

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

July 1, 2013

Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair. Commissioners Starrels, Solomon, Lewis, Prindiville, Jones, and Cassey present, constituting a quorum.

Administrative

Approval of July 1, 2013, ANC 2E Public Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the agenda of the June 3, 2013 ANC 2E public meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Approval of June 3, 2013, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Prindiville moved to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2013 ANC 2E public meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Financial Report

Commissioner Jones reported that ANC2E finances are in order.

Public Safety Report

Lieutenant Hedgecock of the Metropolitan Police Department reported on public safety matters in the neighborhood. Changes to summer crime patterns were the most common in the last month.

Transportation Report

Commissioner Lewis discussed continued concerns with traffic lane reconfiguration in Glover Park.

Department of Public Works Report

Commissioners Jones discussed trash issues in our community and the District's 311 system.

Community Commendation

Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the a commendation for Jennifer Altemus, former president of the Citizens Association of Georgetown. Commissioner Birch seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Community Comment

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New Business

DDOT proposal to make 35th Street, NW, 2-way between Whitehaven Parkway and Wisconsin Avenue, NW

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E appreciates DDOT's review of the 35th street between Whitehaven Pkwy NW and the possibility of two-way traffic with the addition of a crosswalk. We also desire to include a traffic signal at that intersection. We appreciate that DDOT studied and recommended this solution as part of its Georgetown Transportation Study. We also appreciate the support of the Glover Park ANC in support of this project.

Zoning

Holy Trinity School, 3514 O Street, NW, BZA No. 18579, Application for special exception and variance relief, Hearing July, 9, 2013

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E gladly supports the BZA application number 18579 for special exception and variance relief. Holy Trinity founded in 1818 is the oldest elementary school in the District of Columbia and has greatly contributed not only to their student's education and development, but also to the community for almost 200 years. The applicant has been responsive in addressing the concerns of nearby neighbors, which primarily has been enrollment levels, traffic and parking issues. The applicant has proposed an enrollment capacity which is fair and a good balance between the school and community due to previous similar enrollments over many years, without significant objections by neighbors (other than traffic and parking issues).

Regarding traffic and parking issues, the applicant hired a traffic consultant to analyze and make recommendations to further improve over existing conditions. The applicant has been responsive toward these recommendations and to further recommendations from community representatives by agreeing to implement specific measures. ANC2e believes the measures proposed are acceptable. However, in order to determine the effectiveness of these measures, ANC2e recommends the applicant complete an additional traffic and parking data analysis within one year after the conclusion of the proposed project. Further modifications to the measures taken may be considered upon the conclusion of this additional analysis. We thank the applicant for its continued service to its students and its responsiveness to the community.

Measures include:

1. HTS WILL instruct all employees to comply with the RPP zoned areas and inform them that any remaining spots might no longer be available in the neighborhood as those are probably going to be eliminated.
2. HTS WILL attempt to reduce our total traffic footprint and encourage further carpooling and set a higher target for public transportation use, along with a lower target % for single-user car delivery and pickup from school.
3. We will station an HTS staff member out on that block/1400 block of 36th to make sure any residents that want to get in or out of a parking space - will get help with moving the carpool line enough to let the cars get in or out in a timely fashion.
4. Holy Trinity will have the option of splitting the Upper School carpool line by ONLY allowing carpools --vehicles picking up kids from two different families-- to use the 36th Street block between P

and O Streets, and all others would be channeled either down O Street (from EAST and WEST) as suggested, or by sending all others to the "N" Street system that already handles a fairly high volume.

Halcyon Georgetown LLC, 3400 – 3410 Prospect Street, NW, BZA No. 18604, Application for a special exception to establish a non-profit, Hearing September 10, 2013

Commissioner Lewis made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Starrels. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Based on the presentation at this meeting, we have serious concerns with this proposal. It is possible that these concerns can be satisfactorily addressed by agreement and we will work with the applicant toward that goal to the extent possible. In the absence of such an agreement, however, we believe that the proposal should not be approved in its current form without very significant constraints, limitations, and conditions. These would include limitations on the type, number, and size of events; limitations on hours for events; limitations on the use of outdoor space; a transportation management plan that does not permit loading from anywhere except the loading dock and that assures that visitors arriving by car will either have and use parking on-site or will be accommodated by valet parking that places the cars in identified off-street locations. We are concerned as well at the prospect of using the property for fundraising events of various sizes by persons and organizations other than the applicant. We encourage extensive outreach to the neighbors by the applicant. We hope very much that the hearing will be deferred to a date that allows us to consider this at our September 3 public meeting and we understand that the applicant will make a request for such a deferral. We hope very much to be able to reach agreement with the applicant on these matters prior to the BZA hearing.

ABC

Hotel Monticello/Graham, 1075 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, ABRA-089867 – status report

Commissioner Starrels reported on the status of the request; ANC2E will be participating in an ABRA mediation on July 26.

George, 3251 Prospect Street, NW, License No. ABRA-078058, Application to terminate the Settlement Agreement applicable to the licensed premises, Hearing Date: July 22, 2013

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E protests the Application to terminate the Settlement Agreement applicable to the licensed premises of George, 3251 Prospect Street, NW, License No. ABRA-078058. The settlement agreement that is now in place is necessary and works well. At this time, the applicant has not shown any reason to justify changing it. We protest related to concerns of peace, order, and quiet.

Kintaro, 1039 33rd Street, NW, License No. ABRA-083214, Request for Stipulated License while license is pending

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Lewis. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E welcomes Kintaro and has no objection for the request of the stipulated license while the application is pending.

