

Government of the District of Columbia
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2E

Pursuant to notice in accordance with law the regular monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E was held on January 3, 2011, in the Heritage Room of Georgetown Visitation Academy, 34th Street, NW at Volta Place, NW.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. Present were Commissioners Birch, Eason, Jones, Lewis, Solomon and Starrels, constituting a quorum.¹ Also present was Commission Executive Director Melanie Geisler.

The Commission's attention was directed to the proposed agenda distributed previously. Without objection, the proposed agenda was unanimously adopted.

Administrative Matters

The following slate of officers for the calendar year 2011 was unanimously adopted:

Chairperson:	Ron Lewis
Vice-Chairperson:	Bill Starrels
Secretary:	Jake Sticka
Treasurer:	Ed Solomon

In the absence of Commissioner Sticka, Commissioner Eason was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

Lt. Hedgecock of the Metropolitan Police Department was called upon to present the Police Report. He indicated that while overall crime reduced by 6%, there was an increase in violent crime. In response to questions from the Commissioners, he stated that no gang nexus has been identified for the graffiti which has recently appeared in the community.

The Commission unanimously adopted the following assignments for areas of extra focus for 2011:

¹ On November 29, 2010, the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics certified the election of the following to represent the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E Single Member Districts indicated for the two-year term commencing January 2, 2011: 2E01: Ed Solomon; 2E02: Ron Lewis; 2E03: Jeffrey Jones; 2E04: Jake Gregory Sticka; 2E05: Bill Starrels; 2E06: Tom Birch; 2E07: Charles F. Eason, Jr. See 57 District of Columbia Register 51. All of the Commissioners-Elect, with the exception of Commissioner-Elect Sticka, were sworn into office in ceremonies at the DC Convention Center on January 2, 2011 by Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans. Commissioner-Elect Sticka was sworn in by Councilmember Evans in a private ceremony on _____.

Commissioners Bill Starrels and Tom Birch to be Liaisons for ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) matters;

Commissioner Ed Solomon to be Liaison for Public Safety matters;

Commissioners Tom Birch and Jeff Jones to be Liaisons for Historic Preservation and Zoning matters;

Commissioners Ron Lewis and Bill Starrels to be Liaisons for Transportation matters;

Commissioner Charles Eason to be Liaison for WASA matters;

Commissioner Jeff Jones to be liaison for DPW matters;

Commissioner Bill Starrels to be the ANC2E-designated nonvoting member of the board of the directors of the Georgetown Business Improvement District;

Commissioners Bill Starrels and Charles Eason, as alternate, to be Liaisons to the Georgetown Business Association;

Commissioners Charles Eason and Tom Birch to be Liaisons to Tudor Place;

Commissioners Ed Solomon, Jake Sticka, Jeff Jones, Ron Lewis and Bill Starrels to be Liaisons for community and university relations; and

Commissioner Charles Eason to be Liaison for Library matters.

The minutes as distributed of the meeting of November 29, 2010 were unanimously approved with one abstention.

The following resolution authorizing participation in the ANC Security fund was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that this Commission approves the ANC's participation in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the \$25 fee for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The Chair and Secretary are authorized to execute the requisite agreement.

The revised budget previously distributed for Fiscal Year 2011 was unanimously adopted.

The Commission unanimously adopted the following position statement regarding its website:

During 2011, ANC 2E will be revising and updating its website. ANC 2E bylaws, agendas, minutes, budgets, meeting dates, and Commissioner Lewis's recusal policy as included on the website remain in effect, but other matters on the

website should be treated as not in effect pending completion of the review and updating process.

The Commission unanimously adopted the following resolution establishing a Committee of the Whole:

Resolved, the Committee of the Whole (C/W) shall be a committee of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E (ANC 2E). Every ANC 2E commissioner shall be a member of the C/W. The chair and vice-chair of ANC 2E shall be the chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the C/W.

The C/W may consider any matter assigned to it by the ANC 2E chair or vice-chair or by any 4 ANC 2E commissioners, including holding meetings in the nature of roundtable discussions, hearings, or town-hall gatherings. Meetings of the C/W may be called by the chair, the vice-chair, or any 4 members of the C/W.

