



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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February 6, 2019

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

On February 4, 2019 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on February 7, 2019:

### **With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 19-063 (HPA 19-138) 3270 M Street, NW:**

ANC 2E thanks the applicant for attending and presenting during the ANC's meeting on February 4, 2019. Generally speaking, the ANC prefers rooftop antenna installations over public space antenna installations and the ANC is pleased that this proposal is for such a rooftop improvement. Notwithstanding, the ANC continues to express its strong desire that antennas should not be visible from the street to the greatest extent possible. If the rooftop antennas are visible from the street, the ANC requests that appropriate covering or camouflage be utilized in order to protect the viewshed for the community as in this case.

ANC 2E also notes that the ANC has received a number of applications for antennas over the last few months from various providers and the ANC requests that all future upgrading of equipment to provide 5G service be noticed to the ANC and to the Old Georgetown Board / U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. As a matter of process, the ANC requests that Sprint and other similar providers provide ANC 2E and the Old Georgetown Board / U.S. Commission of Fine Arts with a fully-developed presentation of planned rooftop installations within ANC 2E so that the ANC can evaluate the plans as part of a larger proposal and not as individual installations.

### **With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 19-029 (HPA 19-073) 2801 M Street, NW and SMD 2E06 - OG 19-062 (HPA 19-127) 2801 M Street, NW:**

ANC 2E does not support either the concept or permit applications for 2801 M Street NW. The owners of the property have knowingly, continually, and systematically disregarded the Georgetown review process for construction in the community. On January 8, 2019 a stop work order was placed on this location due to unpermitted work on historic windows. There has been

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no response from the property owners regarding the stop work order. The building of a rear porch and stairs is also unpermitted. This building is of historic significance yet the owners have repeatedly failed to support the historic preservation process.

ANC 2E requests that the Old Georgetown Board instructs the applicant to recognize that any alterations constructed without utilizing the review process may have to be removed. ANC 2E further requests that the Old Georgetown Board instructs the applicant to use the established process for permitting, and to then resubmit the application accordingly. As already offered, the Commissioner for single member district 2E06 is available to meet with the applicant to demonstrate the community's interest in moving this project forward under the established approval processes.

**With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 19-075 (HPA 19-164) 2737 O Street, NW:**

ANC 2E does not support the application for 2737 O Street NW. The applicant has willfully ignored the neighbor notification regulations. Additionally, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs is investigating this location for unpermitted work on both a roof deck and historic windows. The ANC notes that it does not support roof decks.

The building plans submitted by the applicant do not address the full scope of work outlined in the application, including the dimensions. The Citizens Association of Georgetown's concerns regarding this application are also supported. The ANC believes that the Baltimore-based firm managing this project needs more time to learn the Georgetown community's processes.

ANC 2E requests that the Old Georgetown Board and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts closely examine this application. Furthermore, ANC 2E requests that the applicant resubmits an updated application after its issues with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs are resolved and the previously-noted issues are addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard G. Murphy, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Murphy  
Chair, ANC 2E