



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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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 June 28, 2021 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by five commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on July 1, 2021:

With regard to SMD 2E03 - OG 21-224 (HPA 21-403) 3406 N Street, NW:

ANC 2E has reviewed but has no comments regarding the application for 3406 N Street NW.

With regard to SMD 2E03 - OG 21-214 (HPA 21-393) 1517 Wisconsin Avenue, NW:

ANC 2E applauds the willingness of the applicant to engage with the members of our community with respect to the impact of the proposed project at 1517 Wisconsin Avenue NW. Having said that, the ANC shares the concerns expressed by nearby residents. The cumulative effect of the increasing mass of the line of buildings on the east side of Wisconsin Avenue NW backing up to the residences fronting on 32nd Street NW is likely to severely degrade the look and feel of the historic neighborhood to the east. The ANC urges the Old Georgetown Board to encourage the applicant to reduce the height and mass of the proposed addition and to continue to engage with the nearby neighbors on the issues that affect them negatively.

With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 21-211 (HPA 21-390) 3000 M Street, NW:

ANC 2E has long wished to see the property at 3000 M Street NW redeveloped. It is an important piece of property in our community, yet it has become a blight on the neighborhood since the original hotel was removed many years ago. The ANC has feedback on the use of the space that will be shared as part of a separate settlement agreement and other discussions. Noting that this resolution is specific to the Old Georgetown Board-related considerations, the ANC shares the following feedback regarding a temporary proposed use for 3000 M Street NW:

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Anna Landre, District 4 Lisa Palmer, District 5 Gwendolyn Lohse, District 6
Elizabeth Miller, District 7 Matias Burdman, District 8

- Particularly considering that the amount of time that this temporary use will remain in place is unclear, ANC 2E wishes to see an elevated aesthetic employed at this space. The ANC believes that the current proposed designs are in line with our vision for design in this area of our neighborhood but note that the ANC supports this design and style of furniture, in particular, and would not support a more dialed back aesthetic.
- Because this is an open-air concept, ANC 2E expresses concern about noise traveling into the residential neighborhood. With this in mind, the ANC strongly requests that any and all designs incorporate noise remediation elements – this could include landscaping, trellises, etc. Also related to noise, the ANC requests that any and all speakers be directed towards the property and not facing upwards or outwards from the property. The ANC asks for the consideration of this feedback as plans are developed for speaker installations.
- ANC 2E notes its concerns about trash management in light of the rat-related issues in the neighborhood. As such, the ANC requests that all trash storage is secure and rat proof. The ANC strongly urges the Old Georgetown Board to ensure that trash storage is appropriate for this type of setting and that it be vermin-proof.
- ANC 2E expects that when the business closes in the evening, the site will be fully secured. This means, among other things, that the bathroom facilities will be securely locked, furniture will be stowed away, and the site will be otherwise unavailable for use. The applicant has shared with the ANC their intention of storing furniture securely and locking the furniture away under the platform or on the first floor of the hotel building. The ANC appreciates the attention to this detail. As part of the Old Georgetown Board’s review, the ANC requests that the Board reviews and supports as appropriate any necessary storage facilities on the site that are viewable in public space.
- Finally, ANC 2E reiterates its support for using M Street NW as the main entrance and exit for this space and wishes to reiterate our interest in keeping loading and unloading, for both customers and supplies, off of 30th Street NW, which is often backed up with traffic and is a mixed-use block with residents only a few doors to the south.

ANC 2E looks forward to the sensitive revitalization of this corner of our neighborhood.

With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 21-200 (HPA 21-355) 3015 Orchard Lane, NW:

ANC 2E is concerned that the second story of the proposed addition may negatively affect both the light and air of the immediate neighbors and, more importantly, the historic geometry and character of the block. The ANC asks the Old Georgetown Board to pay close attention to these issues when considering this application.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E