



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, August 29th, 2016; 6:30 p.m.

Georgetown Visitation School, Heritage Room – 1524 35th Street NW

**Call to Order**

Chair Ron Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Commissioners Ron Lewis (2E02), Jeff Jones (2E03), Mara Goldman (2E04), Bill Starrels (2E05), Tom Birch (2E06), Monica Roache (2E07), and Reed Howard (2E08) were present.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Chair Lewis moved to approve the August 29th, 2016 meeting agenda. Without objection, the agenda was approved.

Chair Lewis moved to approve the July 5th, 2016 meeting minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

**Administrative**

**Public Safety and Police Report**

Commander Gresham and Lt. Durand from the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District were present. Lt. Durand gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Commander Gresham said that MPD is going to start transitioning from a policing concept focused on police service areas (PSAs) to concept focused on larger sectors. He said that several PSAs will be consolidated into each sector.

Chair Lewis asked if the neighborhood would have the same number of officers under the new sector concept. Commander Gresham said that there would be approximately the same number of officers in the neighborhood.

Chair Lewis asked why the change from PSAs to sectors was being made. Commander Gresham said that officer attrition and retirement were creating situations where some PSAs had far fewer officers than others, forcing MPD to pull officers from one PSA to staff other PSAs.

Commissioner Roache thanked MPD's Second District for their hard work in organizing the recent National Night Out event at Georgetown University.

**New Business with Presentations by Government Officials**

## National Park Service Request for Comment on an Environmental Assessment of a Possible Non-Motorized Boathouse Zone at the Potomac River Waterfront in Georgetown

Chair Lewis moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Starrels seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E appreciates the thoughtful analysis in the National Park Service's environmental assessment of options regarding a possible non-motorized boathouse zone near the Key Bridge at the Georgetown waterfront.

We urge that two matters be taken into account in finalizing any action regarding boat-houses at the Georgetown waterfront:

- For any boathouses ultimately allowed, assuring public access in each case is of real importance. Making prime riverfront land available for some private use might be considered, but it should include meaningful, significant availability for public use in each parcel.
- If a boathouse is permitted down-river (on the Waterfront Park side) of Key Bridge, the size of the boathouse should not be so large that it interferes with the principal view, which is of the river and Key Bridge. The suggestion in the Environmental Assessment of a large boathouse with a footprint of up to 13,800 square feet and three stories in height strikes us as in need of further study and quite possibly would be more than the site should hold.

### Presentation Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Key Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Sean Moore, a public engagement contractor for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding the Key Bridge Rehabilitation Project, said that DDOT will be moving forward with the rehabilitation project, which will be a two-year project. Mr. Moore said that he will be working with the ANC over the next two years to address any neighborhood concerns, and that the project website is currently under development.

Mr. Moore said that he will also be coordinating with the Georgetown businesses, the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID), and the boathouses along the Potomac River to understand the impacts of the project. He added that he is hoping to come back to the ANC in October 2016 for a more in-depth presentation

Commissioner Starrels said that DDOT needs to finalize the timetable for the work and determine what the noise impacts from the project work will be. He added that he would like the contact information for any on-site supervisors who can answer calls if there are any neighborhood concerns.

Commissioner Birch asked about the status of the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge project. Mr. Moore said that he would ask DDOT about the status of the project and then follow up with Commissioner Birch.

## Announcement

Chair Lewis said that there will be time for introductions by the candidates who are currently running for the ANC at the ANC's October 4th, 2016 meeting. He added that the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG) will also be having an upcoming candidate forum.

## Administrative (Continued)

### Approval of the FY 2016 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the ANC's FY 2016 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Birch seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

### Approval of a Provisional FY 2017 ANC Budget

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the ANC's FY 2017 provisional budget. Commissioner Goldman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

### Financial Resolutions Regarding Peter Sacco's Salary and Marsh Bookkeeping Fees in FY 2017

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the resolutions for Peter Sacco's salary and the Marsh Bookkeeping fees for FY 2017. Chair Lewis seconded the motion, which was vote on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

ANC 2E approves effective as of October 1, 2015 a salary for Mr. Peter Sacco, Executive Director of the Commission, a part-time position of at-will employment, of \$1,166.67 per month payable monthly in arrears, and a maximum of \$14,000.00 for such monthly salary payments in any twelve-month period.

