

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

June 2, 2014

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Commissioner Lewis, Chair. Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Jones, Cassey, Starrels, Birch, and Steury were present, constituting a quorum.

Administrative

Approval of June 2, 2014, ANC 2E Public Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the agenda of the June 2, 2014 ANC 2E public meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Approval of April 28, 2014, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Starrels moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2014 ANC 2E public meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Public Safety Report

Lt. Hedgecock reported a robbery at gunpoint on May 29 on the towpath. MPD were able to stop vehicle with perpetrators at Washington Circle. This incident occurred in the jurisdiction of the national park police.

There were 212 arrests in Georgetown, which is an improvement over last year. There is an uptick in theft from merchants downtown but MPD has been successful in making arrests due in part to the computer app in place to communicate with merchants but does not replace 911.

Commissioner Solomon commented that there has been an increase in bicycle thefts, which is not uncommon for this time of year. Lt. Hedgecock agreed but said many thefts are committed by several repeat offenders and MPD has a suspect with a long history of offenses. Be careful to secure your bicycles with secure locks, e.g. kryptonite locks. Perpetrators have bolt cutters. Look for individuals wearing big coats this time of year.

Commissioner Solomon also commented that there is an increase of speeding cars cutting through S and T Streets, NW. He asked Lt. Hedgecock to please alert the MPD officers to this.

Commissioner Lewis commented on the back-up of cars on 34th Street during afternoon rush hour, which can be backed up to Wisconsin and R Streets. The traffic lights at foot of M Street are not coordinated. Lt. Hedgecock suggested the ANC contact DDOT if it is a timing issue. Commissioner Lewis requested that an officer be stationed near the turn on M Street during rush hour.

Commissioner Starrels commented that M Street needs a light camera. Lt. Hedgecock stated that MPD monitors cameras but DDOT chooses the sites to place them.

Designation of ANC 2E interim Secretary

Commissioner Lewis reported that the departure of Peter Prindiville left the ANC without a Secretary. Commissioner Solomon has graciously agreed to be Interim Secretary until a permanent secretary shall be designated.

Financial Report

Commissioner Jones reported ANC finances are secure.

Transportation Report

Commissioner Lewis reported that the traffic lanes were opened up on Wisconsin Ave.

Commissioner Birch expressed his concern regarding the loss of funding for the proposed streetcar. Joe Sternlieb, Georgetown BID commented that the DC Council was concerned about 1) the formula used to pay for the streetcar, and 2) the pace at which DDOT has been spending the money. DDOT was spending designated funds too slowly. The current change in policy should not have an immediate impact on the streetcar proposed in Georgetown. Commissioner Birch commented that the possibility of the loss of public transportation is distressing.

Commissioner Lewis urged that citizens call 311 or report potholes online for repair and reported that DDOT was responsive.

Department of Public Works Report

Commissioner Jones reported that the Georgetown partnership with landlords for safe properties is on a good trajectory. There has been a lot of contractor activity since students moved out. DCRA is on top of it. The program focuses on safety but also works on preserving historic properties and is getting good results. Tenants are getting safer properties.