

Minutes for the Meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

November 29, 2005
Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the Vice-Chair, Commissioner Starrels, with Commissioners Eason, Lever, Moore, and Skelsey present, constituting a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes: Review of the minutes was delayed until the arrival of the Secretary, Commissioner Clements.

Budget for 2006: Commissioner Lever, the Treasurer, presented a preliminary budget for 2006. The budget is attached to these minutes.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Commissioner Clements arrived at this time.

Hardy School Renovation at 1819 35th Street: Patrick Pope, Hardy School principal, presented plans for the renovation. The renovation would occur in three phases. The entire project is scheduled to finish by December of 2007. According to Pope, the phases include the following:

Phase I

- Demolition of Gym
- Installation of Temporary Classroom Trailers
- Installation of New Site Utilities
- Installation of New Standpipes
- Installation of Temporary Egress Modifications

Phase II

- Construction of new Gym
- Construction of 34th Street Classroom Addition
- Partial Certificate of Occupancy

Phase III

- Renovations to Existing School
- Demolition of Temporary Classrooms to West of School
- Site Improvement in Phase III Area
- Final Certificate of Occupancy

Mr. Pope reported that negotiations were still difficult with the owner of the weekend flea market on the site. Commissioners asked questions about parking and how the public would be informed of the plans. Since the ANC reviewed the project several years ago, Commissioner Skelsey asked if he could see the plans at a later date.

Announcements: Linda Greenan of Georgetown University invited all members of the community to the President's Annual Holiday Party. The party would be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 PM in Riggs Library. The Holy Trinity School Choir would be singing at the event.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 1, 2005 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed by Commissioner Clements.

Police Report: Sgt. Paris of MPD gave the police report. He reported that there were several suspects in the burglary cases based on work by the Second District detectives. He also said that a suspect in several of the Georgetown robberies was apprehended in another PSA driving a stolen vehicle. Additionally, a suspect in the assault and robbery at 3800 Reservoir several months ago was indicted on the charge "assault with intent to kill." There will be two overtime officers assisting in Georgetown for the holidays. The statistics from the month of November include: 2 robberies, 3 assaults, 15 burglaries, 13 thefts from auto, 29 thefts, and 3 stolen autos. Commissioner Moore requested a more specific report on the apprehended suspects from Lt. Lucas.

NEW BUSINESS

2509 P Street (OGB 06-042): Jeremy Fletcher presented revised plans for the project. Dale Overmyer was unable to attend the meeting. The revisions included changes to the porch and the removal of the originally proposed French doors. The project was going to OGB for concept approval. No residents were in attendance to comment on the project. Commissioner Eason moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-1 (Clements Opposing):

ANC 2E has no objection to the revised plans as presented for concept but would expect that the applicant contact all neighbors before permits are issued.

Georgetown Library Branch Renovation: Commissioner Skelsey announced that plans were being discussed to renovate the Georgetown library. The budget for the coming year originally included \$3.3 million for the project, but many felt this would not be enough to change significantly the current state of the library. The budget may be amended and Commissioner Skelsey hoped that the community would be involved in further planning.

Wormley School: Commissioner Starrels announced that a cooperative agreement was still being negotiated for the project. Wormley School would be on the ANC's January 3rd agenda.

ABC Issues

ABC Consent Calendar: Commissioner Clements moved (Lever Second) to approve the following ABC Consent Calendar which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Eason Abstaining):

Griffin Market, 1425 28th Street
Marvelous Market, 3217 P Street
Sara's Food, 3008 Q Street
Scheele's Market, 1331 29th Street
Wisemiller's Grocery & Deli, 1236 36th Street

Neyla Voluntary Agreement: Commissioner Starrels presented a proposed voluntary agreement that called for a seating increase of 62 seats. These 62 seats could be utilized at all times between October 15th and April 14th. They could be used only twice each month on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights between April 15th and October 14th. Commissioner Starrels noted that the ABC board gave Neyla the opportunity to revise their license due to language in the previous VA that noted plans for additional seats. Generally, he said, businesses cannot change in a non-renewal year. Commissioners and community members raised questions as to how well the VA could be enforced. Ed Eames, one of the protestants of license, stated that he did not receive a copy of the new agreement until he came to the ANC meeting this evening. Commissioner Eason asked Commissioner Clements, the secretary, to include both drafts of the VA that were discussed at this meeting. The ANC decided to delay action on the agreement until the following month's meeting.

Special Items

Request for Additional Streetlamps in Georgetown: Two members of the Georgetown University Student Safety Advisory Board presented plans for three streetlamps in dark areas of Georgetown. They said that information gathered from surveys of students and a review of the entire area revealed a need for lamps at 3330 Prospect Street, 37th & Prospect Street and 3417 Volta Place. An earlier proposal for 1409 35th Street had been withdrawn. The students noted that they had also been working with the National Park Service to trim branches and brush on the 3700 block of Prospect Street. Commissioners Skelsey and Lever and Patrick Clausen noted that while the 3400 block of Volta Place was dark, that the request at 3417 needed to be more specific. They thought the other side of the street might be more acceptable. Commissioner Clements moved (Starrels Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the interest of the Student Safety Advisory Board in neighborhood safety and will forward the request for standard Georgetown street lamps at 3330 Prospect Street, 37th and Prospect Streets, and the 3400 block of Volta place to the District Department of Transportation with support. We will also send a copy of the request to the MPD Second District which has shown interest in Georgetown lighting.

Zoning and Planning

3309 Q Street (OGB 06-034): Noting that no neighbors were in attendance to comment on this project, Commissioner Moore asked that it be moved to the consent calendar.

Kesher Israel Congregation (BZA 17407): Commissioner Moore announced that this project would be delayed until the next ANC meeting. Also, the applicant would be requesting a postponement of the BZA hearing. The attorney for the project wrote a letter to the ANC testifying to this fact and Commissioner Moore asked that it be included in the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Moore moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E supports the postponement of Case 17407 before the BZA as stated in Mr. Gell's letter.

3317 N Street (BZA 17413): Commissioner Skelsey noted that the application of the Alms residence to extend a wing of the house in the back would be postponed. Commissioner Skelsey moved (Moore Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0:

ANC 2E supports the postponement of the BZA hearing for 3317 N Street.

1607 28th Street (OGB 05-229): Noting that no neighbors were in attendance to comment on this project, Commissioner Eason asked that it be moved to the consent calendar.

3221 M Street: Plans were presented for changes to signage for the Lucy Store. Additionally, awnings and lettering on the windows would be added. The color scheme would be orange and turquoise. The size of the proposed lettering on the awning was two feet, which several commissioners noted was too large for Georgetown. Commissioner Starrels moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Lever absent):

ANC 2E objects to the signage for the Lucy Store at 3221 M St as the lettering is double the allotted size and we also have concerns for the proposed bright orange color of the awnings.

Consent Calendar for the Old Georgetown Board: Commissioner Clements moved (Lever Second) to accept the consent calendar which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Eason abstaining). The consent calendar contained the following projects:

OGB 05-229, 1607 28th Street
OGB 06-034, 3309 Q Street

At 8:35 PM, with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Clements moved (Lever Second) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Submitted for the Approval of ANC 2E,

Brett F. Clements
Secretary, ANC 2E