

**Minutes for the Public Meeting of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC2E**

October 5, 2004
Georgetown Visitation School

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 by Chairman Birch with Commissioners Starrels, Glick, Lever, and Ryan present, constituting a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes: The minutes of the September 7, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed by Commissioner Glick.

Grants: Chairman Birch announced that the ANC would be reviewing applications for grants at the November 30 public meeting. The application deadline is November 1 and applications are available through the ANC Office.

Taste of Georgetown: The Taste of Georgetown Festival will be held on October 9 from 11am to 5pm at Grace Church. There will be a raffle for area prizes. Tickets cost \$20. The Blue Bus will be free on this day for the event.

Commissioner Levine arrived at this time.

Wisconsin Avenue Bridge: Work continues on the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge. The street is closed down to one-way northbound. There will be a moratorium on work from October 15 through January 2. Work is scheduled to be completed about nine months into 2005. Any problems or suggestions should be given to the CRT.

Budget: Commissioner Lever, Treasurer of ANC2E, presented the FY2005 Budget. Proposed outlays are \$22,696. Salary is the same as FY2004 and \$2,000 is budgeted for grants. Commissioner Starrels commended Commissioner Lever on his work with the budget. Commissioner Lever moved (Starrels second) for approval of the budget, which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Snow Emergency Signage on Reservoir Road: Ramona Burns, Ward 2 Transportation Planner for DDOT, discussed the Department's rationale for declaring Reservoir Road a snow emergency area from Wisconsin Avenue to Foxhall Road. Chairman Birch declared that these were unnecessary and asked for their removal. Ms. Burns said the Department had put the signs there to (1) improve access to Georgetown University Hospital, (2) provide additional curb access for Metrobus service, and (3) provide improved transportation connections between Foxhall Road and Wisconsin Avenue. Commissioners and residents disagreed with this rationale and asked Ms. Burns to once again bring this back to DDOT and re-examine this designation.

Know Your Rights: Georgetown University students Eric Lashner and Gerald Graunke presented the recently published “Know Your Rights / Know Your Responsibilities” pamphlet produced by the FRIENDS Initiative and Student of Georgetown, Inc. The pamphlet lays out information for Georgetown students regarding their rights and responsibilities in the neighborhood, including landlord agreements, MPD, DPS, trash, noise, DC Taxis, and more.

Citizens Association of Georgetown Meeting: Chairman Birch announced that on October 18, the Citizens Association of Georgetown would be hosting a candidate forum for ANC2E candidates. It will be at 7pm at St. John’s Church.

Georgetown Project: Commissioner Levine provided the monthly Georgetown Project report. He remarked that the project had started three years ago. M Street is nearing completion, with just the parking meters left to be installed. Wisconsin Avenue is paved from M to P Streets with streetline painting soon to be underway. As work is completed on Wisconsin Avenue, they are making every effort to remove “No Overnight Parking” signs. The Project will once again observe a moratorium on work from Thanksgiving to New Year’s. Work is scheduled to be completed in July 2005.

Police Report: Lieutenant Carter announced a 33% drop in the crime statistics. Also, five recent robberies in the area were recently closed. Commissioner Starrels was concerned about a recent incident on Prospect Street in which a student climbed over two fences onto private property, but was not arrested when MPD arrived. Lt. Carter said he was not present and could not speak for the decision made by the officers who were on the scene. He also discussed safety procedures, including walking in groups, traveling in familiar areas, and finding well-lit streets to walk on.

NEW BUSINESS

Georgetown University Hospital Cyberknife: Georgetown University Hospital sought approval to expand their radiation services to include a second Cyberknife. The Cyberknife is a robotic system that provides highly localized dosages of radiation to tumors and lesions. Commissioner Levine moved (Glick second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

Whereas Georgetown University Hospital provides world-class medical care to the Georgetown community, the District of Columbia, and our nation; and

Whereas Georgetown University Hospital plans to expand its Radiation Medicine services with the addition of a second stereotactic radiosurgery Cyberknife; and

Whereas ANC 2E has reviewed potential community impacts of adding the new equipment and believes such impacts would be minimal;

Therefore ANC 2E gladly supports the addition of a second Cyberknife at Georgetown University Hospital and encourages the State Health Planning and Development Agency to grant the necessary approvals promptly.

Update on Parking at Duke Ellington School: An agreement has been reached between Burleith Citizens Association President Ed Solomon and Duke Ellington School Principal Mitzi Yates regarding the parking signs around Duke Ellington School. The newly installed signs will be removed on the R Street and 35th Street sides of the building, but will remain on the 36th Street and Reservoir Road sides of the building. Commissioner Levine moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E is pleased to support the following agreement made between the Burleith Citizens Association, as represented by the president, Ed Solomon and Mitzi Yates, principal of the Duke Ellington School:

1. No parking signs which read {NO Parking between 6 AM to 8AM} along east side of 36th Street, between Reservoir and R STREET, shall remain.

2. No parking signs which read {NO Parking between 6 AM to 8AM} along north side of Reservoir Road, between 35th and 36th shall remain.