ANC 2E approves payment of consulting compensation of \$50 per month to Larae Marsh of Marsh Bookkeeping Service, for independent consulting services relating to accounting and bookkeeping for employment taxes, for an at-will period as determined in the discretion of ANC 2E from time to time, of up to one year. Payments will be made quarterly or periodically at such other times as may be agreed to, with a maximum of \$600.00 for the total of such payments in any twelve-month period.

## Transportation Report

Chair Lewis gave an overview of the recent email he sent out to the GeorgetownForum regarding the ANC's ongoing work with DDOT on visitor parking in the neighborhood.

Chair Lewis said that DDOT will soon be proposing the installation of a northbound bike lane on Thomas Jefferson Street NW between K Street and M Street. He added that DDOT has reassured the ANC that the driving lane width and the parking lanes would be maintained.

## Environmental Report

Commissioner Jones thanked neighborhood residents for their support in his efforts to clean up the neighborhood.

### Community Comment

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the DC Council was about to return from its summer recess.

Richard Livingstone, a new Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), introduced himself to attendees. He talked about the Deputy Mayor for Education's upcoming community meetings regarding the search for a new Chancellor of the DC Public Schools.

Tonja McCoy, a representative for the DC Office of Disability Rights (ODR), said that ODR is currently working with DDOT on the implementation of DC's Vision Zero plan. She talked about the details for the plan and said that ODR was asking for the ANC's support of the plan. She added that the Vision Zero initiative started in Switzerland several years ago, and that several U.S. west coast cities have already adopted it.

Zachary Schroepfer, a Georgetown University (GU) student, said that the GU Student Association and the GU Program Board will be holding a 5K run on September 17th at 10 am. He encouraged meeting attendees to register for the run.

Chris Murphy, GU's Vice President for Government Relations and Community Engagement, said that the registration for GU's community courses is now open, along with the registration for auditing classes. He added that GU's annual Community Day is coming up on September 17th. He encouraged meeting attendees to come out to the event.

### New Business

#### Proposed 2017-2036 Georgetown University Campus Plan, including MedStar plans for the GU Hospital

Chair Lewis moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding Georgetown University's proposed campus plan. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the proposed 2017-2036 Campus Plan as prepared for filing by Georgetown University.

That simple sentence – especially in the context that we are filing this with the Zoning Commission concurrently with the University's filing of the proposed new Campus Plan – shows how far we have all traveled on a collegial and productive path together in the past several years.

We are happy to report that in preparing the new proposed GU Campus Plan, all of the stakeholders – the University, including the administration, faculty/staff, and students;

the MedStar GU Hospital; and the surrounding community – have engaged intensively in a true partnership in search of long-term solutions that can benefit everyone.

Progress toward a consensus proposal for a new Campus Plan was largely made possible by the current GU Campus Plan and the parties’ ultimate agreement in 2012 that led to approval of the current Plan.

- Substantively, the current Campus Plan addresses in detail all of the enrollment, space-planning, safety, conduct, environmental, transportation, and communication issues that make for a harmonious relationship. The parties have worked closely together over the past four years to implement the full range of solutions contemplated in the current Campus Plan, with considerable success.
- Procedurally, the current Campus Plan established the Georgetown Community Partnership to implement the details of the Plan and to think about the future together, and this partnership has become very strong.

The proposed new Campus Plan – prepared together through the Georgetown Community Partnership process – incorporates the key good-neighbor provisions of the current Plan and builds upon them.

We believe the proposed 20-year duration of the new Campus Plan is reasonable, with built-in flexibility. And we believe the detailed provisions of the proposed new Plan, including continuation of a robust Georgetown Community Partnership, have the strong potential to benefit the District of Columbia and all of the parties for years to come.

We join in commending the proposed 2017-2036 Georgetown University Campus Plan to the Zoning Commission for approval.

Chair Lewis moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding MedStar Georgetown University Hospital’s application for further processing of its application. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the application as prepared for filing by MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (the “Hospital”) for further processing relating to the proposed updates to the current Hospital and other improvements to the on-campus area adjacent to the Hospital in the northern part of the University’s campus.

