

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

September 30, 2013
Georgetown Visitation School, 35th 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 Jones were present, constituting a quorum.

Administrative

Approval of September 30, 2013, ANC 2E Public Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the agenda of the September 30, 2013 ANC 2E public meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Approval of September 3, 2013, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the agenda of the September 3, 2013 ANC 2E public meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Financial Report

Provisional resolution approving a FY 2014 budget for ANC 2E

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E provisionally approves the budget for Fiscal Year 2014, effective October 1st 2013.

The budget referred to is attached to these minutes.

Resolution approving employment and salary for the Commission's Executive Director FY 2014

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC 2E approves effective as of October 1, 2013 a salary for Ms. Melanie Gisler, Executive Director of the Commission, a half-time position of at-will employment, of \$1,270.83 per month payable monthly in arrears, and a maximum of \$15,250 for such salary payments in any twelve-month period.

Resolution approving hiring Marsh Bookkeeping Services

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC 2E approves payment of consulting compensation of \$50 per month to Larae Marsh of Marsh Bookkeeping Service, for independent consulting services relating to accounting and bookkeeping for employment taxes, for an at-will period as determined in the discretion of ANC 2E from time to time, of up to one year. Payments beginning November 1, 2013 through October 1, 2014 will be made quarterly

or periodically at such other times as may be agreed to, with a maximum of \$600.00 for the total of such payments in any twelve-month period.

Public Safety Report

Lieutenant Hedgecock of the Metropolitan Police Department reported on public safety matters in the neighborhood. Changes to summer crime patterns were the most common in the last month.

Transportation Report

Commissioner Lewis discussed continued concerns with the traffic lane reconfiguration in Glover Park. Councilmember Cheh will be holding a hearing regarding the reconfiguration.

Department of Public Works Report

Commissioner Jones discussed toxic waste disposal in our community and the District's 311 system.

Community Comment

Commissioner Lewis recognized the work of Shaun Courtney as she leaves the Georgetown Patch.

Commissioner Lewis discussed an important public meeting regarding the Duke Ellington School modernization plan on Monday, October 7th at 6:00pm at Duke Ellington School.

A representative from the Citizens Association of Georgetown discussed proposed legislation regarding neighbor notification for design review.

New Business

Traffic lane reconfiguration in Glover Park

Commissioner Lewis made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC 2E has observed that since the Wisconsin Avenue NW roadway in Glover Park was reconfigured some months ago, traffic congestion has been very common and very troublesome to our community, especially in the northbound direction.

We urge that DDOT or, if need be, the Council of the District of Columbia, restore a northbound lane on Wisconsin Avenue NW between 34th and Calvert Street NW.

DDOT's attempts to alleviate the congestion caused by the lane reconfiguration have not been successful in the observations of both ANC 2E commissioners and many members of our community. We urge that this situation be addressed with an effective lane restoration for northbound traffic.

Zoning

Zoning Commission review of proposed revised zoning regulations proposed by the Office of Planning – proposed customized residential zoning for Georgetown, Hearing November 6, 2013

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC 2E is pleased to express support for the revised residential zoning regulations proposed by the Office of Planning that would adopt a customized residential zoning plan for Georgetown. Specifically, ANC 2E supports the components of the Georgetown 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 are compatible with the goals of the comprehensive revision of D.C. 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.

3301 N Street, NW, BZA No. 18647, Application for special exception, infill below existing overhang does not reduce area open to sky nor does it increase noise or views, mudroom is not visible from the street or neighbor's yard, Hearing October 8, 2013

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E has no objection to the applicant's request for a variance of non-conforming property lot size occupancy and to provide for a new small addition to a single-family residence at 3301 N Street, NW. The proposal sets forth a relatively minor change to the property with no substantial adverse impact to any adjacent properties.

3053 Q Street, NW, BZA No. 18646, Application for area variance relief from the nonconforming structure requirements to allow renovation of a single family home, Hearing October 29, 2013

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E has no objection to the applicant's request for area variance relief to allow renovation of a single-family residence at 3053 Q Street, NW. The proposed rear addition at the fourth floor and new window openings on the side walls present acceptable changes to the residence with no substantial negative impact to neighboring properties.

