

**Minutes for the Meeting of  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

June 28, 2005

Georgetown Visitation School, 35<sup>th</sup> and Volta Place, Heritage Room

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 31, 2005 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed by Commissioner Clements.

**COMMUNITY COMMENT**

**Georgetown Project Update:** Len Levine gave the final update for the Georgetown Project. After nearly four years, the project would be completed in the following days. On the night of June 17<sup>th</sup>, upper Wisconsin was paved. There was a little more paving to do on the Key Bridge and O Street would be touched up. The project as a whole was on time and had received at least two awards. Len made a proposal for a more permanent version of the CRT to be active at all times.

**Pepco Announcements:** It was announced that Pepco work in Georgetown was going well. The biggest issues have been digging around trees and the parking problems created by the posting of temporary no parking signs. Pepco was stockpiling the current cobblestones and would be reinstalling the same materials following completion of the project.

**Georgetown BID Tree on Wisconsin Near Library:** The Georgetown BID will be planting a tree up Wisconsin to mirror other large trees at the Key Bridge and at M and 28<sup>th</sup>. These trees would be decorated during the Holiday season. The placement of the new tree would put one at each “gateway” to Georgetown.

**Charter School at Jellef Boys and Girls Club:** Pat Mitchell, a longtime Georgetown resident, will be involved in founding a charter school for the arts in connection with The Kennedy Center. They expect approximately 60 students the first year. In the beginning, the school will serve students in grades K-6, expanding to PK-8 in three years.

**Police Report:** There was no representation from MPD at the meeting. Commissioner Solomon noted that the previous PPS meeting focused on increased summer crowds at Washington Harbour.

**NEW BUSINESS**

### *Special Items*

**Georgetown University Hospital Traveling Clinic:** Regina Knox Wood of the Georgetown University Medical Center presented plans for its traveling clinic to implement a Community Mental Health Program for Children in Southeast DC. The effort would be to provide underprivileged schoolchildren necessary mental healthcare at no cost. The plans were in conjunction with the DC Department of Mental Health. Commissioner Solomon moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E gladly endorses Georgetown University Hospital's request for a Certificate of Need from the State Health Planning and Development Agency to establish a Community Mental Health Program for children that would be administered through the KIDS Mobile Medical Clinic.

**Traffic Signal at the Corner of Wisconsin and Reservoir Roads:** Ramona Burns of DDOT presented plans to install a traffic signal at the north part of this intersection. The south portion would not receive a signal at first, but the opportunity would remain open in the future for a signal there, as well. Commissioner Lever noted that the ANC had requested a traffic study at this location in 2001. Commissioner Lever moved (Moore Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Starrels Abstaining):

WHEREAS, DDOT performed a traffic study, redesigned the intersection of 33<sup>rd</sup> street, worked with the ANC 2E and the Georgetown Project Community Relations Team (CRT), held a public meeting, and walked the intersection with community leaders and neighborhood residents to understand their concerns, and

WHEREAS, DDOT proposes a traffic signal at Wisconsin Avenue and Reservoir Road to the West side of Wisconsin to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety, and

WHEREAS, DDOT also proposes to monitor the results of the traffic light in the future for further consideration and reporting back to the ANC 2E and the community with any future issues, concerns or proposals affecting the intersection.

BE IT RESOLVED ANC 2E commends the efforts of DDOT's Karyn LeBlanc, Bill McDermott and Ramona Burns for their approach and commitment to the community, and we offer our full support to the proposed traffic signal at Wisconsin and Reservoir (West), and look forward to continuing to work with the DDOT and neighbors in assessing and responding to the needs of our community.

**Red Light Camera at the Corner of Wisconsin and M:** In light of the recent death of Officer Joe Pozell and continued traffic problems at this intersection, Commissioner Starrels presented the idea of requesting a red light camera at this intersection. Discussion ensued regarding the necessity of the camera at this particular intersection and in which direction (North/South or East/West) the camera would be installed. Commissioner Starrels moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Eason Abstaining):

The intersection at Wisconsin Avenue and M Street in Georgetown is a very busy and dangerous intersection with the mix of heavy traffic involving pedestrians, cars, trucks and buses. ANC 2E requests from the Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Police Department the installation of a red light camera to enhance the safety of the M Street and Wisconsin Avenue intersection.

