



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Mr. H. Alan Brangman, Chairman, and Members of the Board
Old Georgetown Board
401 F Street NW, Suite 312
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Brangman and Members of the Board:

On October 1, 2018 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by six commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on October 4, 2018:

With regard to SMD 2E03 - OG 18-325 (HPA 18-590) 3210 Volta Place, NW:

ANC 2E agrees with the direction that the homeowner and his representative received from the Old Georgetown Board during their last visit to the Old Georgetown Board.

With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 18-334 (HPA 18-625) 2934 M Street, NW:

ANC 2E regrets that significant changes have been made to the property at 2934 M Street NW prior to receiving any approvals from the Old Georgetown Board for the work. These changes include the total transformation of a back patio, new signage, and the addition of a concrete pad behind the establishment, all of which are viewable from public space. Per the website of the Old Georgetown Board, prior to work beginning, "Signs, outdoor seating areas, window, door, and storefront replacements, mechanical equipment... visible electrical wiring and lighting, and other exterior changes commonly associated with commercial renovations all require review by the OGB".

ANC 2E very much appreciates the improvement of outdoor seating for restaurants, including the outdoor space at 2934 M Street NW. However, the ANC does not believe that the existing renovation, which was not previously reviewed by the Old Georgetown Board, adheres to the design guidelines which prevail in the Georgetown Historic District. More specifically, ANC 2E believes that the light posts and tiled walls are incompatible with the historic fabric of the community. The ANC looks forward to reviewing an updated concept design and seeing it come to fruition.

COMMISSIONERS:

Ed Solomon, District 1 Joe Gibbons, District 2 Rick Murphy, District 3
Lisa Palmer, District 5 Jim Wilcox, District 6
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With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 18-299 (HPA 18-564) 1211 29th Street, NW:

This is an application to replace windows on the side of a townhouse, which are visible from the street, with new windows comprised of a composite material known as Fibrex instead of with wood. ANC 2E asks the Old Georgetown Board to consider whether this is proper and appropriate for the Georgetown Historic District.

With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 18-346 (HPA 18-649) 2802 P Street, NW:

ANC 2E asks the Old Georgetown Board to consider whether the proposed garage is appropriate in its historic context and setting. There is a very narrow alley between the site of the proposed garage and the side of the house of the immediately adjacent neighbor on 28th Street NW. The proposed garage would include a peaked roof for attic storage and is therefore a total of over 14 feet high. A flat roof would be more consistent with the existing garages on the adjacent properties at 2800 P Street and 2804 P Street NW.

In addition, the adjacent neighbor on 28th Street NW has stated that the peaked roof is inappropriate in its context because it would substantially impair the existing view from her second floor master bedroom. The adjacent neighbor also states that the existing driveway is already so narrow that her neighbors on P Street NW have driven into the side of her house, requiring substantial repairs, and that the proposed garage would exacerbate this problem. ANC 2E recognizes the desirability of having garage parking in Georgetown but the ANC also asks the Old Georgetown Board to take these additional considerations into account when it evaluates this application.

Further, the applicant has stated during ANC 2E's October 1, 2018 meeting that she has met with the adjacent neighbor and that they either have resolved or are close to resolving all of the concerns that the adjacent neighbor has stated. ANC 2E thus recommends that the applicant confirm that the adjacent neighbor's concerns have been resolved by email and presents the email to the Old Georgetown Board. If all of the considerations and concerns have been adequately addressed, ANC 2E would not have any objection to approving this application.

With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 18-353 (HPA 18-656) 2724 Olive Street, NW:

There is an existing problem with streetscapes in Georgetown because a considerable number of residents leave their trash cans in the fronts of their houses between pickups, which significantly detracts from the attractiveness and character of the neighborhood's streetscapes. The applicants for 2724 Olive Street NW should be commended for seeking to address this problem by placing an enclosure for their trash cans in the front of their house, thereby seeking to remedy the problem.

However, some neighbors have objected to this particular enclosure and ANC 2E has consistently taken the position that it is opposed to enclosures of trash cans in public space in the front of townhouses. Therefore, ANC 2E objects to this particular application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gibbons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E