2516 Mill Road, NW, BZA No. 18652, Application for approval for new addition for a single family residence replacing covered porch, seeking use variance for non-conforming building, also seeking variances for rear yard set back distance, Hearing November 5, 2013

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E has no objection to the applicant's request for a variance on a non-conforming building and for rear yard setback to provide for a new addition to a single-family residence at 2516 Mill Road, NW. The proposal sets forth a relatively minor change to the property with no substantial adverse impact to any adjacent properties.

3206 Grace Street, NW, BZA No. 18653, Application for area variance relief to allow use by tenant of the entire existing building for matter-of-right use as a restaurant, retail bakery and related office space, Hearing November 5, 2013

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E does not object to the application for area variance relief to allow use by tenant of the entire existing building for matter-of-right use as a restaurant, retail bakery and related office space. We also endorse the special exception under Section 915 regarding the mail order sales. We also have understanding that the applicant will add a covenant that will ensure the residential use or no use of the second floor if the applicant vacates the property.

ABC

Hotel Monticello/Graham, 1075 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, ABRA-089867, potential agreement reached and withdrawal of ANC2E protest of the license renewal for the hotel.

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

In view of the agreement reached by ANC 2E and the Graham Hotel, ANC 2E withdraws its protest to the application regarding the renewal of the License No. ABRA-089867 contingent upon the Alcohol Beverage Control Board's approval of an order to include the following language as a stipulation in the license, that language agreed upon by the applicant licensee Graham Hotel and the protestant ANC 2E to read: "Music from the rooftop terrace shall be limited to background music, which shall not be audible north of M Street."

Old Georgetown Board

Regular Calendar

Private Projects

SMD 01, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW, OG 13-330 (HPA 13-597) Institution (MedStar Georgetown University Hospital – CCC), Temporary trailers on podium, Permit

Commissioner Lewis made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion carried with a vote of 5-1 with Commissioner Prindiville voting no.

ANC2E has concerns regarding the use of temporary trailers by MedStar Georgetown University Hospital for use as additional office space. We find that the placement of trailers inappropriate and objectionable in a historic district and that any approval should be for minimum, limited time period measured in months rather than years. We urge MedStar Georgetown University Hospital to locate a permanent site to meet their needs for additional office space.

SMD 05, 3113 N Street, NW, OG 13-340 (HPA 13-608) Residence, Two-story rear addition to replace one-story addition, Permit

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

ANC2E has no objections to the plans as presented.

SMD 05, 3302 Prospect Street, NW, OG 13-272 (HPA 13-491) Residence, Metal gate and repaving of rear yard, Permit

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Birch. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E objects to the placement of the gate and the paving of the backyard at this location as proposed, blocking the easement per recorded deed. We also believe that the rear yard should be returned to its original brick and secure the historic bricks currently on-site should be secured. ANC2E would like the OGB to refer to plans proposed in 2011 as guidance moving forward and to enforce a proper drainage system.

SMD 06, 2734 P Street, NW (also 1417 28th Street, NW), OG 13-147 (HPA 13-246) Residence, Demolition of rear and new 3-story addition plus basement, site work, Concept

Commissioner Lewis did not participate in the Commission's discussion, consideration, and voting regarding this agenda item.

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

ANC2E recognizes the effort to decrease the size of the rear addition proposed at 2734 P St. NW. We continue to have concerns regarding the scale of the mass of the addition in relation to the historic property on P Street and the compatibility of that design to the historic aspect of the original house. We urge the Old Georgetown Board to recognize the extent to which an addition to a historic property, this property in particular, must be subordinate to the original structure. We also request that the OGB be clear in its own deliberations as to the situation with the holder of the easement at the L'Enfant Trust and how the proposed design may or may not reconcile with the holder of that easement. ANC2E also takes exception to the design of the carport to the extent that it is incompatible with the design and feel of the other abutting properties on Poplar Street.

At 9:22 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Prindiville moved to adjourn the public meeting session of ANC 2E. Commissioner Starrels seconded the motion. With a vote of 6-0, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Peter Prindiville
Secretary, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E