



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 30th, 2021; 6:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

### Call to Order

Commissioner Rick Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Jenny Mitchell (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Anna Landre (2E04), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), Elizabeth Miller (2E07), and Matias Burdman (2E08) were present.

### Approval of the Agenda

#### Approval of the ANC's March 30th, 2021 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's March 30th, 2021 meeting agenda. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

#### Approval of the ANC's March 1st, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's March 1st, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

### Administrative

#### Public Safety and Police Report

Commander Duncan Bedlion, the Commander of the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

### Community Comment

#### Update from the Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an update from the Mayor's Office.

#### Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office

Emmanuel Brantley, the Communications Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an update from the Councilmember's Office.

#### Presentation from the District Department of Transportation Regarding the 37th Street NW Bike Lane

Mike Goodno, a Bicycle Program Specialist for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT); Andrew DeFrank, a Community Engagement Specialist for DDOT; Gilberto Solano, a Transportation Planner for DDOT; and George Branyan, the Active Transportation Branch Manager for DDOT, gave a presentation regarding DDOT's 37th Street NW Bike Lanes Project.

Update from the District Department of Transportation Regarding Work on the Multi-Use Trail at Rose Park

Commissioner Lohse gave an update regarding DDOT's work on the multi-use trail at Rose Park.

Update from the Georgetown BID Regarding GLOW, Public Meetings About Sidewalk Widening, and the Mayor's Proposal to Remove the Cap on the Number of Tavern Licenses

Nancy Miyahira, the Vice President and Marketing Director for the Georgetown BID, and Jamie Scott, the Director of Planning and Economic Development for the Georgetown BID, gave updates regarding GLOW, the public meetings about sidewalk widening, and the Mayor's proposal to remove the cap on the number of tavern licenses.

Update Regarding Inclusionary Zoning in Georgetown

Chair Murphy gave an update regarding inclusionary zoning in Georgetown.

Announcement Regarding Ellington Field Renovation Meeting on Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Commissioner Putta gave an announcement regarding the Ellington Field renovation meeting on Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

**New Business**

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Jelleff Priorities

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Community involvement has always been an important part of any major construction project across the city. ANC 2E looks forward to robust community involvement throughout the process of renovating the Jelleff Recreation Center. The ANC, our community partners, and neighbors were grateful to be included in the Jelleff Community Center Feasibility Study, the first step in the process of renovating the building. Many of us had one-on-one meetings with Perkins Eastman and we also participated in the two community meetings. It is important that the feasibility study includes the community's priorities and the ANC supports the inclusion of the following list in the final feasibility study that is provided to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and to the DC Council.

Including these community priorities, supported by the Burleith Citizens Association, the Glover Park Citizens' Association, the Georgetown Village, and the Jelleff Community Friends Group, in the final report would allow the community's voice to be heard officially.

These are the community priorities:

1. **SWIMMING POOL:** The community is committed to a pool on this site, either indoor or outdoor.
2. **NEW BUILDING:** We ask that DPR seriously considers a new building versus a renovation. The more we have talked about it, the more convinced we are that the whole building should be torn down. In 2021, why should we tie ourselves to 1950s infrastructure? The only reason to do so would be budget. However Councilmember Brooke Pinto is pushing for \$25 to \$30 million in project funding, so we should think about an entirely new building.
3. **FIELD FLEXIBILITY:** We do not want to commit to keeping the field size as is. That constricts the creativity of how to re-envision the building. The building footprint comes right up to the field edge. The current field width can be shortened and still allow for all regulation sports except regulation baseball. If shortening the field width and losing regulation baseball only would result in much better flexibility and options for the building expansion, that should be done. Regulation baseball is not as high a community priority as taking full advantage of this opportunity for a great expanded building.
4. **THE GYM:** We would like a gym scaled for high school basketball leagues, wide enough to safely play two junior games at once with ample space for others to safely watch and wait. The current gym is not wide enough for the extremely overcrowded leagues. Stoddert Recreation Center's gym is much wider and allows for this. Preserving the "classic" look of the gym is not a priority for our community. We have discussed this. In fact, the support beams and structures impede on usable space and ideally would be removed in the new gym.
5. **OUTDOOR:** Our community believes that Jelleff Recreation Center needs some outdoor fitness equipment for teens and older adults and outdoor play equipment for children.

### **Community Forum (Continued)**

Announcement Regarding DC Water CSO 025/026 Sewer Separation Project Meeting on Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Commissioner Palmer gave an announcement regarding DC Water's CSO 025/026 Sewer Separation Project meeting on Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

### **New Business (Continued)**

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Unregistered Motorized Vehicles Traveling on City Streets

Commissioner Lohse moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E has been contacted by multiple constituents regarding the development of unregistered motor vehicles that are traveling on city streets. These vehicles have been seen on both residential and commercial streets; these streets have a range of speed limits. The

vehicles typically have three wheels and are "open air". Legally, if a vehicle is not registered, that vehicle is uninsured should an accident occur with another car, biker, or pedestrian.

ANC 2E requests that the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) collaborate on how to address the registration of these open-air motorized vehicles should they be allowed to travel on city streets.

### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Possible Change in the District Department of Transportation's Approach to Maintenance of Brick Sidewalks in Georgetown

Chair Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

On March 23, 2021 ANC 2E received a memorandum from District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Interim Director Everett Lott dated March 18, 2021. The memorandum, which was addressed to both the ANC and the Old Georgetown Board (OGB), announced DDOT's decision, taken without any input from the ANC or OGB, to replace sections of existing brick sidewalks at 12 locations in the Georgetown Historic District with porous flexible pavement (PFP), a highly porous flexible construction material composed of recycled vehicle tires and aggregate. DDOT's justification for this unilateral decision, which appears to be intended to put an end to a longstanding tradition of cooperation among DDOT, OGB, and ANC 2E with respect to DDOT projects that affect the appearance of the historic district, is that the use of PFP "will allow DDOT to meet applicable [Americans with Disabilities Act] requirements along sidewalks affected by root expansion." Interestingly, DDOT does not appear to claim that the use of PFP is the only possible solution for problems caused by root expansion under the brick sidewalks in Georgetown.

ANC 2E understands how important it is to make sidewalks in Georgetown accessible and safe for all residents and visitors to our community. The ANC is, however, disturbed by the change in attitude that DDOT's approach to the issue appears to declare. DDOT has announced an important decision, one that would, if implemented, significantly impact the appearance of the historic district created by Congress over 70 years ago, without seeking any input from the ANC, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) and the Old Georgetown Board, or members of the public. ANC 2E advises DDOT that the unilateral approach to making decisions that affect our community that DDOT appears to have adopted is both inadvisable and inappropriate and urges DDOT to reconsider its decision to replace substantial sections of brick sidewalks in Georgetown with PFP and to engage in dialogue with interested stakeholders before proceeding.

### Special Event Application for the Army Ten-Miler on October 10th, 2021

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the special event application for the 2021 Army Ten-Miler based on the commitment that the race will run entirely on the Whitehurst Freeway and not on any other

streets within the ANC, including M Street, Water Street, and K Street NW, and that there will not be any bands, sound systems, amplified noise, or amplified music within the boundaries of the ANC.

### **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

#### **Application by High Road Cycling for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 3210 Grace Street NW #10**

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Burdman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E protests High Road Cycling’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 3210 Grace Street NW #10 based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

### **Public Space Committee**

#### **Public Space Application to Install a 42 Inch Tall Black Metal Fence at 1225 37th Street NW**

Commissioner Burdman moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

With regard to the public space application submitted for the construction of a fence at 1225 37th Street NW, ANC 2E’s main concern continues to be the impact that such a fence may have on accessibility requirements mandated by federal and local regulations. In their latest application, the applicants have assured the ANC that the fence will not violate ADA requirements. As long as the Public Space Committee concurs with this assessment, the ANC does not oppose the application on the grounds of its impact on public space.

With regard to historic preservation, ANC 2E has no comment at this time but notes that the applicants may be required to seek Old Georgetown Board approval prior to commencing construction.

### **Zoning**

#### **Board of Zoning Adjustment Application by Georgetown 29K Acquisitions, LLC for Special Exceptions from the Loading Berth Requirements, the Penthouse Single Enclosure Requirements, and the Penthouse Setback Requirements to Convert an Existing, Detached, Non-Residential Building to a 10-Story with Parking Garage and Penthouse Detached, Residential Building at 1051-1055 29th Street NW**

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the application for special exceptions from the loading berth requirements, the penthouse single enclosure requirements, and the penthouse setback requirements to convert an existing, detached, non-residential building to a 10-story with parking garage and penthouse detached, residential building at 1051-1055 29th Street NW.

With respect to the loading berth requirements, ANC 2E believes that the applicant's proposed loading, service, and delivery space for the project functions as necessary for the project while appropriately utilizing the limited opening in the historic wall which will be saved as part of the construction project. As such, the ANC supports the requested special exception from the loading berth requirements related to Subtitle C § 901.1 and encourages the applicant to continue to work closely with neighbors across the street to ensure that the truck traffic does not become a nuisance to neighbors across the street.

With regards to the penthouse single enclosure requirements and the penthouse setback requirements, ANC 2E appreciates the work which has been done to provide ADA accessibility and shade and believes that the park's approved design will serve the entire community well. As such, the ANC supports the request for special exceptions related to Subtitle C § 1500.6 and § 1502.1.

Finally, ANC 2E understands that the applicant will be requesting a special exception related to Subtitle C § 707.3a. Although it is not in the record yet, the ANC expects it to become part of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) review in the near term and, in an attempt to ensure that the ANC schedule does not hold up this review, the ANC would like to provide comments on this "over parking" issue. ANC 2E very much supports the applicant's inclusion of 95-105 self-park spaces for residents, removing the burden of residents' parked cars in the existing too-few RPP parking spaces in our community. The ANC supports the applicant's commitment to work with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to provide a suitable mitigation measure, including, but not limited to, the applicant potentially planting additional trees and maintaining the existing metered spots on the block where the development is located.

### **Old Georgetown Board**

#### **SMD 2E03 - OG 21-138 (HPA 21-247) 1408 35th Street, NW**

Chair Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E invited the applicant to appear and present plans for its project at 1408 35th Street NW. The applicant chose not to attend. Therefore, the ANC does not have a recommendation to give to the Old Georgetown Board.

#### **SMD 2E05 - OG 21-122 (HPA 21-231) 1023 31st Street, NW**

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E has no comment on this particular application but notes that the ANC continues to see applications for antenna installations across the neighborhood. The ANC encourages the Old Georgetown Board to continue to apply a community-minded, wholistic view of antenna installation applications in order to ensure that the neighborhood's rooftops do not become cluttered by antennas.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm.