



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 3rd, 2022; 6:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Commissioner Rick Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Jenny Mitchell (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), and Elizabeth Miller (2E07) were present.

Approval of the ANC's October 3rd, 2022 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Lohse moved to approve the ANC's October 3d, 2022 meeting agenda. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's August 29th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Lohse moved to approve the ANC's August 29th, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

Lieutenant John Merzig, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Update from U.S. Park Police Captain Jonathan Hofflinger

Captain Jonathan Hofflinger, the Commander of the West District for U.S. Park Police, gave an update regarding U.S. Park Police activities.

Community Comment

Update from Chairman Phil Mendelson's Office

Declan Falls, a Constituent Services Specialist for Chairman Phil Mendelson's Office, gave an update from the Chairman's Office.

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office

Ella Hanson, the Legislative and Community Coordinator for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an update from the Councilmember's Office.

Update from the Mayor's Office

Julius Terry, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an update from the Mayor's Office.

Update from Safeway Regarding the Renovation of Their Store at 1855 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Craig Gross, the Manager of the Safeway at 1855 Wisconsin Avenue NW, gave an update regarding the renovation of the store.

Presentation by the Office of the People's Counsel Regarding DC Water Billing

Valca Valentine, a Consumer Outreach Specialist for the Office of the People's Counsel (OPC), and Stephen Dudek, a Consumer Service Manager for OPC, gave a presentation regarding DC Water billing.

Update from the Four Seasons Hotel Washington, DC Regarding the Company's Vision for Georgetown

Marc Bromley, the Regional Vice President and General Manager of the Four Seasons Hotel Washington, DC, gave an update regarding the company's vision for Georgetown.

Update from Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy

Liza Gilbert, the Treasurer and Board Co-Chair for Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy; Larry Weaner, a landscape architect for the conservancy; and Lindsey Milstein, the President and Board Co-Chair for the conservancy, gave an update from the organization.

Update from Georgetown Main Street

Rachel Shank, the Executive Director of Georgetown Main Street (GMS), gave an update from the organization.

Update Regarding MacArthur High School

Commissioner Putta gave an update regarding MacArthur High School.

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Notice of Intent for the Installation of a No Parking Zone Along the 2400 Block of P Street NW (NOI #22-242-TOA)

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

ANC 2E supports the removal of the existing two-hour parking zone on the northside of the 2400 block of P Street NW, between the loading zone and the crosswalk, as specified in the

Notice of Intent (NOI), and creating a no parking zone. This newly created no parking zone will alleviate the constant blocking of the alley behind the northside of the 2400 block of P Street NW by the contracted trash and recycling trucks servicing Highbridge located at 2512 Q Street NW. The ANC does request that the new signage includes “Weekdays 9-5 Only” and that the space be used for Zone 2 parking after 5:00 pm and on weekends.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Inadequacies of DC’s 3-1-1 System

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

3-1-1 is a toll-free number and online app that allows people in the District of Columbia to request assistance with city services and information. Since it is easy to use and easy to remember, 3-1-1 can help improve service delivery to residents, workers, and visitors in our nation’s capital. The Office of Unified Communications (OUC) oversees the designated call center for all 3-1-1 calls and online app requests. OUC also oversees all of DC’s 9-1-1 calls.

The call center is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Businesses, residents, and visitors can contact 3-1-1 to report a missed scheduled service, inquire about city agency phone numbers and hours of operation, and pursue other customer service-related items. Examples of typical 3-1-1 calls include: broken parking meters, trash collection problems, scheduling a bulk pick-up, potholes, abandoned autos, parking enforcement, tree services, illegal dumping, and street light repair.

While 3-1-1 generally works well, there are specific ways in which 3-1-1 could be improved upon to serve Washingtonians better and to instill greater confidence in the system:

- 1. Revise “Closed” or “Resolved”:** When a 3-1-1 case is closed it would be helpful to include notes on the request if the case is not a straightforward closed case. For example, if a request has been made for a pothole repair and the site manager decides that the problem requires a more significant fix like street repaving, 3-1-1 policy could be to require a few notes to be added into the 3-1-1 case about the manager’s findings, rather than simply closing the case. Closing the case without an explanation creates confusion and frustration. A simple one sentence line about the findings and plan would improve communication.
- 2. Update “Estimates”:** When a 3-1-1 case is submitted and a case identification number is sent to the requestor, it would be helpful to note the estimated time to resolution. Some common requests do note estimates of resolution, but many constituents have expressed displeasure with the amount of time given from filing a 3-1-1 request to resolution.
- 3. Status Updates Beyond 30 Days:** 3-1-1 cases that last more than a month should be regularly updated so that residents are kept abreast of actions or delays. For example, dead trees seem to take inordinately long to take down. ANC 2E encourages a specific look into this ongoing tree removal problem. The 3-1-1 online map only allows a public view of cases reported within the last 30 days and tracking the status of cases over 30 days is a challenge for users.

4. **Access to System:** 3-1-1 is available via phone and app. ANC 2E encourages OUC to look into the feasibility of a text number similar to the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) text tip alert number (50411).
5. **Data Tracking:** ANC 2E appreciates the <https://311cards.dc.gov> website but finds the system less than intuitive. The ANC recommends that the system be evaluated for ways to become more user friendly.
6. **Use of 3-1-1:** ANC 2E encourages OUC to more widely advertise the 3-1-1 system and to encourage Washingtonians to engage the system to improve their community and the wider city. The system generally works well but can only work if residents know about it and use it.

ANC 2E encourages OUC to make improvements to the 3-1-1 system before skepticism and frustration set in and the system is rendered totally ineffective by residents. The ANC would welcome a meeting with OUC regarding the above recommendations.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Requested Study of Pickle Ball Feasibility

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

According to a 2022 report from the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA), there are over 4.8 million pickleball players, or “picklers” in the United States. Pickleball, often described as a combination of tennis, ping pong, and badminton, grew nearly 40% between 2019 and 2021, making it America’s fastest-growing sport.

According to Scott Parker, DC Pickleball Ambassador for USA Pickleball, DC had about 120 picklers in October 2019 and the current number stands at 600 and counting.

When it comes to pickleball and where to play, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is working hard to add courts around the city. However, places to play, especially in locations where pickleball lines have been painted onto existing tennis courts or where pickleball-specific courts exist, are in very high demand and with pickleball popularity increasing daily the city should begin to take action to increase the number of courts available.

ANC 2E suggests the following **short-term** goals:

- 1) Assess all current tennis courts to determine if pickleball lines can be added.
- 2) Assess all current gymnasiums to determine if pickleball lines can be added.
- 3) Assess all current basketball courts to determine if pickleball lines can be added.
- 4) Assess all current capital projects to determine if pickleball courts can be added.

ANC 2E requests that the above assessments be made public in a short report available on DPR’s website.

ANC 2E suggests the following **long-term** goals:

- 1) Undertake a large-scale *Pickleball Study* to investigate various aspects of indoor and outdoor pickleball facilities in Washington, DC. Identify locations and preferred designs and engage stakeholders to determine how to expand pickleball play in our city.
- 2) Hire a pickleball pro at DPR to help oversee the expansion of the sport.
- 3) Begin to investigate a “Pickleplex” similar to Pickleballerz in Chantilly, VA.

The New York Times recently ran a story on pickleball in which they wrote, “while 50% of people quit exercising six months after starting, research shows that picklers keep coming back to the court again and again, primarily because the game is so social. Pickleball can also improve your well-being: According to another study of picklers age 50 and older, those who were more serious about the sport tended to be more satisfied with their lives.”

There is no question that there will be scrambling to accommodate pickleball’s popularity and a short-term band-aid approach to finding pickleball courts is necessary. However, DPR and the Department of General Services (DGS) should begin to take a wholistic approach on how to accommodate this fast-growing sport. ANC 2E looks forward to partnering with DPR and DGS to bring more pickleball to our village and to our city.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Citizens Association of Georgetown’s Permit Request to Hold a Halloween Roller Skating Party at Jelleff Recreation Center

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

ANC 2E is proud to work closely with the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG) to make Georgetown safer, more beautiful, and more connected. CAG’s events bring our community together and get us involved. These events are particularly important post-COVID as we begin to rebuild connections with our friends and neighbors.

