

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

April 1, 2013

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair. Commissioners Starrels, Solomon, Lewis, Prindiville, Birch, and Cassey were present, constituting a quorum.

**Administrative**

***Approval of April 1, 2013 Agenda***

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda of the April 1, 2013 ANC 2E public meeting. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

***Approval of the March 4, 2013 Minutes***

Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 ANC 2E public meeting. Commissioner Prindiville seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

***Financial Report***

Commissioner Lewis reported that ANC2E finances are in order.

***Public Safety Report***

Commissioner Solomon reported on public safety issues in the area.

***Transportation Report***

Potholes can be fixed by calling 311.

***Department of Public Works Report***

Commissioners Jones and Prindiville toured the District of Columbia Blue Plains Water Treatment Center to learn more about the combined sewer overflow project that is in the planning stages.

**Community Commendation**

Commissioner Lewis moved that the following resolution be adopted. Commissioner Prindiville seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0.

In recognition of his service to the community as an ANC Commissioner, ANC 2E commends Jake Sticka. An intelligent and dedicated commissioner, Jake admirably represented his constituents during a time of intense disagreement over the campus plan, offering valuable insights and understanding to the ANC on issues of particular interest to university students while ensuring students had a voice in the campus plan hearings. Jake devoted himself to his role as commissioner, including taking meticulous notes as secretary during his two year term and working toward an equitable ANC2E redistricting. We hereby acknowledge and express our appreciation and gratitude to Jake Sticka for his contributions to the communities of Georgetown, Burleith, and Hillandale while serving as an ANC 2E Commissioner in the 2011-2012 term.

**Community Comment**

The Georgetown French Market will be held on April 19 to April 20 and is sponsored by the Georgetown Business Improvement District.

The Avon Walk for Breast Cancer will be held on May 4, 2013.

James Bulger from the Mayor's Office reported on upcoming town hall meetings with the Mayor throughout the city, including a meeting for Ward 2, for community conversations on the Mayor's proposed FY 2014 budget.

### **New Business**

*Commissioner Birch chaired the meeting while Commissioner Lewis abstained from participation and voting on the following matter.*

*Commissioner Eason arrived. With seven commissioners present, a quorum remained.*

### **CAG proposal re residential zoning in the Georgetown Historic District**

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Starrels. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E is pleased to endorse the prototype customized zoning plan proposed by the Citizens Association of Georgetown to the DC Office of Planning. Through a detailed and thorough process of examination and discussions with the community, this proposed plan for Georgetown recognizes the objective of preserving the historic character of the landmark district of Georgetown while addressing many of the goals set forth by the Office of Planning in developing a comprehensive, city-wide zoning review. Indeed, in promoting such goals as urban density and mixed use, we believe that Georgetown in its development as a community represents the achievement of such goals and can serve as a model for other communities in the District of Columbia.

ANC 2E supports the components of the Georgetown prototype customized zoning plan addressing building height, lot occupancy, front and side setbacks, use categories, accessory buildings, accessory dwelling units, and alley lot buildings. We believe that these provisions proposed in the Georgetown prototype plan are compatible with the goals of the comprehensive revision of DC zoning regulations while maintaining the desirable elements of the historic character of Georgetown embodied in much of what is envisioned by the Office of Planning for neighborhoods throughout the city.

*Commissioner Lewis resumed his duties as chair of the commission.*

### **Concerts in the Park sponsored by CAG - May and June 2013 at Rose Park and Volta Park**

Commissioner Lewis made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC2E supports the concerts in the park series in May and June, 2013 held in Rose and Volta Parks.

### **Best Buddies Challenge (bike ride) - October 19, 2013**

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Cassey. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC2E supports the Best Buddies Challenge on October 19, 2013. We ask that the race conform to the time and other restrictions.

**Out of the Darkness Overnight (a late-night walk, sidewalks only) - June 1-2, 2013**

Commissioner Lewis made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC2E does not object to the permit for the use of the Jelleff Recreation Center for the Out of the Darkness Overnight on the night of June 1, 2013 and the early morning of June 2, 2013. We understand and appreciate that the sponsor will mark their maps noting the Georgetown and Burleith residential areas.

**Thai Festival, Royal Embassy of Thailand (request to close Wisconsin Avenue, NW, from 1am to 8pm Saturday, June 29) – June 29, 2013**

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC2E does not approve of the closure of Wisconsin Avenue NW. ANC2E invites the Embassy to liaison with MPD and DDOT to investigate the parkway on the east side of Wisconsin Avenue north of South St. NW and the alley as a possible alternative.

**Electronic Bus arrival signage in the Georgetown commercial area**

Commissioner Lewis made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

While ANC2E does not in general favor electronic signage in the Georgetown historic district, we would not necessarily be opposed to electronic bus arrival information signage in a store front window near a bus stop provided that such signage would only be permissible if approved as to size, location, and visual aspects by the Old Georgetown Board of the Fine Arts Commission.

**Request to DDOT for Residential Parking Permit signage for the 3200 block of Grace Street, NW, west of Cecil Place**

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC2E supports Residential Parking Permit signage for the 3200 block of Grace Street, NW, west of Cecil Place.