3. No parking signs which read {NO Parking between 6 AM to 8AM} along south side of R Street, between 35th and 36th Street shall be removed. Residential Zone 2 Parking signs, 7 AM to 8:30PM, shall be placed along this curb.

4. No parking signs which read {NO Parking between 6 AM to 8AM} along west side of 35 Street, between Reservoir and R Street shall be removed. Residential Zone 2 Parking signs, 7 AM to 8:30PM, shall be placed along this curb.

ANC 2E requests the agreed changes in the above signage to occur as quickly as possible. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Parking on 33rd Street: DDOT is open to additional RPP signs in this area. Commissioner Starrels moved (Lever second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Glick absent):

At the request of our neighbors who live in lower Georgetown, ANC 2E endorses the removal of the meters on the west side of 33rd Street adjacent to the Pepco Substation to be replaced with Zone 2 RPP signage.

Lawyers Have Heart Race: Organizers for the Lawyers Have Heart Road Race were present to seek approval for their June 11, 2005 race. The race begins at Washington

Harbor, continues on Whitehurst Freeway, goes up Canal Road, and closes back by the Harbor. Similar publicity and notices would be used as the 2004 race did. Commissioner Birch moved (Starrels second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Levine absent):

ANC 2E supports the Lawyers Have Heart 10K Race as presented which is the same as last year's course that was so successful. We appreciate the accommodations made last year to the community and trust the same will be in place for the upcoming June 11 race.

Street Lighting: Georgetown University senior Meredith Mellody and Dave Morrell, Vice President for University Safety, discussed their work to improve lighting in West Georgetown, particularly in the area near Georgetown University. Improvements were requested in the name of new lights, repairs on existing lights, and tree trimming around current lights. At the meeting, they proposed new lights at four locations: 3608 N Street, 3515 N Street, 3609 O Street, and 3409 O Street. CAG President Victoria Rixey expressed fears that residents were not duly noticed. Chairman Birch was also ambivalent moving forward without notifying affected residents. Commissioner Glick noted that many of the lights were in all-student areas very close to Georgetown University. The item was tabled until the next meeting, so that affected neighbors may be notified.

Commissioner Skelsey arrived at this time.

ZONING AND PLANNING

3333 M Street, EastBanc: Request was for signage for the new garage. Commissioner Starrels moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E has no objection to the PMI sign on Bank Street but we do suggest for the M Street sign at the Little Tavern that it be made of a canvas – type fabric and have lettering no more than 12 inches.

3111 M Street, Urban Outfitters: Request was for a new storefront sign. Chairman Birch moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed unanimously:

Although ANC 2E has no objection to updating the signage for Urban Outfitters we hope that the Old Georgetown Board will not allow the lettering to be any larger than 12 inches. ANC 2E also prefers the current lighting scheme and hopes that the sign design will be more in keeping with the parapet on the art deco building at 3111 M St.

1000 Thomas Jefferson Street, American Institute of Research: Request was for two oversize signs. Commissioner Starrels moved (Glick second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Skelsey, Lever absent):

ANC 2E supports the proposed signage at the two entrances of the building provided that the letters are no larger than the required 12 inch maximum, but we do not endorse the oversized signage on the fifth floor level overlooking the Whitehurst Freeway.

1665 Wisconsin Avenue, cafe: Request was for demolition, addition to rear & changes to front facade. Commissioner Lever moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E supports the mixed retail/residential use of the building dependent on the applicant being able to work with the neighbors and assure them of no structural problems with the side walls and that all work will be up to code. ANC 2E has significant concern about the façade and potential loss of the current breezeway which adds so much to the historic fabric of this block.

3224 N Street, Little Folks School: Request was for alterations and repair to an existing 2-story porch, change to 1-story deck at 1st floor. Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E does not support the replacement of the rear porches at 3224 N Street as they do not seem compatible with the use of the building as a school for small children but we regret and have concerns about the illegal removal of the porches.

3106 Q Street, Plum residence: Request was for removal of the greenhouse, alterations at roof level, and a rear covered porch addition. Chairman Birch moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E objects to the proposed plan for the porch and deck on the rear of the property, as it would interfere with the open space and privacy of the adjoining neighbor. The addition would also violate the integrity of the historic easement on the property.

2908 N Street, Gillette residence: Request was for an enlarged garden shed openings, and a new swimming pool and terrace. Commissioner Levine announced his opposition to the resolution because he said he could not support any further modifications on this project. Chairman Birch moved (Starrels second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-1 (Levine opposed):

ANC 2E has no objection to the alteration at the rear of the property and the alterations to the garden shed. We do object to the proposed swimming pool as its building would endanger the magnolia trees that serve as a canopy for the privacy and enjoyment of the surrounding neighbors.

Commissioner Starrels moved (Lever second) for adoption of the Consent Calendar indicating that no opposition had been voiced before the ANC regarding the following projects, which passed unanimously:

3040 M Street, Polo, awnings and sign

1063 31st Street, XY Decor, signage and new awning fabric

3330 N Street, Ryan residence, brick work, front stoop, retaining wall

1417 28th Street, Hughes residence, replace storefront, lower basement threshold

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Glick
Secretary, ANC 2E