ANC 2E strongly supports the permit request by CAG to host their annual Halloween party at the Jelleff Recreation Center. CAG is hoping to include a roller skating component and the ANC, especially Commissioner Elizabeth Miller, who spent most of her pre-teen years in a pair of roller skates under disco lights, strongly supports roller skating at this event. Many residents on the Georgetown and Burleith listservs have been inquiring about the return of roller skating and CAG’s Halloween party is a great opportunity to reintroduce this fun activity back into our community.

ANC 2E further believes that CAG’s Halloween party is an opportunity to introduce the residents of Georgetown and Burleith to the Jelleff Recreation Center and to begin to educate them on the upcoming renovation of the building.

Again, ANC 2E strongly supports CAG’s permit request.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Circulator’s Proposed Bus Stop Consolidations

Commissioner Putta moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion. Commissioner Putta moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the resolution. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion for the amendment. The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E thanks the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for listening to the ANC's previous appeals to maintain the leg north of M Street NW on the DC Circulator's Georgetown – Union Station route. The ANC appreciates the value of keeping this route moving efficiently and we understand that there are other bus options for our residents. However, the ANC does ask that the eastbound stop at M Street and 28th Street NW be maintained because the distance between eastbound stops would be too great, especially for a key commercial and tourist area and for residents.

ANC 2E notes that we have heard from residents who also enjoy using the DC Circulator stops at Wisconsin Avenue and P Street NW and Wisconsin Avenue and R Street NW.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Request from Tony and Joe's (ABRA-010762) and Nick's Riverside Grill (ABRA017308) to Allow for the Transport of Alcohol from and to the Establishments on New Year's Eve

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

ANC 2E endorses the one-day exception for Tony and Joe's and Nick's Riverside Grill for New Year's Eve. This includes allowing patrons to take their alcoholic beverages from Tony and Joe's to Nick's Riverside Grill and vice versa. The ANC has supported this exception over the years and the ANC continues to do so.

Consideration of a Resolution Recommending Substantial Change Placarding for the Rosewood Washington DC Hotel's (ABRA-102245) Proposal to Expand Their Premises

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

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioners Lisa Palmer and Rick Murphy to negotiate an updated settlement agreement for the Rosewood Washington DC Hotel. Furthermore, should the establishment seek to add new addresses for alcohol service to its existing settlement agreement, the ANC requests that the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board deems that request to be a substantial change and requires the licensee be placarded as such.

Public Space Committee

Public Space Application by citizenM for Streetscape Improvements, Including Closing Three Curb Cuts, Adding a New Loading Area, New Sidewalk, New Bike Racks, and Greening of the Public Right of Way, at 3401 Water Street NW (DDOT #402898)

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

ANC 2E supports citizenM's public space application for streetscape improvements at 3401 Water Street NW. The ANC is particularly eager to see extended sidewalks, enhanced greening of the public space, and new lighting. The ANC believes that the proposed changes will be an enhancement for the community at large and may even help address ongoing crime and security concerns in that area.

Zoning

Zoning Commission Application for a Campus Plan Amendment, Further Processing for a New Residence Hall, Variance Relief from the Height Setback, and Special Exception Relief for Multiple Roof Structures and to Reduce the Number of Required Loading Spaces, for Georgetown University's Henle Village Project (ZC #16-18D)

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

ANC 2E supports Georgetown University's application for a campus plan amendment, further processing for a new residence hall, variance relief from the height setback, and special exception relief for multiple roof structures and to reduce the number of required loading spaces, for Georgetown University's Henle Village project.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E05 - OG 22-286 (HPA 22-483) 3601 M Street, NW

Commissioner Palmer recused herself from voting on this matter.

Chair Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Commissioner Miller moved to adopt a proposed amendment in the nature of a substitute to the resolution. Commissioner Putta seconded the motion for the amendment. The final motion was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E has no comment regarding the project located at 3601 M Street NW.

Adjournment

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 9:32 pm.