



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 4th, 2019; 6:30 p.m.
Georgetown Visitation School, Heritage Room – 1524 35th Street NW

Call to Order

Commissioner Rick Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Joe Gibbons (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Anna Landre (2E04), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Elizabeth Miller (2E07), and Matias Burdman (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the ANC's February 4th, 2019 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's February 4th, 2019 meeting agenda. Commissioner Landre seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's January 2nd, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's January 2nd, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Landre seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Administrative

Introduction of Commander Duncan Bedlion, the New Commander for the Metropolitan Police Department's Second District

Commander Duncan Bedlion, the new Commander for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, introduced himself to meeting attendees and gave an overview of his professional background. He gave an overview of several district-wide crime statistics. He also gave an overview of the pieces of paper that MPD has started leaving on cars parked in the neighborhood that look like parking tickets and encourage drivers to not leave any valuables in their cars.

Public Safety and Police Report

Lt. Dustin Bellavance, a representative for MPD's Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. He showed a video featuring security camera footage that recorded a recent stabbing in the neighborhood. He gave an overview of MPD's investigation into the incident.

Approval of the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 1 Financial Report

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's FY 2019 Quarter 1 financial report. Commissioner Burdman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Community Commendations

Community Commendation for Former ANC 2E Chair and Citizens Association of Georgetown President Ray Kukulski

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

ANC 2E would like to remember the life and work of Ray Kukulski, who died unexpectedly on January 10th, 2019.

Ray was born in Chicago and graduated from St. Mary's College in Minnesota. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, including a tour as a gunnery officer on a destroyer, the USS John R. Craig, patrolling the South China Sea.

He moved to Washington and spent his life in public service working at the Department of Labor and the Department of Justice on important and landmark issues.

However, we know him best for his tireless work in Georgetown. He was a member of this Commission and served as its Chair. He also served as President of the Citizens Association of Georgetown from 2001 to 2004.

He had informative and interesting emails and many of us are now wondering who will remind us of the trash collection swing schedule on holidays!

Ray's smile will be missed and his expertise on so many issues – especially on matters south of M Street NW – is irreplaceable. Let us remember him fondly and try our best to make our community a better place than we found it, as Ray always did. And, if the Whitehurst Freeway is ever to come down – we all know Ray will be dancing his pants off in heaven.

ANC 2E remembers Ray Kukulski fondly and, like the rest of Georgetown, will miss him terribly.

Community Comment

Update from the Mayor's Office

Amr Kotb, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), introduced himself to meeting attendees. He encouraged everyone to use himself as a resource for any DC Government issues. He also encouraged local residents to call DC's hypothermia hotline at (202) 399-7093 if they see any homeless individuals out in the cold. He added that he can also help escalate any 3-1-1 requests that are not being properly resolved.

Update from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, said that Mayor Bowser is currently in the process of holding a series of budget engagement forums for her proposed FY 2020 budget. She said that the Mayor will present her proposed budget to the DC Council on March 20th.

Ms. Werner said that the DC Council is currently holding a series of agency oversight hearings for all DC Government agencies. She said that the schedule of hearings is available on the DC Council website at: www.dccouncil.us.

Update from Georgetown Main Street

Jessie Himmelrich, the Executive Director of Georgetown Main Street, said that the organization's first annual meeting will be on Monday, March 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at The Capital Tailor, 3214 O Street NW. She said that applications for the organization's current round of small business grants are open and that the grants can be used to help with business improvements. She added that the organization is looking for event volunteers as well as volunteers to serve on the organization's committees. She said that anyone who is interested in volunteering can email her at: jes-sie@georgetownmainstreet.com.

Presentation by the DC Fire and EMS Department Regarding Changes to DC's Right Care, Right Now Initiative

David Foust, the Assistant Fire Chief of Services for the DC Fire and EMS Department (FEMS), gave an overview of the department's nurse triage line within the Office of Unified Communications (OUC). He said that the line has handled approximately 600 to 700 patients thus far as part of line's Phase 1 rollout. He said that the department is about to begin the line's Phase 2 rollout, which will include deploying first responders who will educate patients in the field and get the patients in contact with the nurse triage line. He said that the Phase 2 rollout will begin in March, and that there are currently 20 clinics participating in the program. He added that he left pamphlets regarding the program on the table in the back of the meeting room.

Update from the DC Public Schools Regarding the Hyde-Addison Elementary School Modernization

Commissioner Putta introduced Calvin Hooks, the new principal of Hyde-Addison Elementary School, who introduced himself to meeting attendees.

Amanda Ou, a Facility Management Coordinator for the DC Public Schools (DCPS), gave a visual presentation regarding the current state of the Hyde-Addison Elementary School modernization project. Desmond Grimball, an architect for the project, gave an overview of the architectural plans for the project. Additionally, a representative for MCM Build, the project contractor, gave an overview of the construction progress on the building.

Ms. Ou said that the project team is targeting completion of the project by July 1st, 2019. She said that local residents can reach out to her via email at: amanda.ou2@k12.dc.gov if they have any questions or concerns regarding the project.

Chair Murphy said that residents who live near the school continue to raise concerns regarding the large amount of project contractors who are parking in the neighborhood, even after a parking management agreement was reached with MCM Build.

