



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 29th, 2018; 6:30 p.m.
Georgetown Visitation School, Heritage Room – 1524 35th Street NW

Call to Order

Chair Joe Gibbons called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Commissioners Ed Solomon (2E01), Joe Gibbons (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Jim Wilcox (2E06), Monica Roache (2E07), and Zac Schroepfer (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the ANC's October 29th, 2018 Meeting Agenda

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's October 29th, 2018 meeting agenda. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's September 5th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's September 5th, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's October 1st, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's October 1st, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

Lt. Dustin Bellavance, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. He also gave an overview of MPD's plans for the Halloween holiday in Georgetown. He said that MPD will not be fully closing any streets in the neighborhood, however he recommends that residents drive slowly through the neighborhood.

Lt. Bellavance said that MPD has stationed more officers on mountain bikes in the area surrounding Water Street NW.

Commissioner Palmer asked MPD to station officers at the intersection of 30th Street and Q Street NW and the intersection of 31st Street and Q Street NW on Halloween. Lt. Bellavance said that he will station officers at the two intersections.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2018 Quarter 4 Financial Report

The Commission postponed a vote on this matter until the ANC's regular December 2018 meeting.

Community Comment

Update from the Mayor's Office

Alyssa Ryan, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), encouraged local residents to participate in the Mayor's Private Security Camera Rebate Program. She also encouraged local residents to attend the annual 17th Street High Heel Race on Tuesday, October 30th at 7:00 pm on 17th Street between P Street and R Street NW, as well as DC Health Link's open enrollment kick-off event on Thursday, November 1st from 9:00 to 10:30 am at Freedom Plaza.

Update from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, encouraged local residents to vote in the general election on Tuesday, November 6th. She said that early voting has already started and that the Ward 2 early voting site is at 441 Fourth Street NW.

Ms. Werner said that the DC Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment will hold a public hearing regarding DC Council Bill B22-0902 - the "Sustainable Straws and Stirrers Amendment Act of 2018" on Friday, November 9th. She said that the committee will also hold a hearing regarding DC's annual snow removal plan on Friday, November 16th.

Ms. Werner said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has published its proposed rulemaking on DC's dockless vehicle regulations. She added that the proposed rulemaking has been published in the DC Register for a 30-day comment period.

Presentation by Cheryl Morse, Consumer Outreach Specialist for the DC Office of the People's Counsel, Regarding the Work of the Office

Cheryl Morse, a Consumer Outreach Specialist for the DC Office of the People's Counsel (OPC), gave an overview of the work that the office does. She said that the office acts as local residents' utility advocate with regards to gas, power, and telecommunications.

Ms. Morse said that OPC worked to strengthen the concession package as part of the recent merger of Washington Gas and AltaGas. She also said that the office provides helpful tips to consumers who are considering switching to third party utility providers. She said that the office has found that many consumers have been misinformed about their options with regards to third party utility providers.

Ms. Morse gave an overview of the proposed DC Council legislation that would allow OPC to advocate on behalf of consumers in front of DC Water. She said that this proposal would be especially helpful given the large rate increases that many DC Water consumers have recently experienced.

Ms. Morse said that OPC can provide consumers with information and advice if they are thinking about installing solar panels.

Ms. Morse gave an overview of Washington Gas' PROJECTpipes, which started approximately 5 years ago and is a 40-year project. She said that OPC has received many complaints from consumers about the subpar construction work that Washington Gas has performed as part of the project. She encouraged local residents to reach out to OPC if they experience any problems with Washington Gas' construction work, or if they are noticing any gas leaks in the neighborhood.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E07 - US Department of Interior, National Park Service - National Capital Region (HPA TBD) Rock Creek Park / Montrose Park

Chair Gibbons moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E understands the need for water runoff management but the siting of bioretention facility BMP 1 creates a major alteration to the character of the historic Montrose Park landscape. The facility introduces new and different kinds of plant material into this primary historic viewshed. While the facility's proposed meadow plants are perfectly appropriate in a woodland setting such as the nearby Dumbarton Oaks Park, they are foreign to the Montrose Park landscape that has been identified in the Cultural Landscape Report as evoking the character of a 19th century estate garden.

Furthermore, there were previously two large trees at the location of BMP 1 which the ANC would like to see replaced. The siting of BMP 1 will thus prohibit the replacement of the trees, further altering the historic landscape. Additionally, the siting of BMP 1 will reduce circulation on one of the main pathways between the east and west sides of the park.

Finally, BMP 1 as proposed will create a significant maintenance burden due to the need to control weeds and to make sure that some of the plant materials proposed do not spread to other areas of the historic landscape. Ideally, BMP 1 would be sited elsewhere, perhaps adjacent to the tennis court; would be smaller in size, such as the size proposed for BMP 2; and would contain plant material more appropriate to the historic landscape. The ANC recommends that the National Park Service consult with DC Water and the Department of Energy and Environment regarding a waiver or reduced requirements in order to lessen the impact of the proposed bioretention facilities.