Old Georgetown Board

Commissioner Birch chaired the meeting for consideration of the following OGB-related matters. Commissioner Lewis did not participate in the discussion or vote regarding any of these matters.

Regular Calendar

Private Projects

SMD 08, 3700 O Street, NW, OG 13-249 (HPA 13-439) Georgetown University, New construction - residence hall, Concept

Commissioner Prindiville made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Starrels. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

In regard to OG 13-249 (HPA 13-439) located on the premises of 3700 O St. NW:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E thanks the applicant for its bona fide efforts to meet the requirements of the Campus Plan zoning order and applauds the applicant on its quick and well-intentioned work on this project.

We are pleased with the concept design as presented. We believe the plan complements the surrounding structures and adds value to our community.

We are particularly pleased with the applicant's concerted effort to mitigate the development's environmental impact on the community by pursuing U.S. Green Building Council LEED Gold Certification and intentionally addressing tree removal. Recognizing the negative impact of storm water runoff in our community, we also support the inclusion of a green roof on the building.

We are also pleased that the applicant is significantly improving the landscape and pedestrian access in its site improvements.

We recognize that this development is of particular significance to this area of our community because it replaces a special space on campus. We aim to maintain the special quality of this space by requesting that the applicant pursue a design that makes the building distinctive to the campus and our community. The inclusion of certain motifs reflecting the University and its heritage on the facade of the proposed building, such as the stone motif on the neighboring Reiss Building and the motifs on Copley and Healy Halls and Lauinger Library, would add particular value to this development and promote cohesiveness among buildings on the campus.

As always we encourage input in development matters and encourage the applicant to engage local residents.

We believe that this development will greatly improve the student living-learning experience on campus and are looking forward to working with the applicant.

SMD 06, 2734 P Street, NW (also 1417 28th Street, NW), OG 13-147 (HPA 13-246) Residence, Demolition of rear and new 3-story addition plus basement, site work, Concept – revised design

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Starrels. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E had numerous concerns communicated to the OGB. Although the applicant addressed many of these concerns, many were not addressed. 1. XXXXXXXX

2. The question of the proposed addition being subservient to the proposed building; the a
3. extensive use of glass
4. concerns about preservation of trees and green space; root systems
5. carport is out of character with P and Poplar Sts.

SMD 06, 3009 P Street, NW, OG 13-251 (HPA 13-441) Residence, Raze metal garage, new parking pad, site work, Permit

Applicant was not present.

SMD 06, 3030 P Street, NW, OG 13-256 (HPA 13-446) Residence, Partial demolition of rear ell, 1-story rear addition plus basement, Concept

Applicant was not present.

SMD 06, 2803 Dumbarton Street, NW, OG 13-255 (HPA 13-445) Residence, Two-story rear addition, Permit – options

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Starrels. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E does not object to the proposal as presented but maintains questions of appropriateness of the addition. We request OGB to address the appropriateness of an enclosed porch and the second story on this particular property.

SMD 07, 1699 31st Street, NW, OG 13-254 (HPA 13-444) Residence, Relocate driveway and curb-cut, Permit – options

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Starrels. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E does not object to the proposal as presented and notes that the proposal increases green space and street parking.

SMD 03, 3240 P Street, NW, OG 13-252 (HPA 13-442) Commercial, 2-Story rear addition, Concept

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Starrels. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E does not object as presented, but does question the appropriateness of the porch area on the west of the façade. ANC2E also questions the amount of glazing on the west façade and the appropriateness of the pitched roof.

SMD 03, 3143 Dumbarton Street, NW, OG 13-260 (HPA 13-451) Residence, replacement windows, alterations, garage door, permit

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Starrels. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E has no objections as presented.

SMD 03, 3143 Dumbarton Street, NW, OG 13-261 (HPA 13-261) Residence, third floor addition

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E recognizes the applicant's concern regarding lack of lighting in the warehouse-like structure. ANC2E requests that the applicant and OGB examine reducing the amount of glazing on this façade. We ask OGB to examine the appropriateness of the terra cotta addition to the façade.

SMD 03, 1511 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 13-229 (HPA 13-401) Commercial, Rear addition at second floor, Permit

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Starrels. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E has not objections to the project as presented.

SMD 05, 3000 K Street, NW, OG 13-241 (HPA 13-421) Mixed-use, Replace sails with fixed awning at "Farmers Fishers Bakers," Permit

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E has no objection as proposed.

SMD 05, 3211 M Street, NW, OG 13-226 (HPA 13-382) Commercial, Sign and blade sign for "Billy Reid", light fixtures, Permit

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E objects to the blade sign as proposed and has no objection to the other fixtures.

SMD 05, 3277 M Street, NW, OG 13-228 (HPA 13-400) Commercial, Sign scheme for "Capitol Prague Restaurant," Permit

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E does not object to the sign scheme for Capitol Prague and would like OGB to take the lack of visibility of this store into context.

SMD 05, 3299 M Street, NW, OG 13-214 (HPA 13-370) Commercial, Alterations to storefront, new openings, replacement windows, Concept – revised design

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E appreciates the change on the M Street façade and leaves window evaluation to the OGB.

SMD 05, 3616 Prospect Street, NW, OG 13-238 (HPA 13-418) Residence, Alterations to rear windows for new decks, Concept

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

ANC2E appreciates the fine work as presented and has no objections to the project as proposed.

At 10:32 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Prindiville moved to adjourn the public meeting session of ANC 2E. Commissioner Starrels seconded the motion. With a vote of 6-0, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Prindiville
Secretary, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E