**Whitehurst Freeway Resolution:** Commissioner Starrels moved (Skelsey Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

### ***Zoning and Planning***

**1261-1265 Wisconsin Avenue (OGB 05-215):** Commissioner Moore and letters from neighbors attested to numerous problems with the property. Currently, the old roof is broken, illegal work is being done on the bearing wall, and roof beams are being supported by the party wall. In addition the plans were not at all detailed and it was difficult to tell what work was actually being done. Commissioner Moore moved (Skelsey Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E recommends that the Old Georgetown Board and the Historic Preservation Review Board take particular care in reviewing the submitted plans for 1261, 1263, and 1265 Wisconsin Avenue. There is a history of city violations, non-compliance, negative impact on the neighbors and disregard of any commitment made to them. Also, the plans presented to ANC 2E were completely inadequate to comment on. We are also attaching a memo from the applicant's neighbors to help clarify our concerns.

**1258 and 1267 Wisconsin Avenue, GAP stores (OGB 05-195 and 196):** The sign designer for Gap and Baby Gap presented plans for several projecting blade signs. Commissioner Clements noted that the lettering was slightly beyond the 12" maximum size in Georgetown. Some Commissioners noted their hesitation in the number of signs. Commissioner Moore moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

For 1258 Wisconsin Avenue, The Gap, ANC 2E recommends only one projecting sign and for 1267 Wisconsin Avenue, Baby Gap, we also recommend just one projecting sign, eliminating the proposed one for N Street as it is a residential street. The lettering should not exceed 12 inches and the signage should be no lower than ten feet from the sidewalk as to prevent vandalism.

**3600 M St, Car Barn (OGB 05-198):** Plans were presented to install a T-Mobile stealth telecom antenna in a flag pole on the roof of the car barn. The pole would mirror the one on the other end of the building. It was noted that a flag did not fly from the existing pole. The planners guaranteed that flags would fly on both poles. Commissioner Starrels moved (Eason Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E recommends that the proposed flagpole to house the antennas on the Car Barn at 3600 M Street should be identical to what is presently there.

**3206 N Street, Neyla (OGB 05-212):** Plans were presented to make changes to the front of Neyla restaurant. The current state of the restaurant was not approved. This included several light fixtures and fabric on the trellis. The OGB asked that these things be approved retroactively before it would consider plans for the new greenhouse. The new plans also included options for two or three Georgetown style light posts. Commissioner Skelsey moved (Moore Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the removal of various existing lights and awnings to bring the property into compliance as directed by the Old Georgetown Board. ANC 2E does have concerns about the potential for high light intensity from the proposed multiple-light lampposts.

**1703 S St, Dumbarton Oaks (OGB 05-217):** Noting that he looked carefully at the plans for the property, Commissioner Eason moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the planned gate installation at the Gardner's Service Court of Dumbarton Oaks.

**3051 Avon Place, Stettinius residence (OGB 05-167):** Noting that he looked carefully at the plans for the property, Commissioner Eason moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the revised plans for 3051 Avon Place.

**3263 P Street, Amori and Pfeifle residence (OGB 05-177):** The architect for the project presented revised plans that attempted to assuage many of the concerns of the neighbors. Most notable, the neighbors were concerned about digging in the foundation near their basement wall. The architect did a structural study and proposed a cantilever beam which would support the wall during the 18-20 inch excavation. Also, for better acoustical separation, the new plans moved the washer and dryer ten feet further from the party wall. A two hour fire separation wall with acoustical barriers would be installed. The neighbors still expressed concerns about the project. Commissioner Skelsey moved (Eason Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Lever Abstaining):

ANC 2E has no objection to the plans as proposed for 3263 P Street.

**1242 Potomac St, Guttman residence (OGB 05-182):** No representative for the property appeared at the meeting. Commissioner Starrels moved (Moore Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

In the absence of a presentation for a revised scheme for 1242 Potomac Street, ANC 2E cannot offer support at this time.

**3108 M Street, P&C Art Gallery (OGB 05-160):** Revised plans were presented by the architects for the property. The new plans were smaller than the previous version. Commissioner Skelsey noted that the addition would still block views for the rears of historic building from Blues Alley. Commissioner Starrels moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

Although ANC 2E appreciates the proposed revisions for the rear of the building we still have concerns about the blockage of the views to the west and hope that the massing will be lowered.

