



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, October 2nd, 2017; 6:30 p.m.

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

### **Call to Order**

Chair Joe Gibbons called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Commissioners Joe Gibbons (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Mara Goldman (2E04), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Jim Wilcox (2E06), Monica Roache (2E07), and Zac Schroepfer (2E08) were present.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

#### **Approval of the ANC's October 2nd, 2017 Public Meeting Agenda**

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's October 2nd meeting agenda. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

#### **Approval of the ANC's September 6th, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's September 6th meeting minutes. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

### **Administrative**

#### **Public Safety and Police Report**

Sgt. Benjamin Firehock, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. He said that the crime statistics are decreasing for Police Service Area (PSA) 206.

Sgt. Firehock gave an overview of a robbery that occurred during the previous night on Q Street NW. He said that MPD is currently investigating the matter.

Sgt. Firehock gave an overview of MPD's efforts to address crime in the area near the Old Aqueduct Bridge. He said that MPD's Crime Suppression Team is continually making arrests in the area.

#### **Public Safety Announcement by Lt. Christopher Cunningham of the U.S. Park Police**

*This matter was moved to a future ANC meeting.*

#### **Financial Report**

Peter Sacco, the ANC's Executive Director, gave an overview of the current balance for the ANC's checking account.

#### Approval of the ANC's FY 2018 Budget

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's proposed FY 2018 budget. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

#### Update from the Mayor's Office

Richard Livingstone, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), said that comedian Dave Chappelle recently attended an event at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, during which he donated his recently-awarded Emmy Award to the school. He added that Mayor Bowser gave Mr. Chappelle a key to the city during the event.

Mr. Livingstone said that Mayor Bowser will be attending the Friends of Rose Park Gala on Wednesday, October 4th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at Evermay, 1623 28th Street NW. He said that the Mayor has kicked off "Housing Week" this week, during which she will be highlighting investments she is making in housing assistance for law enforcement members.

Mr. Livingstone said that Mayor Bowser recently launched <http://myChildcareDC.org>, a one-stop website for childcare services in the District.

#### Introduction by Tommie Jones, Director of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services

Chair Gibbons gave an overview of the ANC's appreciation of Mr. Livingstone's hard work on behalf of the neighborhood. He introduced Tommie Jones, the Director of MOCRS.

Mr. Jones thanked the ANC 2E community for the invitation to speak at the meeting. He said that he regularly reads the long reports of the work that Mr. Livingstone is doing on behalf of the neighborhood. He thanked the community for putting its trust in Mr. Livingstone as the neighborhood's representative for the Mayor.

Mr. Jones said that MOCRS coordinates with a variety of partner DC Government agencies to ensure that the DC Government is working on behalf of the neighborhood. He thanked the ANC commissioners for their service to the community.

#### Update from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that the DC Government has begun FY 2018. She said that the city's FY 2018 budget includes funding for improvements to Mt. Zion Cemetery and Georgetown Waterfront Park.

Ms. Werner gave an overview of DC's new dockless bikeshare demonstration program. She said that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) encourages local residents to submit any comments they have regarding the demonstration program to the agency.

### Presentation by Karima Holmes, the Director of DC's Office of Unified Communications

Karima Holmes, the Director of DC's Office of Unified Communications (OUC), gave an overview of the office. She said that OUC houses DC's 311 and 911 systems. She said that the office handles approximately 3.5 million calls per year.

Ms. Holmes said that she has nearly 18 years of professional experience working with 911 centers. She said that when a local resident calls 911 and an operator starts asking questions, the asking of questions does not hinder the emergency response time, as a separate operator who is listening to the call is the person responsible for dispatching first responders.

Ms. Holmes said that DC recently launched a text-to-911 system, where anyone who is unable to call 911 is able to text 911 instead. She said that OUC already has a text-to-311 for 311 service requests, as well as an updated 311 website which includes a live agent during certain peak times.

Ms. Holmes said that OUC is open to the public for tours. She said that the office has a robust public outreach program which lets local residents know about the office and how it operates. She gave an overview of the 311 and 911 call statistics for the ANC 2E neighborhood.

Ms. Holmes encouraged local residents to also use OUC's 311 mobile app in order to report 311 service requests.