Otherwise, ANC 2E is very supportive of this plan and thanks the National Park Service for the agency's tremendous efforts in moving the tennis court renovation project along.

Community Comment (Continued)

Presentation by Starship Technologies Regarding the Introduction of the Company's Technology to ANC 2E

David Catania, a representative for Starship Technologies, gave an overview of the company. He said that the company is focused on improving the "last mile" delivery process with regards to the delivery of goods to local residents. He gave an overview of the delivery robots that the company has created, which can be used to deliver goods.

Mr. Catania said that the company has an operations center in Dupont Circle where the company does much of its beta testing. He said that, due to the interesting challenges posed by Georgetown's sidewalks, the company has started testing the robots in Georgetown. He added that the company thus wanted to introduce itself to local residents in case anyone sees the robots out in the neighborhood.

Mr. Catania said that the company has all of the permits that are required in order to test the robots on public space. He said that the robots can be used to deliver food and packages, among other items.

Announcement Regarding the Environmental Assessment for DC Water's Proposed Potomac River Tunnel

Chair Gibbons said that DC Water will be holding an open house for its proposed Potomac River Tunnel on Wednesday, November 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the West End Library, 2301 L Street NW. He gave an overview of the proposed tunnel. He said that the ANC has been working alongside the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG) and the Georgetown BID to ensure that the project is done properly and takes into account Georgetown's historical character.

Chair Gibbons said that more information regarding the project is available on the project website at: www.parkplanning.nps.gov/PotomacRiverTunnel.

Announcement Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Proposed Regulatory Framework for DC's Dockless Vehicle Program

Chair Gibbons said that District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) has published its proposed rulemaking on DC's dockless vehicle regulations. He said that the proposed rulemaking is now open for a 30-day comment period. He gave an overview of the proposed rulemaking. He said that local residents can submit comments regarding the proposed rulemaking via email to: publicspace.policy@dc.gov. He added that the ANC has already passed a resolution opposing the riding of motorized vehicles on sidewalks in the ANC.

Behind the Table: Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

Commissioner Palmer said that she serves as a board member for UNICEF. She gave an overview of the organization's mission to save and protect the world's most vulnerable children. She also gave an overview of the organization's Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF program, which she said has raised nearly \$177 million since 1950. She said that UNICEF trick-or-treat boxes are available on the table in the back of the meeting room. She encouraged local residents to participate in this year's trick-or-treat program.

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Council Committee on Transportation and the Environment's Upcoming Roundtable on the Implementation of 5G Small Cell Technology in the District and the National Capital Planning Commission's Upcoming Hearing on DC's Small Cell Infrastructure Guidelines

Chair Gibbons moved to submit the ANC's previous resolution regarding the DC Government's Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines to the DC Council's Committee on Transportation and the

Environment for its upcoming roundtable on the implementation of 5G small cell technology in the District and to the National Capital Planning Commission for its upcoming hearing on DC's small cell infrastructure guidelines. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Curtailing of the Deployment of 5G Small Cell Technology in the Public Space

Chair Gibbons moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E recognizes that benefits can potentially be derived from 5G technology. However, 5G technology should be deployed in the way that is most consistent with other important community values and objectives, including minimizing adverse impacts on Georgetown's streetscapes.

Verizon is one of the four companies which has entered into a Master License Agreement to deploy 5G technology in the District of Columbia. Verizon has recently filed applications with the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts to install 5G technology facilities on multiple rooftops on commercial properties in Georgetown. This conclusively establishes that rooftop installations of 5G technology facilities are a feasible and practical alternative to the installation of such facilities on street poles in the public space. The rooftop alternative minimizes adverse impacts on Georgetown's streetscapes while greatly reducing the administrative burdens on DC's affected government agencies. Accordingly, ANC 2E urges that the Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines be modified to provide that poles can only be used in public space to deploy 5G technology if an applicant establishes by clear and convincing evidence that no property owner is willing to rent rooftop space for a 5G technology installation within an area that is necessary to provide 5G technology coverage.

Verizon's Chief Executive Officer and one of its 5G technology engineers have also confirmed through what they have characterized as extensive, actual experience that the range of 5G technology facilities is 2,000 to 3,000 feet. That range is contrary to the approximately 300 feet which Verizon represented to ANC 2E during its recent public meeting. ANC 2E's Commissioners have heard other similar representations from providers and therefore the ANC believes that it is reasonably likely that the representations have also been made to the DC Government officials charged with the development of the Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines. Due to the fact that the range of 5G technology is greatly more than 300 feet according to Verizon's own Chief Executive Officer, far fewer 5G technology facilities are necessary in order to successfully deploy 5G technology. Indeed, the reduction could reasonably be in the order of 90%. Therefore, ANC 2E also urges that reductions be made in the number of 5G technology facilities permitted per block face in the final Small Cell Design Guidelines to reflect that the range of 5G technology facilities is actually between 2,000 and 3,000 feet.

