



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 1st, 2021; 6:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Commissioner Rick Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Jenny Mitchell (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), Elizabeth Miller (2E07), and Matias Burdman (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the ANC's February 1st, 2021 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's February 1st, 2021 meeting agenda. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's January 4th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Lohse moved to approve the ANC's January 4th, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

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

Update from the U.S. Attorney's Office Regarding the Status of Armed Robbery Cases

Douglas Klein, an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, gave an update from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia regarding the status of armed robbery cases.

Update Regarding a Community Impact Statement on the Insurrection at the U.S. Capitol

Mr. Klein gave an update regarding a community impact statement on the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2021 Quarter 1 Financial Report

The commission delayed consideration of this matter until the ANC's regular March 2021 meeting.

Community Comment

Update from the Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, 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 Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office

Emmanuel Brantley, the Communications Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an update from the Councilmember's Office.

Update from the Georgetown BID

Joe Sternlieb, the CEO and President of the Georgetown BID, 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.

Announcement Regarding TakeOutTuesday

Ms. Shank and Commissioner Miller made an announcement regarding TakeOutTuesday.

Announcement Regarding a Jelleff Community Meeting

Commissioner Miller made an announcement regarding a Jelleff community meeting.

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding East-West Traffic in Georgetown

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:

ANC 2E continues to receive concerns from residents about truck traffic traveling east to west, and west to east, through Georgetown's residential streets in order to get to different destinations beyond Georgetown. The most common complaints include noise in the early morning hours; large trucks stuck on Georgetown's narrow streets and thus hampering traffic flow, including emergency vehicles not being able to reach their intended destination; and vibrations from these heavy-duty vehicles damaging historic homes and buildings. Once in the more residential areas, these trucks at times then move onto the even more narrow north-south streets in order to connect up to Wisconsin Avenue NW.

ANC 2E urges the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to review the current bus, emergency vehicle, and truck routes going east to west, and west to east, through Georgetown, including a specific measure of the number of large trucks on primarily residential streets such as N Street, O Street, P Street, and Q Street NW on a daily basis. The

ANC also requests that DDOT works with Google Maps, Waze, and other smart phone navigation software to direct some of this traffic onto M Street NW so long as residential vehicles are not directed off of these smaller streets, only trucks and only if the trucks are not destined for residential addresses in ANC 2E. M Street NW is considered by DDOT to be Georgetown's primary east-west commercial street and is expected to handle these larger vehicles.

Community Comment (Continued)

Update from the Georgetown Business Association

Ed Solomon, the President of the Georgetown Business Association, gave an update from the organization.

New Business (Continued)

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Proposed Speed Limit Change in Georgetown's Commercial District

The commission delayed consideration of a resolution regarding this matter until a future ANC meeting.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the 2021 Rose Park Farmers Market

Commissioner Lohse moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the Friends of Rose Park's application to stage the 2021 Rose Park Farmers Market in Rose Park, located at 2609 Dumbarton Street NW.

In 2020, the market did an exemplary job of providing an outside, socially distant experience for residents to shop for groceries, buy preprepared food, and purchase items from several small Georgetown-based businesses. Moreover, the market offered an outside location for residents to receive COVID testing. During some weeks over 700 people were served by the COVID-compliant market. The ANC hopes that this community building effort will continue throughout as much of 2021 as possible.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Application by Charcoal Town for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1027 31st Street NW

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

ANC 2E protests Charcoal Town's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1027 31st Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

Zoning

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for Special Exceptions from the Accessory Apartment Requirements and from the Rear Yard Requirements to Construct a Basement Accessory Apartment and a Rear Deck to an Existing, Attached Principal Dwelling Unit at 1934 37th Street NW

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

ANC 2E has heard from immediate neighbors who have raised concerns about this project and from various neighbors who support granting these special exceptions. While the ANC understands the immediate neighbors' concerns about the impact of the construction involved and has encouraged the applicant to work with them to address their concerns about the construction, the bulk of the project is by-right. The ANC supports granting these two special exceptions.

Zoning Commission Application by the Trustees for Harvard University for a 20-Year Campus Plan for the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library & Collection at 1703 32nd Street NW

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:

Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection is a beloved institution in the heart of Georgetown. The organization primarily supports research and international learning in Byzantine, garden and landscape, and pre-Columbian studies through fellowships and internships, meetings, music, and exhibitions. Dumbarton Oaks welcomes researchers at all career stages who come to study its books, objects, images, and documents. It opens its doors to the public to visit its historic garden, designed by Beatrix Farrand; its museum, with world-class collections of art; and its music room for lectures and concerts. The institute disseminates knowledge through its publications and online resources. Innovative programming has introduced students of all ages to the museum, garden, and collections.

The proposed building additions and expansions will not affect the character of Dumbarton Oaks or the surrounding neighborhood; rather they will enhance the already architecturally significant property.

The proposed increase in the number of fellows will not adversely impact traffic or parking demands in the community because Dumbarton Oaks has sufficient residential accommodations, including The Fellowship House at 1700 Wisconsin Avenue NW and La Quercia at 1619 30th Street NW, within walking distance to the campus. Fellows are not permitted to drive to the Dumbarton Oaks campus, except in limited cases.

The campus plan application provides assurance that there will be no significant changes to the operation and character of Dumbarton Oaks over the next twenty years, which is beneficial to the surrounding neighborhood.

ANC 2E supports the proposed twenty-year plan and thanks the leadership at Dumbarton Oaks for hiring world-class architects and planners for this project and for keeping the impact on our historic neighborhood at the top of their list of priorities.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Special Exception from the Front Yard Setback Requirements to Construct a Front Vestibule Addition to an Existing Two-Story, Principal Dwelling Unit at 3617 T Street NW

Commissioner Putta 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:

Having considered the application and the views of neighbors, ANC 2E believes that the vestibule addition to the applicant's home does not substantially visibly intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses along T Street NW and does not tend to affect the use of neighboring property. Therefore, the ANC recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustment grants the special exception relief requested.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E03 - OG 21-071 (HPA 21-148) 3332 O Street, NW

Chair Murphy 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:

Having reviewed the plat and the elevations of this proposed project, ANC 2E has no objection to the Old Georgetown Board's approval of the application.

Adjournment

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.