A quorum of the C/W shall consist of 2 members. The C/W, by a vote of a majority of the members who are present and voting, may adopt recommendations for consideration by ANC 2E.

Meetings of the C/W shall be subject to the same rules regarding open meetings and public notice as apply to ANC 2E.

Community Comment

The Chair announced that Georgetown University had filed its Campus Plan at the last moment. The Commission will hold a community meeting to present and examine the plan.

New Business

Ms. Molly Quinn representing the DC Triathlon presented their request for consent to street closures for the 2011 event. The Commission unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E recommends approval of the route for the 2011 DC Triathlon as presented on condition that the schedule for reopening of the Whitehurst Freeway be no later than 10:30 am, and in all events be reopened no later than 11:30 am. The Commission intends to pay close attention to actual impacts on Georgetown streets.

The Commission unanimously adopted the following resolution regarding the 2011 Marine Corps Marathon:

Resolved, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E recommends approval of the route presented for the 2011 Marine Corps Marathon.

The Commission was briefed by Mr. Ken Archer regarding recommendations for potential Capital Bikeshare locations in the community: Hyde School, Jackson Arts Center, and Georgetown Library. Commissioner Birch suggested adding a location at the north side of the 2700 block of M Street, NW. The Commission unanimously endorsed the recommendations.

ABC Matters

Commissioner Starrels briefed the Commission on the status of various ABC matters pending.

Zoning and Planning Matters

The Commission adopted the following resolutions regarding matters pending before the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

BZA Application No. 18164, 1300 30th Street, NW

Resolved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E that the Commission has NO OBJECTION to the grant of the application for special exception. Adopted 6-0-0.

BZA Application No. 18169, 3411 Prospect Street, NW

Resolved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E that the Commission DOES NOT SUPPORT the grant of the application for special exception. The Commission has concerns about the impact of increased density in the Historic District; the precedent this would set for future cases; and in the interest of preserving open space. Adopted 4-2-0, Commissioners Birch and Eason dissenting.

Old Georgetown Board Matters

The Commission adopted the following resolutions regarding matters pending before the Old Georgetown Board²:

OG 11-014 Hurt Home

Resolved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E that the Commission has NO OBJECTION to the concept as proposed; however, the Commission would call to the

² In accordance with his announced policy, Commissioner Lewis did not participate in the discussion or vote on matters before the Old Georgetown Board.

attention of the Old Georgetown Board the proposal to remove/replace historic windows.

OG 11-045 2715 Dumbarton Street, NW

Resolved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E that the Commission has NO OBJECTION to the concept as proposed.

OG 11-066 3212 O Street, NW

Resolved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E that the Commission OBJECTS to the proposal to add a bay window to the property as it does not meet the standards expected in the Georgetown Historic District.

OG 11-054 3207 M Street, NW (Calvin Klein)

Resolved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E that the Commission OBJECTS to the concept as proposed as it has reservations about the “department store type” windows which are not in keeping with the historic district and nearby properties.

OG 11-056 3233-35 M Street, NW (All Saints)

Resolved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E that the Commission has NO OBJECTION to the concept as proposed.

OG 11-065 3302 Prospect Street, NW

Resolved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E that the Commission OBJECTS to the concept as proposed in that it has concerns regarding the impact of the proposed addition on light, air and views of the adjacent properties, as well as the changes in the historic character of the row of houses of which it is a part.

OG 11-070 1072 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW

Resolved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E that the Commission OBJECTS to the concept as proposed. The Commission has concerns about the impact of the massing of the addition on the historic structure, which is a unique example of houses constructed in that era; further, the Commission would ask the Old Georgetown Board to take a hard look at the visual impacts of the addition from 31st Street, NW, to the east, and from Thomas Jefferson Street. While the Commission is advised of the conditional consent of the Foundation for the Preservation of Historic Georgetown which holds a preservation easement over the property, it notes that such consent does not relate to anything other than the property itself.

There being no further business before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles F. Eason, Jr.

Secretary *pro tem*