She said that, as part of the program, the organization will reimburse businesses up to 90% of \$5,000 to help with business improvements.

Update from MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

Chair Gibbons gave an overview of the upcoming construction schedule for MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's ongoing construction project.

Announcement Regarding the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs' Updated Property Information Verification System (PIVS) and the Addition of Vacant Property and Illegal Construction Services to 3-1-1

Chair Gibbons said that the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) recently updated its Property Information Verification System (PIVS) system. He said that the system allows local residents to check if construction projects in the neighborhood have the appropriate construction permits. He added that DCRA recently added its vacant property and illegal construction services to DC's 3-1-1 system. He encouraged local residents to call 3-1-1 if they believe that there is illegal construction occurring in the neighborhood.

Information Regarding the DC Council Oversight Hearing on the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

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Information Regarding the DC Council Oversight Hearing on the District Department of Transportation

Chair Gibbons said that he is planning on testifying about the impacts of the proliferation of dumpsters in the neighborhood during the DC Council's District Department of Transportation (DDOT) performance oversight hearing on Tuesday, February 27th. He also said that he will be testifying about the enforcement of neighbor notification requirements for construction projects during the DCRA performance oversight hearing on Thursday, March 8th.

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Neighborhood Parking Concerns

Commissioner Wilcox moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion. Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt a substitute resolution in place of the originally-proposed resolution. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-3-0). The final motion was then voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-3-0). The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the proposal currently being considered by the ANC 2E Parking Working Group is described in the map of ANC 2E attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E takes no position at this time concerning implementation of the proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) provide, if reasonably available, the following information to facilitate ANC 2E's consideration of the proposal:

- A. an estimate of the number of parking spaces that would be reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles with Zone 2 stickers or Zone 2 visitor parking permits if the proposal were implemented,
- B. an estimate of how many vehicles bearing Zone 2 stickers that park in Areas 1 or 2 (as marked on Exhibit A) during the day are registered in areas of Ward 2 outside of ANC 2E,
- C. an analysis, if any has or could be done, of what impact instituting the proposal would have on streets in Area 2 (as marked on Exhibit A) that are not eligible for enhanced residential permit parking (ERPP) because parking is only allowed on one side of the street (e.g. P Street and Q Street on the east side of Wisconsin Avenue NW and Prospect Street on the west side of Wisconsin Avenue NW), and
- D. an estimate of how many parking spaces in ANC 2E that are currently available for use by vehicles that do not have Zone 2 stickers would either be eliminated or made subject to pay parking if the proposal were adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once ANC 2E has received such information as DDOT can provide, the ANC will convene a special meeting to discuss the proposal and receive citizen input.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Rose Park Farmer's Market's 2018 Season

Commissioner Wilcox moved to support the park permit application for the Rose Park Farmer's Market's 2018 season. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the Friends of Rose Park's application to stage the 2018 Rose Park Farmers Market in Rose Park, located at 2609 Dumbarton Street NW.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Special Event Application for the Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday, October 28th

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the special event application for the Marine Corps Marathon. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the Marine Corps Marathon's route through ANC 2E provided that:

1. There will be no amplified music or amplified voices prior to the first runners entering ANC 2E.
2. Emergency vehicles will have access to residents in ANC 2E at all times throughout the race.
3. A complete list of contact information, including key Marine Corps Marathon contacts and Metropolitan Police Department Special Operations Division officers, will be provided to Commissioner Lisa Palmer at least 30 days prior to the event.
4. The closed streets will reopen within 30 minutes of the last runner exiting ANC 2E.

Commissioner Wilcox moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the proposed usage of Rock Creek Parkway for the Marine Corps Marathon. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E endorses the use of Rock Creek Parkway for the Marine Corps Marathon on October 28th, 2018.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Agenda

Application by The Wing for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1056 Thomas Jefferson Street NW

Commissioner Palmer recused herself from voting on this matter.

Chair Gibbons moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E protests the application by The Wing for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1056 Thomas Jefferson Street NW based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. Furthermore, ANC 2E agrees to end its protest if and when a settlement agreement is signed by both the applicant and the ANC.

Commissioner Joe Gibbons (2E02@anc.dc.gov) will serve as the ANC's designated representative regarding this matter.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E02 - OG 18-124 (HPA 18-230) 3405 Dent Place, NW

Chair Gibbons moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E completely opposes this concept design, which proposes to place a trashcan shed in the front of the townhouse.

ANC 2E believes that placing trashcan sheds along our historic walkways and in plain, clear view of our historic streets is incompatible with our Georgetown values.

ANC 2E believes that this trashcan shed will be a magnet for rodents and other pests.

ANC 2E believes that this trashcan shed will contribute to an unhealthy, unsanitary condition for our neighborhood.

ANC 2E believes that this trashcan shed will contribute to unpleasant odors to our neighborhood and completely ruin the ability of our community to enjoy this historic street of Georgetown.

ANC 2E believes that this trashcan shed will become a hazard to the health of the community with its rubbish or garbage placed in permanent outdoor storage, as the shed by its design will hold this rubbish, filth, and garbage for 48 hours or longer abutting public space.

ANC 2E is concerned with the precedent that this concept design will create for Georgetown if approved.

ANC 2E does not want to see trashcan sheds dotting our historic landscapes.

ANC 2E is resolved in not supporting this visual blight of a concept design.

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-118 (HPA 18-224) 1061 31st Street, NW

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E recognizes the beautiful renovation work recently carried out by the owners of the Georgetown House. However, ANC 2E cannot support this proposal, as it is inconsistent with the historic fabric of the community. The ANC encourages the Georgetown House to consider alternate ways of checking in their guests without modifying the exterior of the building.

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-115 (HPA 18-217) 3050 K Street, NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-083 (HPA 18-163) 3259 M Street, NW

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E welcomes Roots to Georgetown. The ANC is supportive of the awning and window plan however the commission does not support blade signs on M Street NW for first floor commercial entities.

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-125 (HPA 18-231) 3602 Prospect Street, NW

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E finds this concept proposal to be insufficient. Furthermore, it appears that the property's neighbors have not been notified about the project plans. As such, ANC 2E does not support this concept design.

SMD 2E05 - OG 17-322 (HPA 17-550) 3100 South Street, NW

Commissioner Palmer recused herself from voting on this matter.

Chair Gibbons moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E has the following significant concerns with this commercial concept design, which is located within six feet of residents' homes:

1. The proposed design will affect our residents' ability to enjoy light and air from their home, either by not being able to open their window for fresh air, by needing to have their blinds or shades constantly drawn, or because of noise from the restaurant.
2. The restaurant and hotel patrons need to be prevented from roaming the space around the proposed commercial addition, as this roaming will affect our residents' right to privacy within their homes.
3. The proposed design needs to be limited to a one story structure.
4. ANC 2E does not support sky lights.
5. The materials on the roof, wall, and window should be selected based on their ability to promote privacy.
6. ANC 2E supports the proposed green roof.
7. ANC 2E is opposed to an expansion protruding into the existing smoke stack area. Not only would such an expansion further decrease light and green space, but it would have a significant negative impact on the residents' homes that are less than six feet away. The ANC believes that this is an unnecessary extension into the community's neighborhood.

8. This proposed design will require a new landscaping scheme. ANC 2E would like the applicant to work closely with the neighbors to ensure that the proper aesthetics are maintained, both for a historic neighborhood and for an appreciation of the level of detail and sophistication of the surrounding residential property. The ANC would like the applicant to pay close attention to the use of permeable surfaces and the mitigation of noise and light pollution through appropriate choices of trees.

ANC 2E understands the Old Georgetown Board's reasoning from prior hearings on this project, including the preeminence of the currently submitted south location over the previously proposed east location.

ANC 2E supports this concept design with the above mentioned concerns.

SMD 2E06 - OG 18-129 (HPA 18-235) 1339 29th Street, NW

Commissioner Wilcox moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 3-2-0). The resolution reads as follows:

This project involves the former residence of Edward Burling, from the preeminent DC law firm of Covington & Burling, and his wife, Frida Burling, perhaps the preeminent social activist in Georgetown for many years. Frida is possibly best known for her charm, boundless energy, and commitment in running the Georgetown House Tour, and for her generous and unwavering support of the Georgetown Ministry Center and St. John's Church.

ANC 2E asks that the Old Georgetown Board give careful consideration to whether what is described in the plans as the solarium at the rear of the house should be retained. It was designed by Hugh Newell Jacobsen and many Georgetowners favorably remember innumerable meetings there with Frida. She was exceptionally proud of her distinctive and notable Jacobsen solarium and often referred to it as her favorite room in the house.

ANC 2E also acknowledges the concerns raised by the Citizens Association of Georgetown's Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee regarding the interior demolition of the building, and asks that the Old Georgetown Board takes these concerns into account when reviewing the application.

SMD 2E06 - OG 18-102 (HPA 18-186) 3053 P Street, NW

Commissioner Wilcox moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E passed a resolution regarding this project at the ANC's January 29th, 2018 meeting and has already submitted it to the Old Georgetown Board. In support of the concerns previously expressed, ANC 2E is now submitting to the Old Georgetown Board

emails sent to ANC Commissioner Jim Wilcox regarding this property from the residents at 1506 Dumbarton Court NW, 1508 Dumbarton Court NW, and 1510 Dumbarton Court NW. Each of these properties abuts the proposed construction, and all the property owners expressed their concerns about the project.

Furthermore, when Commissioner Wilcox visited the property on February 23th, 2018, he took the attached pictures, which the ANC is also submitting. Although Commissioner Wilcox did not go into the building to inspect what was transpiring, the pictures raise the possibility that construction may already be underway, even though this matter remains pending before the Old Georgetown Board.

Adjournment

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 9:47 pm.