



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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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 May 3, 2021 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven 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 6, 2021:

### **With regard to SMD 2E05 - National Park Service C&O Canal National Historic Park:**

ANC 2E supports the new temporary floating kayak and canoe launch dock located in the C&O Canal adjacent to the 34th Street NW pedestrian bridge. The ANC looks forward to adding this wonderful amenity to our community.

### **With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 21-164 (HPA 21-303) 1305-1315 30th Street, NW:**

The community is extremely pleased that The Colonial will be moving into a new chapter of its historic role in Georgetown. The building is in dire need of work and the newly renovated condominiums will be a great addition to east side of Georgetown. The applicant has done the proper outreach, which is much appreciated.

Overall, ANC 2E is very supportive of the proposed plans, however the ANC strongly recommends a few items with regard to the proposed concept:

- Total removal of the proposed balconies on the back of the building or very significant reduction of the size of such balconies so that outside entertaining and storage are not feasible. From just the ground floor parking lot area of The Colonial, one can see the gardens, parking spaces, and/or backside of nearly twenty different residential homes. The Colonial and these homes all share an “open block area” between 30th Street and 29th Street NW. The addition of multiple outside balconies on the higher level Colonial, which overlooks the majority of the homes in the “open area”, will impact the quality of

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life and privacy of several residents. ANC 2E frequently reviews applications for balconies on single family homes and the ANC traditionally does not support such applications due to the negative impact on surrounding neighbors; this rationale for non-support of balconies is amplified in this case.

- Careful planning be done with regarding to water management; there are already drainage issues impacting the immediate neighbors and The Colonial. This renovation provides an opportunity to address this structural need on the east, west, and south sides of the parking lot.
- ANC 2E appreciates that the applicant has included an ADA accessible entrance, with an automatic door button, in the rear of the building in order to serve accessible parking, however the ANC also requests that the applicant spends some time and effort determining if the street-side entrance could be ADA accessible, with an automatic door button, as well and to move forward as such if it is possible. The ANC believes that disabled individuals have as much of a right to enter the building through the front as anyone else.
- Support for inside space allocated for garbage storage. The alley behind the building is too small for city trucks to enter and garbage should be well secured and only left out immediately before pick-up.
- Every effort be made to put the utilities and associated wires underground; the addition of more wires across the alley will be unsightly and unsafe.
- Maintaining a fence to designate the end of The Colonial's parking lot and the beginning of other property lines.
- Consideration of whether trellises pose any navigation issues for larger activities like snow removal or trash trucks that will visit the back of the building, and how outside lighting will be used in the back of the building along with the trellises given that the trellises extend out from the building.

**With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 21-162 (HPA 21-301) 2801 N Street, NW:**

ANC 2E fully supports the proposed concept and project plans.

**With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 21-168 (HPA 21-307) 2714 Poplar Street, NW:**

ANC 2E supports this project, understanding that the proper care and expertise will be given to it moving forward.

**With regard to SMD 2E07 - OG 21-171 (HPA 21-310) 2920 R Street, NW:**

ANC 2E respectfully suggests that the Old Georgetown Board removes this project from the agenda for the Board's May meeting and defers action until the Board's June meeting in order to give neighbors who are very interested in the outcome of this application more time to prepare and consider what is proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rick Murphy  
Chair, ANC 2E