Commissioner Palmer said that many of her constituents who live south of M Street NW are routed to Virginia's 911 call centers when they call 911 from their homes. Ms. Holmes said that the problem described by Commissioner Palmer is the result of cell towers in Virginia picking up the phone call instead of cell towers in DC. She said that, even if local residents are routed to a Virginia 911 call center, the Virginia center is able to quickly transfer the call to DC's 911 call center. She added that new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) efforts are intended to improve cell tower accuracy during 911 calls.

### Update from the Citizens Association of Georgetown

Bob vom Eigen, the President of the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG), said that the next regular CAG meeting will be on Monday, October 9th at 7:00 pm at Oak Hill Cemetery, 3001 R Street NW. He said that CAG's 2017 Georgetown Gala will be on Saturday, October 21st at 7:00 pm at the Four Seasons Hotel, 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

### Update from the Burleith Citizens Association

*There was no update regarding this matter.*

### Update from the Georgetown BID

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## Presentation by the Georgetown BID Regarding the District Department of Transportation's Key Bridge Architectural Lighting Project

Joe Sternlieb, the CEO and President of the Georgetown BID, said that DDOT is currently carrying out a Section 106 historic preservation review of the proposal to add lighting underneath the Key Bridge. He said that more information regarding the project can be found at: <http://keybridgelighting.com>. He said that the Georgetown BID is requesting that DDOT include the ability for colored lighting to be portrayed under the bridge during certain key days as part of the project.

## Update from Georgetown Heritage

Carol Truppi, the Project Manager for Georgetown Heritage, gave an overview of the proposed Georgetown Canal Plan to improve the public spaces along the C&O Canal. She encouraged local residents to attend the next public meeting regarding the plan, which will be on Thursday, November 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Georgetown Park, across from Dean & Deluca at 3276 M Street NW.

## Update from the Georgetown Business Association

Sonya Bernhardt, the President of the Georgetown Business Association (GBA), said that GBA recently acquired a Main Street grant for Georgetown as part of DC's Main Streets Program. She said that, as part of the grant, Wisconsin Avenue NW will be designated as a historic enterprise zone.

Ms. Bernhardt said that GBA, through the grant, is hoping to create a vision for Wisconsin Avenue in order to make the avenue a more thriving enterprise zone. She said that GBA will be holding a launch event for the grant on Wednesday, October 25th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at the Phoenix, 1514 Wisconsin Avenue NW. She added that GBA would like to hear more community comments regarding the community's vision for Wisconsin Avenue.

## Update from the Georgetown Village

Toni Russin, a Board Member for the Georgetown Village, gave an overview of the Village. She said that the Village always welcomes new members and that the organization can help its members with computer problems, notary services, and rides to doctor's appointments, among other services,

## Announcements by the Friends of Rose Park, the Friends of Volta Park, the Friends of Book Hill Park, the Friends of Montrose Park, the Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park, and Mt. Zion Cemetery

Chair Gibbons said that he has been leading efforts to encourage the various park friends organizations in the neighborhood to communicate and coordinate with each other.

Commissioner Roache said that David Dunleavy, a local resident, has volunteered to re-start the Friends of Montrose Park group in order to improve the park.

Chair Gibbons said that the Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park will soon be sending out a fundraising mailing to the community. He said that the organization needs to raise \$200,000 in order to secure a matching grant from the DC Government to repair the fountain at the park.

#### Announcement Regarding DC's New Dockless Bikeshare Companies

*This matter was moved to a future ANC meeting.*

#### Presentation by the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation

Amity Shlaes, the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation, and Matthew Denhart, the Executive Director of the foundation, gave a visual presentation on the life of Calvin Coolidge, as well as the work that the foundation carries out.

Mr. Denhart said that the foundation, which is based in Plymouth Notch, VT, is planning to purchase the house at 3425 Prospect Street NW. He said that foundation plans to use the house for exhibit space, event space, and office space for a small team of foundation staff. He said that the foundation plans to maintain the upper floor of the building as residential space for scholars who are visiting the foundation.

