

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

February 1, 2010  
Georgetown Visitation School, 35<sup>th</sup> and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair, with Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Golds, Starrels, Birch and Eason present, constituting a quorum.

**Administrative**

***Public Safety and Police Report***

Commissioner Solomon reported on public safety matters and recent crimes in the community. He noted that the Georgetown BID started a reimbursable MPD detail last weekend in the business community and that crime statistics are going down. Commissioner Solomon responded to questions from Commissioners and community members.

***Approval of January Meeting Minutes***

The minutes for the meeting of ANC 2E held on January 11, 2010 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Solomon (Commissioner Eason seconded) by a vote of 6-0.

***Financial Report***

Commissioner Solomon reported on ANC 2E's finances, mentioning that ANC 2E is still waiting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter allotments and that the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report has been sent in. ANC 2E is up-to-date in its financial filings.

***Transportation Report***

Commissioners Lewis and Starrels reported on transportation matters in the community. Commissioner Lewis mentioned that the blinking traffic signals at 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW and Q Street, NW, at 34<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and Q Street, NW, and at Reservoir Road, NW and 34<sup>th</sup> Street, NW are an experiment to see if stop signs are feasible. He noted the reaction has been mostly positive thus far. He also reported on the recent snowstorm, noting that there were few plows in the residential areas and the snow turned to ice. Finally, he stated that the P Street, NW and O Street, NW trolley track situation is deteriorating due to weather related issues; that DDOT hopes to get patches done in warmer weather; and that DDOT reports the permanent rehabilitation construction should begin fairly soon.

***April Meeting Date Change***

Commissioner Lewis announced that the Commission will take a vote at the next meeting about moving the April 2010 meeting to Tuesday, March 30, 2010 (from Monday, March 29) to accommodate the Passover Holiday.

Commissioner Skelsey joined meeting at this point.

### **Community Comment**

A representative of the census addressed the community regarding the importance of 2010 census, and encouraged community members to visit the census website for more information ([www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov)) and to sign up to volunteer in our community.

### **New Business**

#### ***Jelleff's New Status as Parks Department facility, and agreements with Maret School***

The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Jesús Aguirre, spoke about the merits of the arrangement with Maret School and answered questions from the Commission and community regarding the deal and the process DPR used. Next, the head of the Maret School, Marjo Talbott, spoke about the Maret School's record in working with the city and improving facilities and answered questions regarding the school's recently announced easement to use the field during specified times in exchange for building a new field and rehabilitating the Jelleff pool. Then, representatives from various community organizations who use the field spoke about the deal and answered questions from the Commission and the community. These representatives included Nick Keenan from Stoddert soccer, Jennifer Altemus from CAG, Peter Hardy from the British School, and Marshall Bykofsky from the Friends of Jelleff. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason made the following motion (Commissioner Skelsey seconded):

ANC 2E expresses appreciation and sincere thanks to the Council of the District of Columbia, and in particular to Councilmember Jack Evans for his leadership role, and to Mayor Fenty and the Administration for purchasing the Jelleff Boys and Girls Club property in Georgetown. Preserving this important facility as a green space dedicated to recreational use is a very important event and it benefits our community greatly.

Following the acquisition of this facility, it was recently announced that the Department of Parks and Recreation entered into agreements with Maret School which provide the School certain exclusive periods of use of the Jelleff field for 10 years, in exchange for the School providing a new artificial-turf field and a renovated swimming pool. These agreements, however, were entered into behind closed doors, without meaningful attempts by DPR to solicit community input or engage in a more competitive process. We cannot evaluate the merits of the DPR-Maret School agreements in these circumstances. But we strongly object to the lack of outreach from DPR and the absence of an opportunity for meaningful community involvement while these agreements were being considered.

Good government requires far more openness than what has occurred here. We urge as strongly as possible that the Maret School and the Department of Parks and Recreation negotiate to void the existing agreement and the Department of Parks and Recreation solicit and welcome genuine community input and involvement in reaching decisions about the use of Jelleff and other DPR facilities located within ANC 2E. In undertaking this open process, the Department of Parks and Recreation must address

seriously how to accommodate fairly the recreational needs of all users of the Jelleff facility, including the general community, and DPR should know that it will be held responsible for the openness and the results of this process.