**Georgetown Farmers Market in Rose Park**

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC2E heartily endorses and supports another successful year of the Georgetown Farmers Market in Rose Park from May to October, 2013.

**ABC**

**Noodles & Company, 1815 Wisconsin Avenue, ABRA-91044 (application for a license)**

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Starrels. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC2E has no objection to the issuing of a license to Noodles & Company, 1815 Wisconsin Avenue, ABRA-91044 with the understanding that there will not be amplified music on the rooftop deck.

#### **Old Glory, 3139 M Street, NW, ABRA License No. 21725, Voluntary Agreement**

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Birch. The motion carried with a vote of 6-1, with Commissioner Eason voting no.

ANC 2E agrees to the amendment to the Settlement Agreement with Old Glory, which amends the maximum occupancy of the Summer Garden at the establishment to 85 persons.

#### **Farmers Fishers Bakers, 3000 K Street, NW, Voluntary Agreement**

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 6-1, with Commissioner Prindiville voting no.

ANC 2E endorses the addendum to the voluntary agreement with the provision on paragraph 2 and paragraph 4 pertaining to the outside dining numbers that the maximum will be 85 but the maximum agreeable to the the Washington Harbor Condominium Association.

#### **Old Georgetown Board**

Commissioner Birch chaired the meeting for consideration of the following OGB-related matters. Commissioner Lewis did not participate in the discussion or vote regarding any of these matters.

#### ***Regular Calendar***

#### **Private Projects**

*Commissioner Eason left the meeting. With six commissioners present, a quorum remained.*

**SMD 02, 1690 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW, OG 13-134** (HPA 13-233) Residence, Pave front yard, Permit

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

ANC2E has reservations about the proposed construction of a brick patio at 1690 32<sup>nd</sup> St. NW due to the loss of permeable surface and the loss of the unified character of the houses on that block of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. Nevertheless, we would encourage a landscaping plan which ameliorate our concerns.

**SMD 03, 1344 Wisconsin Avenue, NW (and 1340 Wisconsin Avenue, NW) OG 13-137** (HPA 13-236)  
Commercial, Alterations to storefronts, rooftop mechanical equipment, Permit

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

ANC2E favors minimum signage, no objection to the lettering on the band above the show windows on the two facades, we prefer that the signage throughout is a single color. We object to the blade sign, which is unnecessary and does not meet our criteria that this ANC applies to blade signs. We support all efforts to repair existing doors and windows and we encourage the Old Georgetown Board to investigate the retention of the existing doorway entrance. We are concerned about the highly visible appearance of the mechanical equipment on the roof and urge OGB to address that issue. We generally oppose masking of windows, which project a deadened space and interfere with the transparency we encourage between the sidewalk and businesses in the

commercial district.

**SMD 03, 1413 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 13-139** (HPA 13-238) Commercial, Sign for “Reddz Trading,” Permit

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

ANC2E has no objection.

**SMD 05, 1050 31<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, OG 13-146** (HPA 13-245) Hotel, New flagpoles, Permit – revision to permit

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Starrels. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

ANC2E has no objection to the principle of flags displayed in front of hotels as is typical in Georgetown. We are aware that the new Capella Hotel is seeking approval for flags that we expect to be in keeping with the typical display at other hotels.

**SMD 05, 3000 K Street, NW, OG 13-125** (HPA 13-203) Mixed-use complex, New outdoor seating terrace for “Tony & Joe Seafood,” Permit

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

ANC2E has no significant objections to this project. We want to ensure that the open walking space between the fountain and the boardwalk is unimpeded. We look forward to OGB’s review.

**SMD 05, 3125 M Street, NW, OG 13-141** (HPA 13-240) Commercial, Rooftop outdoor seating, sign, light fixtures, relocate rooftop equipment, Concept

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

ANC2E likes most of the concept as presented. The signage and lighting are in keeping with the historic character of the neighborhood. The blade sign, however, does not conform to our rules. The rooftop seating interferes with the historic nature with other M Street buildings, which do not have open rooftops.

**SMD 07, 3051 Avon Lane, NW, OG 13-126** (HPA 13-205) Residence, Lattice panels beside fence – existing, Permit

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

ANC2E has reservations about the lattice panels constructed at this site. We ask the Old Georgetown Board to determine whether they are appropriate given guidelines regarding fences in the Historic District of Georgetown.

**SMD 07, 1815 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 13-124** (HPA 13-202) Commercial, Sign scheme for “JoS.A.Bank Clothiers”, including sign, blade signs, awnings with lettering, plaques, light fixtures – existing, Permit

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The

motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Regarding the signage at this site, ANC2E opposes the blade sign, which is incompatible at this location. We are concerned that the letters affixed to the façade are larger than the approved size. We also question the suitability of the informational decal.

**SMD 07, 1815 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 13-100** (HPA 13-176) Commercial, Sign scheme for “Roosters”, including sign at rear and on pedestrian gate, awnings, Permit

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solmon. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

ANC2E has no objection to the signage package as presented. We particularly support the blade sign as presented for essential visibility including the phrase “men’s grooming center.”

**At 10:01 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn the public meeting session of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E. Commissioner Prindiville seconded the motion. With a vote of 6-0, the motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Prindiville  
Secretary, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E  
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