#### Introduction of Elsa Santoyo as the Newly Appointed Chairperson of the Citizens Association of Georgetown's Historic Preservation and Zoning (HPZ) Committee

Chair Gibbons gave an overview of Elsa Santoyo's appointment as the Chairperson of CAG's Historic Preservation and Zoning (HPZ) Committee. He gave an overview of Ms. Santoyo's professional background in historic preservation, including her work on the construction of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

#### Behind the Table: DC's Office of Cable Television, Film, Music & Entertainment

Andre Lee, a Program Support Specialist for the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music & Entertainment (OCTFME), gave an overview of the office. He said that the office regulates all of the cable providers in DC. He said that Verizon and RCN will complete their infrastructure build-out in order to come to Georgetown in 2019. He added that the office also coordinates with production companies that are looking to shoot movies in the District.

Mr. Lee said that OCTFME runs the DC Government's own TV channels. He said that the office recently held its 202Creates series of programming in September to highlight the District's creative economy.

Commissioner Wilcox asked if Verizon's infrastructure build-out in the neighborhood will include Verizon Fios. Mr. Lee encouraged Commissioner Wilcox to reach out to OCTFME to find out if Verizon Fios will be coming to ANC 2E.

#### Other Community Comments

Sonya Street, a Ward 2 inspector for the Department of Public Works (DPW), gave an overview of her work to enforce against illegal dumping in ANC 2E. She said that, over the last few years,

she has seen an improvement in how local residents are putting out their trash for collection. She distributed educational materials created by DPW that go over DC's trash disposal regulations.

A local resident requested that DPW return the previously-removed public litter can at the intersection of Dent Place and 34th Street NW. Ms. Street said that the litter can was removed because of the regular public abuse of the litter can by dumping household trash into the can.

### **New Business**

#### **Presentation Regarding DC Council Bill B22-0092 – the “Short-term Rental Regulation and Affordable Housing Protection Act of 2017”**

Chair Gibbons said that he met with Barbara Mitchell, Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie's Legislative Director, to discuss the proposed legislation. He said that the legislative timeline for the bill is currently uncertain and that more drafts are forthcoming. He said that a key question he had regarding the bill was how short-term rental regulations would be enforced. He added that another key question he had was what methods, either online or in-person, would homeowners use in order to register their short-term rentals with the DC Government.

#### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Circulator's Proposed 2017 Transit Development Plan, Including the Elimination of Certain Stops Along the Georgetown-Union Station Route**

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

ANC 2E has reviewed the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) draft DC Circulator 2017 Transit Development Plan. The ANC applauds DDOT's decision to continue to provide service on the Georgetown – Union Station route from the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street NW north to the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and 35th Street NW, but is concerned about DDOT's use of the phrase “at this time” when it announced the decision. ANC 2E believes that the Wisconsin Avenue leg should be a permanent part of the Georgetown – Union Station route.

ANC 2E understands DDOT's desire to improve efficiency and provide the promised headway on the route, but the ANC does not believe that service improvements should be implemented that are likely to decrease ridership on the Georgetown sections of the route.

Therefore, ANC 2E requests that DDOT reconsider its plan to eliminate the east and westbound stops at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and P Street NW and the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and R Street NW, and the eastbound stops at the intersection of M Street and Thomas Jefferson Street NW and the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and 28th Street NW.

Consideration of a Resolution Requesting the District Department of Transportation to Consider the Need for a Section 106 Review Regarding the Types of Replacement Bulbs Being Used in Neighborhood Streetlights

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

WHEREAS, the Office of Public-Private Partnerships (OP3), in conjunction with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), are proposing the Smart Lighting Project to install Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology in our community's streetlights, to expand broadband WiFi to citywide coverage in outdoor areas across the District, and to foster other technological innovations for our community,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E applauds Mayor Bowser for utilizing new technology to lower costs, provide every District resident with powerful technology, and make our community safer,

WHEREAS, the new LED streetlight proposal, as part Smart Lighting Project, will convert approximately 75,000 streetlights in the District to LED streetlights, including in ANC 2E's federally-protected Georgetown Historic District,

WHEREAS, the Smart Lightning Project will "Introduce functionality for the streetlight system to serve as a platform for ancillary uses commonly referred to as Smart City technology, including (but not limited to): expanded broadband coverage, augmented cell coverage, sensors and other intra-District services."