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Public Service Commission's Community Hearing on Gas Leaks Reporting Requirements on Wednesday, February 6th, 2019

Chair 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:

On February 6, 2019 the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (PSC), which regulates the sale and delivery of natural gas in the District of Columbia, will hold a public hearing to consider resident concerns about natural gas leaks and repairs and the dissemination of information concerning such work. ANC 2E is concerned about the number of gas leaks in our community and believes that Washington Gas, the public utility that delivers natural gas in the ANC, can improve the quality of both its project management and its public communications concerning repair work in the ANC.

ANC 2E designates Commissioner Gwendolyn Lohse, who represents single member district 2E06, to represent the ANC at the PSC's February 6, 2019 hearing and to testify during the hearing.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's Request to Make Permanent the Right Turn Lane from Reservoir Road NW into Hospital Entrance #2

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

ANC 2E requests that the District Department of Transportation once again removes parking spaces to create a right turn lane at the intersection of Reservoir Road NW and the hospital's Entrance #2 during morning rush hour for eastbound traffic along Reservoir Road as the agency did prior to the establishment of the traffic signal at the intersection. The ANC requests that the parking spaces are removed until the completion of the hospital's current construction project.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Tudor Place Historic House and Garden's Grant Application for General Operating Support from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities

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

ANC 2E supports Tudor Place's request for general operating support from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

Tudor Place is a wonderful historic institution located in the heart of Georgetown. Through programs like Tudor Tots, Eggstravaganza, and holiday-themed tours in December, Tudor Place enriches our lives by sharing its unique historical resources in interesting and creative

ways. The organization's outreach to area schools provides experiential learning opportunities that complement and enliven classroom learning. The scenic beauty of the site provides its neighbors inspiration and solitude.

Tudor Place involves the neighborhood in its operations and programming. The organization's Neighborhood Liaison Committee and involvement with organizations like the Georgetown Garden Club and the Citizens Association of Georgetown provide opportunities for collaboration and community input.

ANC 2E thanks the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities for its time and encourages the Commission to look favorably upon Tudor Place's request for general operating support that will help this historical site continue to be an integral part of the community, while also serving its mission as a National Historic Landmark.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Request for Amendments to Escape Room Live's Settlement Agreement at 3345 M Street NW

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

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Lisa Palmer to negotiate and update a settlement agreement with Escape Room Live at 3345 M Street NW.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E05 - OG 19-063 (HPA 19-138) 3270 M Street, NW

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

ANC 2E thanks the applicant for attending and presenting during the ANC's meeting on February 4, 2019. Generally speaking, the ANC prefers rooftop antenna installations over public space antenna installations and the ANC is pleased that this proposal is for such a rooftop improvement. Notwithstanding, the ANC continues to express its strong desire that antennas should not be visible from the street to the greatest extent possible. If the rooftop antennas are visible from the street, the ANC requests that appropriate covering or camouflage be utilized in order to protect the viewshed for the community as in this case.

ANC 2E also notes that the ANC has received a number of applications for antennas over the last few months from various providers and the ANC requests that all future upgrading of equipment to provide 5G service be noticed to the ANC and to the Old Georgetown Board / U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. As a matter of process, the ANC requests that Sprint and other similar providers provide ANC 2E and the Old Georgetown Board / U.S. Commission of Fine Arts with a fully-developed presentation of planned rooftop installations within ANC 2E so that the ANC can evaluate the plans as part of a larger proposal and not as individual installations.

SMD 2E06 - OG 19-029 (HPA 19-073) 2801 M Street, NW and SMD 2E06 - OG 19-062 (HPA 19-127) 2801 M Street, NW

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

ANC 2E does not support either the concept or permit applications for 2801 M Street NW. The owners of the property have knowingly, continually, and systematically disregarded the Georgetown review process for construction in the community. On January 8, 2019 a stop work order was placed on this location due to unpermitted work on historic windows. There has been no response from the property owners regarding the stop work order. The building of a rear porch and stairs is also unpermitted. This building is of historic significance yet the owners have repeatedly failed to support the historic preservation process.

ANC 2E requests that the Old Georgetown Board instructs the applicant to recognize that any alterations constructed without utilizing the review process may have to be removed. ANC 2E further requests that the Old Georgetown Board instructs the applicant to use the established process for permitting, and to then resubmit the application accordingly. As already offered, the Commissioner for single member district 2E06 is available to meet with the applicant to demonstrate the community's interest in moving this project forward under the established approval processes.

SMD 2E06 - OG 19-075 (HPA 19-164) 2737 O Street, NW

Commissioner 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:

ANC 2E does not support the application for 2737 O Street NW. The applicant has willfully ignored the neighbor notification regulations. Additionally, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs is investigating this location for unpermitted work on both a roof deck and historic windows. The ANC notes that it does not support roof decks.

The building plans submitted by the applicant do not address the full scope of work outlined in the application, including the dimensions. The Citizens Association of Georgetown's concerns regarding this application are also supported. The ANC believes that the Baltimore-based firm managing this project needs more time to learn the Georgetown community's processes.

ANC 2E requests that the Old Georgetown Board and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts closely examine this application. Furthermore, ANC 2E requests that the applicant resubmits an updated application after its issues with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs are resolved and the previously-noted issues are addressed.

Adjournment

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.