Taking these considerations into account, 5G technology can successfully be deployed in ANC 2E by installing 5G technology facilities on rooftops in the commercial areas where 4G technology antennas are currently located, and if any additional 5G technology facilities are required to be placed in the residential area, they should be minimized and almost certainly can be located on rooftops instead of on poles in the public space. This approach should be

adopted because it allows 5G technology to be deployed and it minimizes adverse impacts on Georgetown's streetscapes, while at the same time reducing the governmental burden of administering unnecessary facilities in the public space.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Installation of a Capital Bikeshare Station in Burleith

Commissioner Solomon moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the installation of a Capital Bikeshare station on the east side of 36th Street between Reservoir Road and R Street NW. The proposed site is on public space on the west side of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. This will be the first Capital Bikeshare station in Burleith and should be a great asset to the residents, students, and visitors of the neighborhood.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Urban Forestry Division's Approval of the Removal of the Magnolia Trees on the 3000 Block of N Street NW

Commissioner Wilcox moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Until recently, there were two grand mature Magnolia trees in front of the house at 3017 N Street NW, which is the former residence of Jackie Kennedy. When the current owner of that property "trimmed" the two trees to a very large extent, thereby removing much of the volume of the trees, the Georgetown community expressed its outrage. Neighbors, ANC Commissioners, and representatives of both the Executive Office of the Mayor and Councilmember Jack Evans' office met with the Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and representatives of DDOT's Urban Forestry Division (UFD), protesting this action in the strongest possible terms. Meeting attendees were assured by UFD officials that the amount of tree removal that the property owner had done was unlikely to damage the long-term viability of the trees, but that this would be reviewed in the future. Instead, UFD simply approved a permit to remove one of the two magnolias because it was no longer viable due to past trimmings, and the tree is now gone. This is outrageous and unacceptable to the ANC.

ANC 2E therefore requests that UFD no longer approves tree trimming to the extent that it could reasonably endanger the viability of existing trees, and that appropriate sanctions should be imposed in order to preserve the trees in Georgetown, both for ourselves and for future generations.

Special Event Application for the 2019 DC Bike Ride on Saturday, May 18th, 2019

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E remains very pleased that only the Whitehurst Freeway will be closed for the 2019 DC Bike Ride and appreciates that no amplified music will be played as part of the race. However, the ANC remains concerned that for 2019, as it was for 2018, the date of the race coincides with Georgetown University's graduation weekend. Graduation weekend typically includes a significant uptick in traffic and any road closures in the area complicate traffic mobility. As a result, the ANC supports the special event application provided that the race organizers develop solutions that maximize traffic flow, minimize traffic disruptions and jams on neighborhood streets, and protect public safety.

Heavy rain limited the number of people participating in the DC Bike Ride and driving around Georgetown in 2018. In hopes that the weather will be better in 2019, ANC 2E requests that the DC Bike Ride commit to, at minimum, the mitigation strategies implemented in 2018. These strategies include:

- Dedicating ten District Department of Transportation (DDOT) traffic control officers (TCOs) to the Georgetown area,
- Activating message boards at the intersection of Canal Road and Foxhall Road NW, inbound on the Key Bridge, and inbound on the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge to advise of heavy traffic and urge alternative routes,
- Securing commitments that any roadway construction work, should there continue to be such work, on the Key Bridge or on Canal Road NW would either be suspended or avoid requiring any closures,
- Ensuring DDOT's signal tech engineers would be asked to actively monitor the area and modify signal timing if necessary,
- Engaging the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to notify Waze and Google Maps about the DC Bike Ride's resulting road closures and traffic issues, and
- Creating "day of" points of contact for direct communication between DDOT, MPD, and Georgetown University.

Finally, in preparation for the DC Bike Ride's 2020 race, ANC 2E strongly requests that the DC Bike Ride coordinate its schedule with Georgetown University and not hold its race on the same weekend as Georgetown University's 2020 graduation.

Park Permit Application for the Friends of Volta Park's Breakfast with Santa Event on Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

Chair Gibbons moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the Friends of Volta Park's park permit application for the organization's annual Breakfast with Santa event at Volta Park on Sunday, December 2nd, 2018.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Sandbox Restaurant – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3251 Prospect Street NW

Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E notes that the application that has been noticed is an amendment of an earlier application that the ANC protested on the grounds that the proposed establishment, which would have included a 40-seat summer garden, would have a negative impact on the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood.