WHEREAS, ANC 2E respectfully asks the Office of Public-Private Partnerships and the District Department of Transportation if federal permitting is going to be required to carry out the stated uses of this project in order to implement the new WiFi and cellular services technology,

WHEREAS, the Smart Lighting Project, in its published information, states that its financing and funding sources will be a combination of energy savings, locally-appropriated funds, and federal funds,

WHEREAS, the Smart Lighting Project states that it is seeking federal funding for the project through the "Buy America" financing program,

WHEREAS, the Smart Lighting Project specifically states that it will include a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E understands that the timeline of the Smart Lighting Project is dynamic and that the project is now seeking qualified bidders,

WHEREAS, information must be gathered concerning the new LED streetlights' effects on our streets, alleys, walkways, and parks, and on the National Register of Historic

Places-listed properties of the Georgetown Historic District. There must be a determination to avoid or reduce any harmful effects of the new LED streetlights. The unknown characteristics of the new and powerful LED streetlights must be analyzed before any decisions are made,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E would like to be involved as soon as possible as a consulting party before any decisions are made concerning standards of the new LED streetlights, and

WHEREAS, the Smart Lighting Project states that “All proposals will require consultation with the District’s Historic Preservation Office (HPO) and with the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA).”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E respectfully requests that the Office of Public-Private Partnerships and the District Department of Transportation consult with DC’s State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regarding the Smart Lighting Project in order to prevent harm to our historic Georgetown community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E respectfully requests that the Office of Public-Private Partnerships and the District Department of Transportation identify all the federal agencies involved in the Smart Lighting Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E asks for assistance in order to request the implementation of a Section 106 review of the Smart Lighting Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E requests that the ANC and the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG) be named as consulting parties for a Section 106 review of the Smart Lighting Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E asks that the Office of Public-Private Partnerships and the District Department of Transportation protect the ANC’s rights to preserve our values of historic preservation, to have timely input on the selection of possible LED streetlights, and to provide our Georgetown Historic District with its rights to have a voice in the complete decision-making process.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Friends of Volta Park’s Park Permit Application for Amplified Sound for Volta Park Day on Sunday, October 29th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

WHEREAS, the Friends of Volta Park has been a partner with the Department of Parks and Recreation since 1996,

WHEREAS, the Friends of Volta Park is responsible for landscape maintenance of the park’s grounds and gardens,

WHEREAS, the Friends of Volta Park respects the history of the park, which dates from 1769, and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Volta Park has submitted a park permit application for one amplified speaker for a small three to four person band for Volta Park Day on Sunday, October 29th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E fully supports the Friends of Volta Park's park permit application.

## **Zoning**

### **Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Special Exception from the Rear Addition Requirements to Construct a Three-Story Rear Addition to an Existing One-Family Dwelling at 3629 T Street NW**

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

ANC 2E notes that this project, for which a special exception is sought, is quite large. Once constructed, it would increase the height of the existing rowhouse by seven feet and would add a three-story structure to the rear of the existing rowhouse that would extend 27 feet into the existing rear yard and 25.5 feet beyond the rear wall of the adjoining rowhouse. The houses in the near vicinity that front on T Street and 37th Street NW are two-story rowhouses that do not extend nearly so far into their respective rear yards. The third story proposed by the applicant would have windows facing west that overlook the rear yards of several homes that face 37th Street NW.

ANC 2E further notes that the applicant has represented that he has attempted to contact virtually all of the residents in the near vicinity in an effort to provide information about the project, and that no one appeared at ANC 2E's public meeting to object to the project. ANC 2E commends the applicant for his diligence. ANC 2E also notes that the owner of the rowhouse that adjoins the subject property to the east has specifically indicated that she has no objection to the proposed project.

With the above as background, ANC 2E hereby resolves that it will not participate in the proceeding now pending before the Board of Zoning Adjustment, but that the ANC is concerned that the proposed three-story (33 feet in height) addition extending 25.5 feet beyond the rear walls of the rowhouses lying to the east of the subject house might have a negative effect on the light and air available to the houses lying to the east, and thus asks the Board of Zoning Adjustment to carefully consider whether those houses would be unduly affected.

ANC 2E is also concerned that the addition of third story windows overlooking the rear yards of the houses to the west fronting on 37th Street NW might compromise the privacy of use and enjoyment of those neighbors, and thus asks the BZA to carefully

consider whether the 37th Street neighbors' privacy would be unduly compromised by the new structure.

### **Historic Preservation Review Board**

#### **Permit Application for Partial Demolition, Third-Floor and Rear Additions at 1728 Wisconsin Avenue NW**

Chair Gibbons moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

The Historic Preservation Office (HPO) recommendation will place undue hardships and unnecessary burdens on the applicant. If the HPO recommendation is followed then the precedent of possibly having every ANC 2E and Old Georgetown Board (OGB) approved project overturned or severely modified will be untenable for the ANC 2E community. The historic preservation regulations (§ 305.1) applied to this project are minimal at best. Out of the seven cited in the HPO recommendation, only two are completely confirmed to apply according to HPO. Those two are: (1) “the removal or destruction of all or a substantial portion of the structural components of the building, such as structural walls, floor assemblies and roofs” and (2) “the removal or destruction of all or a substantial portion of the roof along with all or substantially all of one or more exterior walls.”

These two citations for this property will have no detrimental historic effects on this building. The 1958 facade is basically a massive storefront. The massing of this storefront, in relation to the commercial streetscape, virtually obscures the entire building. The original 1899 structure is totally hidden by the 1958 storefront. Thus, for HPO to state that this property contributes to the character of a historic landmark is not a precedent our community can afford to have guide future applicants.

The purpose of preservation law is to serve the public interest “in the protection, enhancement and perpetuation of improvements... of (historic) districts.” (D.C. Official Code § 6-1101). For HPO to apply the most severe, unyielding definition of preservation law in this specific case would be harmful to the ANC 2E community and the entire process of ANC 2E and OGB's review procedures. ANC 2E believes that the applicant has picked a building that materially does not contribute to the historic district, has fully complied with all the review procedures, including changes asked for by OGB, and is going to revitalize, through mixed use, a very tired building.

ANC 2E strongly supports the applicant's project as previously approved by the ANC and OGB.

### **Old Georgetown Board**

#### **OG 17-367 (HPA 17-641) Sites in Georgetown**

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

This concept design is not attached to a specific property or structure. The applicant has included on the Old Georgetown Board application varied properties with varied property owners. The examples on the OGB application list National Park Service property, DC public property, and private land.

ANC 2E will examine, but not limited to, the shape, size, materials, design elements, placement on a property or structure, and impact on the residents and tourists to Georgetown, for each marker for each property once actually submitted to OGB. ANC 2E will hold a public meeting to review each and every OGB submission that corresponds with a specific property that the applicant wishes to affix or place a marker or plaque.

ANC 2E has difficulty with this OGB submission for the above reasons and therefore does not support this concept design.

SMD 2E02 - OG 17-209 (HPA 17-350) 1649 34th Street, NW

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

The applicant is seeking to construct a parking pad in their backyard. While the concept may be straightforward, it will create an unworkable precedent for this neighborhood and the community. If every townhouse on 34th Street NW desires to replicate this idea of intruding into the public right-of-way with bi-fold doors, issues will arise as the existing alley is not designed for this type of traffic. Therefore, the new usage this concept design is presenting will, without doubt, destroy the historic alleyscape and impair the viewshed from the Dent Place NW walkway. The concept design of bi-fold doors in of themselves should be rejected as a design element. There is no historic basis for bi-fold doors as they look like very large closet doors stuck on a fence.

In addition, the project architect has said that a tree with a trunk of about 10 inches in diameter at the back of the property is to be removed. According to the drawings, there are no plans to replace the tree, which means the neighborhood loses more of its canopy.

Therefore, ANC 2E will not support this concept design.

SMD 2E02 - OG 17-210 (HPA 17-351) 1601 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

and

SMD 2E05 - OG 17-348 (HPA 17-601) 3607 M Street, NW

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

The applicant met with Commissioner Joe Gibbons and Commissioner Lisa Palmer on September 25th at 7:30 pm at the 1601 Wisconsin Avenue NW site. The applicant agreed to reduce, at both locations, the LED red lights to, and maintain, a 2% level. The applicant is deactivating the light sensor that would automatically change the LED red lights' intensity.

The applicant is removing the red "swoosh" and upside-down red "J" near the gas pumps on both submissions. Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Gibbons are satisfied with the applicant's Old Georgetown Board submissions with these modifications.

ANC 2E supports both permit reviews with the modifications.

SMD 2E02 - OG 17-357 (HPA 17-619) 1608 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

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

ANC 2E first requests that this Old Georgetown Board application be reclassified as a concept review. ANC 2E has reached out to the applicant but has unfortunately not been able to meet to discuss the deficiencies in this concept design. ANC 2E finds the sign's large size, use of color, use of icons, use of a solid wood panel to hold the lettering, the hanging "word" attached to the sign, and the sign's placement on the building as severe problems. Furthermore, Commissioner Joe Gibbons now requests that the illegal banners pictured in the OGB application be removed.

ANC 2E does not support this concept design or permit review application.

SMD 2E03 - OG 17-372 (HPA 17-646) 3149 O Street, NW

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

ANC 2E notes that this is the third iteration of these plans that have been presented to this commission. ANC 2E objected to the first two iterations and objects to this iteration as well.

The first two iterations contemplated the construction of a third-floor deck. ANC 2E objected to both of the first two iterations because, among other things, ANC 2E objects to the construction of third-floor decks to this house, which would be completely inconsistent with the historic fabric of the neighborhood.

The current iteration of the plans appears to contemplate the inclusion of what would effectively be a deck without a railing that would be accessible through the existing doors, which continue in this iteration of the plans. This is unacceptable.

Additionally, the proposed addition that would replace the existing skylight on the east side of the third floor is simply inconsistent with the historic character of the neighborhood and seems to the commission to be unnecessary for the purposes described by the applicant's agent.

SMD 2E03 - OG 17-346 (HPA 17-597) 1427 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

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

ANC 2E commends the Christ Child Society Opportunity Shop for the good work it has done in our community and in the wider DC area for many years and notes that the commission values the presence of this shop in our neighborhood. ANC 2E however has concerns about the awning and signage proposals presented to us today.

First, the commission believes that it would be inappropriate to put a blade sign any place below the second story level. Second, it appears to the commission that the logo proposed for the front window of the shop is too large and perhaps violates DC's sign ordinance and we recommend that the applicants revisit that question.

SMD 2E05 - OG 17-288 (HPA 17-494) 3040 M Street, NW

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

ANC 2E supports the permit request for 3040 M Street NW.

SMD 2E05 - OG 17-352 (HPA 17-608) 1075 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW

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

ANC 2E supports the concept for 1075 Thomas Jefferson Street NW.

SMD 2E06 - OG 17-360 (HPA 17-622) 3044 O Street, NW

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

ANC 2E recognizes and understands the applicant's desire to repair or replace the damaged front steps at this property in the style that currently exists.

With regards the applicant's proposal to replace the existing metalwork and railing, ANC 2E recognizes that there is a diversity of styles in Georgetown and that no one style is required. However, there is value in diversity. In this case, the Old Georgetown Board should consider whether any replacement of the front steps and the railing should be made in a manner that conforms to the pre-existing condition prior to the time that Mr. Auchincloss owned the property, as detailed in pictures that are attached to the application.

Alternatively, the existing metalwork and railing are very distinctive and also have some historical significance. They appear to have been installed by Hugh D. Auchincloss and his wife Janet, who was the mother of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, after Hugh acquired the property in 1962.

The August 22, 2012 issue of the Washingtonian identified this property as one of "5 Georgetown Locations Rich in Kennedy History," reporting that John Jr. and Caroline Kennedy often came to play there, and that Janet Auchincloss kept the blood-spattered suit that Jackie wore in Dallas in a box in the attic there until it was moved to the National Archives. According to the April 8, 2013 issue of the Washington Business Journal, the property is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which may limit any modifications. We ask that the Old Georgetown Board take the property's listing into consideration and to also address whether the existing metalwork and railing, or at least their very distinctive style, should be retained.

SMD 2E07 - OG 17-374 (HPA 17-649) 1619 30th Street, NW

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

ANC 2E appreciates the detail put into this project in order to maintain the historic fabric of the community. ANC 2E has no objection to the proposed project at 1619 30th Street NW.

**Adjournment**

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 9:59 pm.