While the motion was pending, Commissioner Lewis moved to strike the language “negotiate to void the existing agreement and the Department of Parks and Recreation” from the final paragraph, but seeing no second Commissioner Lewis withdrew the motion.

While the motion was pending, Commissioner Birch moved to strike the first sentence of the first paragraph, but seeing no second Commissioner Birch withdrew the motion.

The motion as proposed by Commissioner Eason and seconded then passed by a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E adjourned for a fifteen minute recess at this time.

When the meeting resumed, Commissioner Lewis described a provision in the D.C. Code permitting ANC’s to occupy space rent-free in D.C. government buildings and introduced the following resolution. Commissioner Solomon seconded the resolution, which passed 7-0:

ANC 2E respectfully requests pursuant to sections 1.309.12-(d)(3)(C) and 1.309.13(q) of the D.C. Code that ANC 2E be provided with suitable office space in a District-owned or leased building. Now that the Jelleff property, which is located within the boundaries of ANC 2E, is owned by the District government, we request in particular that ANC 2E be provided with suitable office space in the Jelleff building.

### ***Renewal of Moratorium on Liquor Licenses in Georgetown***

The current moratorium on liquor licenses in Georgetown was discussed, including the possibility of adding licenses to the area. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E recommends the renewal of the ABC moratorium for Georgetown. Additionally, ANC 2E recommends the addition of two licenses to increase flexibility somewhat in recognition of the large number of licenses in safekeeping.

### **Old Georgetown Board**

Commissioner Lewis recused himself from the consideration and vote of all of the following items relating to the Old Georgetown Board on the ANC 2E agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Birch chaired the meeting for consideration of the following OGB-related matters.

### ***Regular Calendar***

### **Private Projects**

**1312 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, OG 10-055 (HPA 10-107), Residence:**

Representatives from the property presented concept plans to add a parking pad, sliding gate, and fence and to re-grade the rear yard. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Skelsey made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the plans as proposed, with a caveat that the northernmost adjacent neighbor has not responded, and we await her response.

**1039 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, OG 10-052 (HPA 10-104), Restaurant:**

Representatives from the restaurant presented plans for a banner on the side wall of the establishment. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E generally does not support banners in the historic district, however there is no large objection. We will let OGB decide on how the banners fit within the historic nature of the block.

**3000 K Street, NW, OG 10-069 (HPA 10-121), Restaurant:**

Representatives from restaurant presented plans for a new sign scheme. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E questions the sizing of the sign, although notes that it is similar in size to the existing sign. We will leave it to the OGB to decide on this sign, with particular attention to its proposed size.

**3291 M Street, NW, OG 10-062 (HPA 10-115), Restaurant:**

Sign schemes for the two restaurants were presented. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E notes that there is no presenter for 3291 M Street, NW, and therefore we must oppose the signage for the time being

**1206 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 10-027 (HPA 10-052), Commercial:**

Revised concept plans were presented for a redesign of the front façade, including the addition of a bay window on the side. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Eason seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E does not approve of a rooftop deck for various reasons including noise considerations. ANC 2E has a history of not approving rooftop decks, notes that it does not fit in the historic area and sees no value to the community in this concept.

**2715 M Street, NW, OG 10-050 (HPA 10-102), Commercial:**

Permit plans were presented for the awnings and signs on the property. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E calls to the attention of OGB an objection to a use of banners, which we generally do not approve, and the illustrated panels along the front of the façade, which are contrary to the regulations regarding signage.

**3077 M Street, NW, OG 10-053 (HPA 10-105), Commercial:**

Concept plans were presented for alterations to the storefront, awnings and signs. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the proposal to close up the east entrance and replace it with a show window. We do object to any change in the fenestration and the M Street, NW and 31<sup>st</sup> Street, NW façades. We also object to the overabundance of awnings on the M Street, NW side and request their removal.

**1626 29<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, OG 10-063 (HPA 10-116), Residence:**

Concept plans were presented for alterations to the rear of the house, including the addition of dormers and a deck. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded) which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E notes that there is no presenter for 1629 29<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, therefore we must oppose the plans for the time being

**At 10:02 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Lewis moved (Commissioner Starrels seconded) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.**

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

Aaron Golds  
Secretary, ANC 2E