**Georgetown University (OGB 05-219):** An architect for Georgetown University presented plans for two new guard booths for the Prospect Street and Canal Road entrances to campus. The booths would be brick and brown and modified from a prefabricated design. Pictures of the old, dilapidated booths were also shown. Commissioner Clements moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the proposed designs for the new guard booths at Canal Road and Prospect Street as compared to the existing gatehouses.

**1033 31<sup>st</sup> Street (OGB 05-200):** Plans were presented for the project by the owner, Babak Movahedi and his architect. Mr. Movahedi is an ANC Commissioner in Dupont Circle. It was noted that a stop work order was issued for the property after neighbors noted that the entire rear wall of the building had been demolished. The owner claimed that this was done accidentally, even though the plans for the project included removing the wall. He said that the demolition contractor was unaware of these plans. The plans were dated before the demolition occurred. A neighbor with an office down the street noted that he had been unaware of the plans. The new plans called for extending the building to the rear property line. Commissioner Starrels moved (Clements Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

In light of a disregard of the process and the destruction of the property without proper permits, and no notice to the neighbors; ANC 2E vigorously opposes the project as presented and encourages the Old Georgetown Board and the Historic Preservation Review Board to make the applicant recreate the building that was there before the destruction.

**3136 Q Street, Maurer residence (OGB 05-203):** No representative for the project appeared at the meeting. Commissioner Moore moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

In light of no presentation for 3136 Q Street, ANC 2E cannot support this project.

**3137 N Street, Nilson residence (OGB 05-213):** No representative for the project appeared at the meeting. Commissioner Moore moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

In light of no presentation for 3137 N Street, ANC 2E cannot support this project.

**1525 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Partners (OGB 05-208):** The architect presented plans for changes to the façade of the home and a one story addition in the rear. The current front door would be replaced with windows, for a more symmetrical look to the house. A new side entry would be added with a copper roof over the entryway. The rear addition would contain a roof deck. The neighbor across the street appeared and said that she had not been informed of the proposal. The architect said that the neighbors had not been informed. Commissioner Moore moved (Lever Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E cannot support the project as presented until the neighbors who have concerns are contacted especially about the proposed roof terrace and a significant one-story addition.

**3115 P Street, Presbyterian Church (OGB 05-224):** Commissioner Moore noted that the plans for the project had not been given to the ANC prior to the meeting. Commissioner Moore moved (Skelsey Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E cannot support the sign scheme plans for 3115 P Street as we no opportunity to review the plans, as they were not made available in advance of the ANC meeting.

**2819 P Street, Dean residence (OGB 05-223):** The architect for the project presented plans to install a new wrought iron fence to the property. The new fence would be 4' rather than 3', the height of the old fence. Also, the owner wished to remove stucco from a historic stone wall. Commissioner Moore moved (Eason Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E supports the proposed additions to changes at 2819 P Street.

**Consent Calendar for the Old Georgetown Board:** Commissioner Clements moved (Starrels Second) to accept the consent calendar which passed by a vote of 7-0. The consent calendar contained the following projects:

OGB 05-206: 3317 R St.

OGB 05-220: 1246 Wisconsin Ave.

OGB 05-222: 3315 Cady's Alley

OGB 05-207: 3310 Prospect St.

OGB 05-211: 3645 St Mary's Place

OGB 05-205: 3111 N St.

**2509 P Street, White residence (OGB 05- 225):** Plans were presented for a two story addition of a duplex, semi-detached house. Neighbors supported the project. The new addition would be brick and measure 12'8'' by 13'8''. The first floor would be a family room and the second floor would be a bedroom. Commissioner Eason moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E has no opposition to the proposed concept as presented.

**1607 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Schwartz residence (OGB 05-229):** Plans were presented to add windows to a currently brick side of the house and also add five feet on the back of the property. Mr. Belen, the owner of Evermay, received plans for the project the day of the meeting. Commissioner Eason moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E does not oppose for purposes of the concept review but we encourage the applicant to share the proposed plans with his neighbors.

**3124 Dumbarton Street, Holzer residence (OGB 05-228):** Plans were presented for an addition to the rear that would extend two feet farther than the existing greenhouse. The addition would not be visible from the street. One letter of support from a neighbor was received by the ANC. Commissioner Moore moved (Solomon Second) for the following which passed by a vote of 7-0:

Based on the presentation, ANC 2E supports the plans as presented.

*At 10:22 PM, with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Solomon moved (Clements Second) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.*

Submitted for the Approval of ANC 2E,

Brett F. Clements  
Secretary, ANC 2E