

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

January 2, 2008
Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Commissioner Solomon, Chair, with Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Starrels, Birch and Eason present, constituting a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE

ANC Officers and Committees for 2008

Commissioner Solomon moved (Starrels second) to designate the following officers, committees, committee chairs and nonvoting board member of the Georgetown Business Improvement District for ANC 2E for 2008:

Commissioner Solomon, chair;

Commissioner Starrels, Vice-Chair;

Commissioner Lewis, Secretary;

Commissioner Eason, Treasurer;

Commissioner Starrels to be the ANC 2E designated nonvoting member of the board of the directors of the Georgetown Business Improvement District;

Commissioners Starrels and Birch to co-chair the ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) Committee;

Commissioners Lewis and Lowenstein to co-chair the Public Safety Committee;

Commissioners Starrels and Lewis to co-chair the Transportation Committee;

Commissioner Eason to chair the Public Works and WASA Committee;

Commissioners Birch and Skelsey to co-chair the Historic Preservation Committee;

Commissioners Lowenstein, Skelsey and Lewis to co-chair the Community and University Relations Committee;

Commissioner Skelsey to chair the Schools and Library Committee.

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Public Safety and Police Report

Commissioner Lewis reported on month-to-month and year-to-date crime statistics and on newly assigned patrol officers in PSA 206. He then called upon MPD Lt. Roland Hoyle, who spoke to the community about details of several recent robberies and about deployment of the new foot-beat officers. Statistics on recent public safety incidents are available at <http://crimemap.dc.gov/presentation/query.asp> There is also a Second District web site including crime information at 2D_mpd@yahoo.com.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of ANC 2E held on December 4, 2007 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Starrels (Eason second) by a vote of 5-0.

Financial Report

Commissioner Eason, Treasurer of the Commission, gave an interim report on the Commission's finances. Quarterly reports are available at the Commission's office.

Commissioner Eason noted that in order to participate in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund, in which the Commission customarily participates, it is necessary each year to adopt an authorizing resolution, execute an agreement, and pay a \$25 fee. A copy of the agreement is available in the Commission's office.

Commissioner Eason moved (Birch second) that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

Resolved that this Commission approves the ANC's participation in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the \$25 fee for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. The Chairperson and Secretary are authorized to execute the attached agreement.

It is understood that (1) the check for participation in the ANC Security Fund should be made payable to "ANC Security Fund," (2) the ANC is not considered a participant in the Fund until the ANC has received the acceptance notice of the agreement which has been signed by the District of Columbia Auditor, and (3) the agreement will not be accepted by the Auditor until all required documents have been received by the Office of the Auditor. The required documents are: Resolution; Agreement; ANC Check; Statement of Information – Chairperson; Statement of Information – Treasurer; Bank Survey; and Copy of Current Bank Signature Card.

Resolution approved at a public meeting held on January 2, 2008.

Commissioner Eason noted that three disbursement checks during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2007 (October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006) had inadvertently not been signed by the requisite Commission officers, though the checks were authorized by

the Commission. Commissioner Eason moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

Whereas, during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2007 (October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006), three checks drawn against the Commission's checking account in the amount of \$803.23 each, as payment for salary due and owing to the Commission's Executive Director, were honored by the Commission's bank, notwithstanding the fact that they were not signed by the Chair and/or Treasurer, and another officer of the Commission; and,

Whereas, the salary disbursements were authorized by the Commission as part of its FY 2007 budget, and were acknowledged and ratified in the Commission's approval of the FY 2007 Quarter 1 Report submitted to the DC Auditor; and,

Whereas, the Commission wishes to make clear that the above-referenced disbursements were authorized and in accordance with the Commission's budget and intent.

Now, therefore, the premises considered, it is this 2nd day of January, 2008, by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E, at a public meeting, duly noticed, with a quorum in attendance:

RESOLVED, that the three disbursements in the amount of \$803.23, totaling \$2,409.69, made during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2007, for salary due and owing to the Commission's Executive Director, be, and hereby are, **RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED**.

Transportation Report

Commissioner Starrels reminded the community that the ANC Transportation Committee, chaired by Commissioners Starrels and Lewis, meets and confers regularly with the District Department of Transportation and other District government officials about transportation-related issues of interest within ANC 2E and that community input and suggestions are welcome and encouraged.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Ruth Werner, legislative assistant to Councilmember Jack Evans, invited questions and comments from community members for Councilmember Evans and called the community's attention to public hearings scheduled by the Council of the District of Columbia on the quality of service provided by Pepco, Verizon and Washington Gas, to be held in the Council Chambers at 11:00 a.m. on February 9, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Items

National Park Service Environmental Impact Study of Georgetown University Boathouse

Commissioner Starrels reported that the National Park Service has announced an environmental impact study of the proposed Georgetown University boathouse, which will include an analysis of various potential locations and a no-build option. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Lewis second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E reaffirms its support for locating a new Georgetown University boathouse at a previously identified site between the canal and the Potomac River near the University campus. We would strongly object, however, to moving this boathouse to a location east of Key Bridge. Locating this boathouse east of Key Bridge would degrade the riverfront park experience and would intrude on the view and riverfront enjoyment that will otherwise be available to residents and visitors alike. Keeping the boathouse in the location for which it has been planned will have a far smaller effect.

Rose Park Pedestrian Pathways

Commissioner Birch reported that in connection with needed renovation of the footpaths in Rose Park, the National Park Service and the District Department of Transportation are also considering widening and possibly relocating these pathways for use as a bicycle route. He noted the concern by the Friends of Rose Park and within the community that the pathways be left as a footpaths and noted that there already is a convenient bicycle path nearby. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Starrels second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

Whereas, ANC 2E commends the community for its dedication to improving facilities at Rose Park, including a much needed renovation of the Rose Park footpaths.

Be it Resolved that:

ANC 2E supports the Friends of Rose Park's efforts and desire for maintenance of the footpaths in their existing location and at their existing width;

ANC 2E supports the rehabilitation of the Rose Park footpaths; and

ANC 2E strongly objects to the widening of the footpaths or any change in their location.

ABC Issues**Epicurean and Company voluntary agreement**

Commissioner Starrels reported that a proposed voluntary agreement has been reached with Epicurean and Company and described the proposed agreement, which is available in the Commission's files. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner *Starrels* moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E withdraws its protest of the establishment and endorses the voluntary agreement as written January 2, 2008 contingent upon the ABC Board accepting the voluntary agreement.

Zoning and Planning

Consent Calendar: Commissioner Lewis moved (Starrels second) to place 1206 30th Street and 3018 ½ R Street on the consent calendar, which passed by a vote of 5-0. Later in the meeting, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to add 2727 Q Street to the consent calendar, which passed by a vote of 5-0. Still later in the meeting, the Commission reconsidered its vote to place 3018 ½ R Street on the Consent Calendar and instead, on a motion by Commissioner Lewis (Birch second), which passed by vote of 5-0, removed 3018 ½ from the consent calendar and placed it instead in the No Action category, thereby taking no position on the project proposed for that property. As a result of these actions, the Consent Calendar for this meeting is as follows::

The following items are considered to be on ANC 2E's Consent Calendar and will be sent to the Old Georgetown Board and other agencies without objection:

**1206 30th Street NW
2727 Q Street NW**

3401 Dent Place NW, O.G. 07-248:

Commissioner Lewis reported that the property owner at 3401 Dent Place has appealed to the Mayor's Agent the denial by the Old Georgetown Board of a proposal to build a raised brick enclosure, patio, and planting space in front of the property by the front door, on public space. The Commission opposed this proposal before the Old Georgetown Board and the Old Georgetown Board disapproved the project. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lewis moved (Starrels second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E reaffirms its position in support of the Old Georgetown Board's decision to deny a building permit for the proposed construction at 3401 Dent Place, N,W., and authorizes Commissioners Ed Solomon, Ron Lewis, Bill Skelsey, Jenna Lowenstein, Bill Starrels, Tom Birch, and Charles Eason, or any one or more of

them, to represent the Commission in any proceedings on this matter before the Mayor's Agent.

1525 34th Street NW, O.G. 08-069 (H.P.A. 08-107):

Plans were presented for a 2-story rear addition to this residence. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E does not have any objection to the plans as presented for 1525 34th Street NW.

1310 Wisconsin Avenue NW, T-Mobile, O.G. 08-063 (H.P.A. 08-089):

Plans were presented to replace cellular antennas on the roof. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Eason moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the proposal to replace existing cellular telephone antennas, on the understanding that the height will not be increased and they will mostly not be visible from public space.

3034 M Street NW, Juicy Couture, O.G. 08-068 (H.P.A. 08-106):

Plans were presented for a sign scheme with back-lit brass letters on M Street and pin-mounted on Thomas Jefferson Street. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has reservations concerning how the signage on M Street is going to be lit. Although the technology is new, we are concerned it might be similar to a neon sign effect, which would not be in keeping with the historic nature of Georgetown generally and M Street in particular. ANC 2E does not object to the signage proposed on the Thomas Jefferson Street side of the building.

3245 M Street NW, Tackle Box, O.G. 08-059 (H.P.A. 08-083):

No presentation was made and no plans were presented for a revised design. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels moved (Lewis second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E cannot give an opinion on the revised design since there was no presentation at the ANC 2E meeting and the plans were not submitted.

3303 M Street, NW, Qdoba Mexican Grill, O.G. 08-027 (H.P.A. 08-029):

Plans were presented for signage, though no presentation was made at the meeting by the applicant. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the revised sign concept and the lighting and has no objection.

1063 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, O.G. 08-036 (H.P. 08-056):

No presentation was made and no plans were presented. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

Due to the historic nature of the 1000 block of Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, which is close to the C&O canal, and due to the lack of representation at the meeting and the lack of submission of plans, ANC 2E has to object to the proposed replacement of the front door.

1516 29th Street, NW, O.G. 08-057 (H.P. 08-081):

Plans were presented for partial demolition, a 2-story rear addition, and a shed-dormer. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the revised plans as presented as to massing, and urges the old Georgetown board to look carefully at the proposed fenestration.

3103 P Street, NW, O.G. 08-076 (H.P. 08-116):

Plans were presented for new window openings, alterations, and a rear side addition to replace a covered porch. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Lewis second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E is unable to support the project proposed for 3103 P Street, NW in view of the lack of representation and failure to submit plans for review.

3045 N Street, NW, O.G. 07-252 (H.P.A. 07-396):

Plans were presented for rear and side window and door alterations and either a rear roof deck or smaller so-called “Juliet” balconies. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Lewis second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has serious concerns about work that has been undertaken at 3045 N Street, NW and we have objections to aspects of the plan as presented. ANC 2E deplors the extent of work that has been done without permit and the lack of presentation and development of plans for consideration by the affected neighbors and the ANC.

In particular, we question the prior existence of rear window openings. We would object to a rear deck if it were included in the plans and for the same reason we object to the proposal for “Juliet” balconies to the extent that their use would compromise the privacy enjoyment of the neighbors and the character of the building. We recommend that the Old Georgetown Board members conduct a site visit in order to understand fully the ramifications of the project.

At 8:47 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Solomon moved (Lewis second) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

Ron Lewis
Secretary, ANC 2E