



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. H. Alan Brangman, Chairman, and Members of the Board  
Old Georgetown Board  
401 F Street NW, Suite 312  
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Dear Chairman Brangman and Members of the Board:

On April 30, 2018 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on May 3, 2018:

### **With regard to SMD 2E01 - OG 18-183 (HPA 18-339) 1801 35th Street, NW:**

ANC 2E enthusiastically supports the S&R Foundation for its enhancements to the property at 1801 35th Street NW. ANC 2E and the community appreciates the enhancements, which will include a boardwalk ramp along the northern boundary of the property in order to provide pedestrians with a connection between 34th Street and 35th Street NW. There will be no stairs so that wheelchairs and strollers are able to traverse the property. Construction of the ramp will, as a necessity, create a landscaping and lighting strip for the northern boundary, which will provide security to the site. This is a heavily used site by not only Georgetown but Burleith as well.

The entry enhancements will create a more inviting architecture scheme and will add landscaping to the asphalt area. The plantings along the south side will provide more privacy for the buildings to the south.

On the south side, a renovation to the stairs and existing hardscape along the southern building exterior will provide screening to the adjacent properties and will provide more greenery.

ANC 2E also requests that the Old Georgetown Board pays special attention to signage concerns.

### **With regard to SMD 2E03 - OG 18-187 (HPA 18-343) 3217 P Street, NW:**

ANC 2E encourages the Old Georgetown Board to consider the comments provided by the Citizens Association of Georgetown's Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee. ANC 2E makes no comment on the proposed lighting or signage based on the understanding that the

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lighting and signage will change once a tenant is in place. Otherwise, ANC 2E has no comment on this proposal.

**With regard to SMD 2E03 - OG 18-184 (HPA 18-340) 3323 P Street, NW:**

ANC 2E thanks Mr. Overmyer for his presentation and expresses the commission's happiness that the owner is moving back into the house that she grew up in. Nevertheless, the ANC is concerned about the impact that this third floor dormer will have on the neighbors to the north, particularly on Pomander Walk NW, in terms of the exposure that the neighbors will have to light and by being in the viewshed from the dormer.

The ANC asks that the Old Georgetown Board gives consideration to these concerns, as well as to the comments that the Citizens Association of Georgetown's Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee has made about the historical context of this dormer.

**With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 18-169 (HPA 18-324) 1065 31st Street, NW:**

ANC 2E appreciates all that Il Canale brings to our neighborhood and welcomes its continued success in our community. However, we have concerns about the concept design presented today. Immediate neighbors note the following concerns:

- When walking the alley, it appeared that either not all of the plans are drawn to scale or that they do not correctly reflect current conditions, including the various sheds attached to the building. We ask the Old Georgetown Board to confirm that the plans accurately reflect current conditions. Furthermore, there are no dimensions included on the proposed summer garden other than the height of a fence.
- The ultimate height of the fence is in dispute as neighbors note that the applicant may have agreed to build a seven foot fence in conversation yet the plans show only a four foot fence. Should the applicant be willing to increase the fence height to seven feet, ANC 2E recommends that the applicant redraw the summer garden accordingly.
- The positioning of the proposed summer garden ultimately would allow restaurant patrons to look over the side of the garden into the backyards of adjacent residents, infringing on the privacy which residents expect in their backyards.

Finally, ANC 2E would like to see more details on the construction plans for the summer garden itself, including, but not limited to, details on the actual fence, lighting locations, and speaker location, with an eye towards how the summer garden might or might not affect neighboring residents.

**With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 18-195 (HPA 18-351) 3210 M Street, NW:**

ANC 2E welcomes Aritzia to our community and looks forward to the opening of the establishment. Regarding the concept presented, ANC 2E does not support the use or installation of blade signs unless they are for second story establishments. ANC 2E also asks the Old

Georgetown Board to review the size of the lettering to ensure that they do not exceed maximum height allowed and whether or not the window decals are appropriate.

**With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 18-166 (HPA 18-310) 2805 M Street, NW:**

ANC 2E notes that the applicant installed signs at this property in approximately May of 2017 without review by the ANC or Old Georgetown Board, and, to the best of our knowledge, without any legal authorization. Such conduct should be strenuously discouraged. Second, the applicants filed for permit review prematurely without previously going through concept review.

Having said that, it appears that the size of the lettering proposed may be limited to 12 inches, which would be permissible. The ANC encourages the Old Georgetown Board to take a careful look at the application.

**With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 18-167 (HPA 18-313) 2805 M Street, NW:**

ANC 2E notes that the applicant has filed for permit review without having previously obtained concept approval. ANC 2E believes that the application is insufficient in detail to be approved.

**With regard to SMD 2E07 - OG 18-191 (HPA 18-347) 2512 Q Street, NW:**

ANC 2E has objection to the proposed signage based on the fact that:

- the size is not in accordance with the recommended Historic Preservation Office guidelines,
- the applicant is requesting that the sign be hung up for six months, which is past the 90 days of installation, and
- banners in Georgetown are not allowed to have “.com” printed on them.

Therefore, the ANC recommends that the applicant reduces its signage to meet the recommended guidelines of the Historic Preservation Office and considers moving the signage down towards the center of the building and lower to the ground.

**With regard to SMD 2E07 - OG 18-193 (HPA 18-349) 3032 Dent Place, NW:**

ANC 2E notes that this project is quite large and that the design is not in keeping with the historic fabric of Georgetown. Once constructed, the project will significantly impact the south-facing windows of the adjacent neighbors at 3034 Dent Place NW. The neighbors' view will be blocked by a wall. Additionally, the neighbors at 3030 Dent Place NW will be impacted by the proposed privacy trees blocking all western light.

The property is proposing a single-story deck and spiral staircase. The 20-foot proposed wall will have an impact by obstructing natural lighting.

The proposed extension extends into the property of 3034 Dent Place NW and will require trimming of the canopy of the magnolia tree. The proposed drawings do not have the tree in the

plans. The proposed work could lead to damage to the tree. The plans do not indicate the impact that the proposed work will have on the tree.

The proposed fencing extends out into the narrow alley with the potential of neighbors across the alley not being able to get their cars out of their property. The project may adversely impact a clear path for cars and pedestrians and may limit the ability for trucks to have access to the alley.

The applicant needs to consider leaving space between the property and adjacent properties so that the applicant can have access to their property for repairs and painting without needing permission to go onto the adjacent neighbors' property.

ANC 2E is concerned about the proposed dig out of a recess window in the front of the property and how it will impact the historic significance of the front of the home. Additionally, the ANC is concerned about possible flooding and how it will be addressed.

Therefore, at this time, the ANC objects to the project as presented and asks that the Old Georgetown Board considers the previously-mentioned concerns and their impact on the neighbors and the community.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gibbons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons  
Chair, ANC 2E