

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

September 4, 2012

Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair, with Commissioners Starrels, Solomon, Jones, Sticka, and Birch present, constituting a quorum.

Administrative

Approval of September 4th, 2012 Agenda

The agenda for the September 4th, 2012 ANC 2E public meeting was approved on a motion by Commissioner Solomon (Commissioner Jones seconded) by a vote of 6-0.

Approval of the July 2nd, 2012 Minutes

The minutes for the July 2nd, 2012 ANC 2E public meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Solomon (Commissioner Sticka seconded) by a vote of 6-0.

Financial Report

The 3rd quarter financial report was approved on a motion by Commissioner Starrels (Commissioner Sticka seconded) by a vote of 6-0.

Public Safety Report

Commissioner Solomon introduced Lieutenant Hedgecock, who offered a public safety report. He reviewed year-to-date data on crimes in the community and compared it to 2011 data. Lt. Hedgecock answered questions about clustering of crimes, about the presence of security cameras in the community, and about how staffing will shift around the new Georgetown water front park.

Proposed ANC 2E FY 2013 Budget

Commissioner Lewis discussed the ANC 2E FY 2013 budget and invited community members to offer feedback on it.

Transportation Report

Commissioner Starrels reported on road closures around an upcoming race through the community. Commissioner Lewis updated the community on sidewalk restoration that will be occurring in the community and on the District Department of Transportation's latest thoughts on residential parking permits.

Commissioner Jones update the community on the O & P Street rehabilitation project. He announced the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony and thanked the community leaders who

were involved in the project.

Department of Public Works Report

Commissioner Jones introduced an inspector from the Department of Public Works and an inspector from the Department of Health. Commissioner Jones thanked Georgetown University for meeting with him throughout the summer on trash and property maintenance issues. Commissioner Jones also asked residents to be aware of litter and do their best to mitigate it. Finally, Commissioner Jones mentioned that individuals living in a house with more than 4 unrelated individuals in it have a right to request that their landlord provide them with landlord hauling for trash.

Designation of a co-chair of the Georgetown Community Partnership

Commissioner Lewis was designated co-chair of the Georgetown Community Partnership steering committee on a motion by Commissioner Solomon (Commissioner Jones seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Community Comment

Commissioner Lewis and two representatives from Georgetown University offered a brief report on the implementation of the 2010-2017 Campus Plan. While the Zoning Commission has not finalized the paperwork for the Campus Plan, Commissioner Lewis reported that a productive relationship between the university and community has already begun.

Commissioner Lewis introduced the Georgetown BID, which presented on Fashion Night Out and the security cameras that they are installing along with the Citizens Association of Georgetown.

Commissioner Lewis also introduced a representative from a gas station located at 1576 Wisconsin Avenue, NW. Commissioner Lewis asked the representative to explain what would happen at this site. The representative said the goal was to have the station open within 2 months.

James Bulger, representing the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement, updated the community on what Mayor Gray has been working on in the community.

New Business

Marvelous Market – Dumpster issues

Commissioner Birch spoke about the recent rodent issues that have been present at Marvelous Market. He presented a photo of the dumpsters from the night before that showed the dumpsters overloaded with food waste which provided an ample food source for rats. After discussion of these issues, a representative from Marvelous Market said that they had acquired a lockable dumpster, as requested by Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Solomon and the Georgetown BID.

Proposal for Holiday Decorations

A representative from the Georgetown BID presented on their plan to propose holiday decorations to the Old Georgetown Board. The decorations will include lights at M Street and Wisconsin Avenue. After discussion, Commissioner Solomon made the following motion (Commissioner Jones seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objections to the designs as presented.

Zoning

2805 M Street, NW, BZA Application No. 18402

A representative from ShopHouse presented on their plans for an establishment at 2805 M Street, NW. Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Lewis seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the application of ShopHouse at 2805 M Street, NW for variance relief from existing floor area ratio and rear yard requirements to allow a one-story addition at the ground floor. Granting the variances sought would allow the applicant to improve and upgrade the kitchen equipment, fire safety and food handling and storage to meet current standards within the constraints of the narrow property with modern kitchen facilities, food storage and walk-in coolers. Furthermore, the proposed FAR for the building will be consistent with commercial establishments in this block of M Street, and the reduced depth sought for rear yard relief should have the anticipated effect of improving conditions at the rear of the building in terms of health and safety concerns.

In addition, ANC 2E has no objection to the application of ShopHouse for a special exception to operate as a fast food enterprise at 2805 M Street, NW, provided that such establishment at that location operates with a customized order and service format using fresh, varied ingredients and all food is prepared according to each individual order. Such establishment will not operate a deep fryer, which would otherwise result in undesirable cooking oil waste. In providing fresh ingredients, the establishment will provide adequate refrigeration for food but no freezer on the premises. To the maximum extent possible, ShopHouse will operate on the principal of providing foods for consumption on the premises, with take-out orders subordinate. ANC 2E is confident that ShopHouse in its operation will not create any objectionable conditions to neighboring properties and will bring desirable improvements to the property.

1404 35th Street, NW, BZA Application No. 18458

A representative from the property spoke about their application for a special exception for an enlargement of an accessory structure that does not meet lot coverage requirements. Commissioner Jones made the following motion (Commissioner Lewis seconded), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E supports this proposed zoning relief for lot coverage with a special exception. The small increase of lot coverage is insignificant with respect to the benefits achieved in the character and use of the existing space.

ABC

1075 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, ABRA-089867, Hotel Monticello, application for liquor license (hearing date September 10, 2012)

A representative from the Hotel Monticello presented on the history of the hotel and their application for a liquor license. After significant discussion, it was decided that it would be more appropriate to consider this matter at the October meeting of ANC 2E once the parties involved had had a chance for further discussion.

Old Georgetown Board

Commissioner Birch chaired the meeting for consideration of the following OGB-related matters.

Regular Calendar

Private Projects

With regard to 3291 M Street, NW, OG 12-338 (HPA 12-555)

A representative from the property spoke about the sign scheme for including awnings for “Good Stuff Eatery,” light fixtures, and new doors.

Commissioner Starrels made the following resolution (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the overall concept and design and has no objection to the awnings, the doors, or the signage. We object to the gooseneck lighting and encourage the applicant to consider halo lighting.

With regard to 3220 Grace Street, NW, OG 12-337 (HPA 12-554):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for a 4-story building that had been presented previously. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Birch seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objections to the project at this point. However, ANC 2E encourages the architect to consider suggestions highlighted in a detailed letter which was put forward by the Grace Street and Cecil Place neighbors and urges them to work with the neighbors to incorporate the suggested modifications.

With regard to 1078 Wisconsin Ave, NW, OG 12-341 (HPA 12-558):

A representative from the property presented on their proposal for public space. Commissioner Solomon made the following motion (Commissioner Jones seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the design of the table and chairs as presented.

With regard to 1208 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 12-279 (HPA 12-467):

A representative from the property spoke about the proposed sign scheme for Abercrombie & Fitch. Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Sticka seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the design of the storefront as presented.

With regard to 1518 31st Street NW, OG 12-320 (HPA 12-537):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for a 2-story rear addition. After discussion, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the proposal as presented.

With regard to 2907 N Street, NW OG 12-328 (HPA 12-545):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for a deck at the first floor rear. After discussion, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Jones seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has on objection to the application for a rear-deck that extends no further than those at the adjoining properties with the stipulation that privacy screening be provided as a part of this addition.

With regard to 3014 P Street, NW OG 12-312 (HPA 12-528):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for a new roof over the rear deck. Several members of the community also spoke about elements of the project they continue to find objectionable.

After discussion, Commissioner Birch made the following motion (Commissioner Starrels seconded), which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E requests that the Old Georgetown Board consider the suitability of this porch to a historic house. The design that is presented to us would be significantly improved if the deck were pulled back and left open as is common in Georgetown.

With regard to 3129 Dumbarton Street, NW OG 12-327 (HPA 12-544):

A representative from the property spoke about their proposal for a rear addition at the 2nd floor. After this, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the proposed second story addition with the caveat that issues around construction process be identified and negotiated with the neighbor to the east and that the applicant consider decreasing the size of the north facing windows to reduce the threat of privacy to the neighboring home.

At 10:05 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Sticka moved (Commissioner Solomon seconded) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

Jake Sticka
Secretary, ANC 2E