ANC 2E further notes that the amended application now before the ANC contemplates, among other things, a 168-seat summer garden, more than 400% larger than the original proposal.

ANC 2E also questions whether an establishment equipped as proposed by the applicant would be entitled to a restaurant license.

Therefore, ANC 2E protests Sandbox Restaurant's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 3251 Prospect Street NW based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

Public Space Committee

Public Space Application by Chanterelle for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 29 Tables, 46 Seats, and 5 Umbrellas at 3251 Prospect Street NW

Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E has reviewed the applicant's proposal to occupy public space for the purpose of operating a new sidewalk café with 46 seats and 5 umbrellas to be located on the existing sidewalk in front of 3251 Prospect Street NW.

ANC 2E does not object to the proposal to use public space for the proposed sidewalk café, but the ANC believes that the proposal, which would constrict the sidewalk to a width of 6' 9", contemplates the use of an unreasonable amount of the sidewalk in a heavily-trafficked pedestrian corridor.

ANC 2E would support the creation of a sidewalk café that is reduced in size to permit the retention of an unobstructed sidewalk having a width of at least 10 feet.

Public Space Application for the Installation of a Temporary Construction Fence at 1919 35th Place NW

Commissioner Solomon moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E has no objection to the public space application for the installation of a temporary construction fence at 1919 35th Place NW.

Zoning

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Special Exception From the Rear Addition Requirements to Construct a Two-Story Rear Addition to an Existing, Attached Principal Dwelling Unit at 3714 S Street NW

Commissioner Solomon moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

The applicant is seeking a special exemption to construct a rear addition to the principal structure at 3714 S Street NW, which will continue to be used as a one-family dwelling. The existing building already extends 10 feet past the neighboring properties to the east and west. The proposed addition will extend an additional 20 feet, and will therefore be 30 feet past the rear walls of the adjoining properties. The applicant is not proposing to alter the building's front façade nor is the applicant proposing to increase the height of the existing building. The proposed addition brings the building to 45.5% lot occupancy, well within the range of 60% allowed under the zoning regulations. The residents immediately to the east and west of the applicant's property at 3714 S Street NW support the applicant's application for relief.

On October 18th, 2018 notification of the Board of Zoning Adjustment's public hearing was sent to property owners within 200 feet of the subject property. ANC 2E notes that one person from the community appeared at the ANC's public meeting on October 29th, 2018 to object to the project.

Although ANC 2E supports the addition, the ANC notes that it has concerns that extending the addition an additional 20 feet, resulting in the addition being 30 feet beyond the rear walls of the adjoining properties, could intrude upon the character and scale of the properties in the alley to the east and west. The ANC notes that the property at 3718 S Street NW, which has an addition, did not require relief when the current zoning regulations went into effect.

Historic Preservation Review Board

Historic Preservation Review Board Application for the Combination of Two Lots for Construction of a Five-Story Residential Building at 3601 M Street NW

Commissioner Murphy said that the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) application for the combination of two lots at 3601 M Street NW has not yet been filed with HPRB. He said that the ANC will consider a proposed resolution regarding the matter once the application has been filed.

Consideration of a Resolution Nominating Elsa Santoyo, Chair of the Citizens Association of Georgetown's Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee, for the 2019 District of Columbia Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation

Chair Gibbons moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E nominates Elsa Santoyo, Chair of the Citizens Association of Georgetown's Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee, for the 2019 District of Columbia Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation in the category of "Volunteerism and Community Involvement." Ms. Santoyo works each month with the ANC, the Georgetown BID, commercial property owners, and retail establishments in Georgetown to understand the historic preservation regulations surrounding the Georgetown Historic District. The scope of Ms. Santoyo's application of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties is evident in her work with every Georgetown resident who submits an Old Georgetown Board and U.S. Commission of Fine Arts application, files a zoning application, or has a Historic Preservation Review Board matter.

Additionally, Ms. Santoyo recently gave an in-depth presentation regarding the historic preservation impacts of small cell technology during the ANC's Town Hall on the DC Government's Small Cell Facilities Project.

ANC 2E greatly appreciates Ms. Santoyo's service to the Georgetown community and is pleased to nominate her for this award.

Old Georgetown Board (Continued)

SMD 2E03 - OG 19-010 (HPA 19-025) 1524 31st Street, NW

Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E applauds the applicants for their diligent efforts to inform the neighbors about the proposed project, making full disclosure of all of the impacts that the project will have on the neighbors. The ANC is concerned that the mass of the proposed second floor addition may negatively affect the light and air available to the abutting neighbor at 1528 31st Street NW. However, concerns about light and air are not historic preservation concerns. Therefore, ANC 2E does not object to this application.

SMD 2E03 - OG 19-007 (HPA 19-022) 3122 P Street, NW

Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E has reviewed the plans for the proposed project and has no objection to the application.

Adjournment

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.