We believe the plans for a modern medical facility on the site are welcome and appropriate and that the community’s interests in traffic reduction and in a green and attractive space at the northern end of the campus are advanced by MedStar’s proposal. We agree also that because these plans are integrated so closely into the overall 2017-2036 Campus Plan proposal and it appears that the plans will not be controversial, it would make sense in this case to waive the rule against simultaneously filing a campus plan and an application for further processing.

### **Old Georgetown Board**

SMD 2E01 - OG 16-110 (HPA 16-182) 3800 Reservoir Road, NW

Chair Lewis moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Birch seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Together with the D.C. Department of Transportation, Georgetown University, and Med-Star GU Hospital, we support locating the entrance to the underground garage as shown at pages 2.6-2.15 of the current submission (parallel to Reservoir Road at Entrance 1).

This location maximizes the opportunity for a green, attractive and student-friendly northern entrance to the campus; offers an inviting long, green view into the space between the St. Mary's building and the new medical/surgical pavilion of the hospital; and clearly offers the best traffic flow and signalization efficiency along Reservoir Road. We urge the Board to give concept approval for this design.

**New Business (Continued)**

Presentation by the Georgetown BID Regarding the 2016 Taste of Georgetown

John Wiebenson, the Operations Director for the Georgetown BID, gave an overview of the BID's plans for the 2016 Taste of Georgetown event, which will be on October 1st, 2016 from 11 am to 4 pm. He said that the Georgetown Ministry Center will be receiving some of the proceeds from the event.

Commissioner Starrels moved to adopt a proposed resolution of appreciation for the event. Commissioner Birch seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E appreciates the Georgetown Business Improvement District's Taste of Georgetown event and we endorse this year's event.

**Zoning**

3295 M Street NW (BZA No. 19244)

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

ANC 2E defers to the Board of Zoning Adjustment to determine which of the two proposals - the proposal that includes screening for the rooftop mechanical equipment and the proposal that does not include screening - is most in keeping with the historic character of Georgetown.

**Old Georgetown Board (Continued)**

SMD 2E05 - OG 16-307 (HPA 16-560) 3131 M Street, NW

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

ANC 2E finds the signage that came with the re-launch of Johnny Rockets is completely unacceptable for the historic character of M Street in Georgetown. There are now five signs advertising hamburgers at 3131 M Street NW as exhibited in the photograph below:



Logo number 3 is much too large and several times larger than the permitted size of signage in Georgetown. There is also oversized signage in the windows.

We ask the Old Georgetown Board to have Johnny Rockets remove all signage on the building with the exception of the following:

1. The smaller of the two Johnny Rockets logos
2. The menu board on the west side of the entrance

SMD 2E05 - OG 16-299 (HPA 16-534) 3241-3245 M Street, NW

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

ANC 2E does not have objections to the exterior façade as presented. However, there are some concerns with water drainage and downspouts which may or may not impact the integrity of the building and surrounding property.

We anticipate that discussions will continue between the property owner and neighbors to address these issues.

SMD 2E05 - OG 16-318 (HPA 16-576) 3143 N Street, NW

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

ANC 2E has objections to the following items regarding the property at 3143 N Street NW:

1. ANC 2E objects to having an ATM in the vestibule due to lighting concerns, safety concerns, trash concerns, and usage concerns, especially at all hours of the night, given that this mixed-use property is located in a residential area.
2. ANC 2E objects to the Eagle Bank signage on the top of the entrance.

We have no objection to the use of the blade sign, but we would like the Old Georgetown Board to compare the proposed blade sign and the design of the window signage and select which is more appropriate of the two.

SMD 2E06 - OG 16-331 (HPA 16-589) 1246-1250 27th Street, NW

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

ANC 2E has no objection to the proposal to consolidate the two houses at 1246 and 1250 27th Street NW. We urge the Old Georgetown Board to pay special attention to honor the historic aspects of the façade.

SMD 2E06 - OG 16-340 (HPA 16-598) 2716 O Street, NW

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

ANC 2E has no objection, in concept, to the proposal for an addition to the house at 2716 O Street NW, with reservation pending concerns that may be raised by the neighbor to the east.

**Adjournment**

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm.