



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

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 29th, 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 6:30 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Joe Gibbons (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Anna Landre (2E04), Lisa Palmer (2E05), and Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06) were present.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Approval of the ANC's April 29th, 2019 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's April 29th, 2019 meeting agenda. Commissioner Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's April 1st, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's April 1st, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

**Administrative**

Public Safety and Police Report

Lt. Dustin Bellavance, 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 there has been an uptick in robberies in the neighborhood. He showed a video featuring security camera footage of a recent robbery.

Lt. Bellavance said that he has been meeting with Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) officials to discuss increasing the agency's outreach efforts in the neighborhood.

**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), said that he has received several concerns from local residents regarding rideshare vehicles parking in the neighborhood. He said that, through his research, he has found out that DC has three authorized rideshare companies: Free2Move, car2go, and Zipcar. He said that the companies' vehicles are able to park wherever residents are allowed to park in the neighborhood. He added that

residents who feel like an individual rideshare vehicle has been in the same parking space for too long can call the rideshare companies directly to have the vehicle rebalanced.

Mr. Kotb said that he continues to advocate for the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to address various 3-1-1 requests in the neighborhood. He encouraged local residents to continue to submit 3-1-1 requests for any issues that they see in the neighborhood.

Mr. Kotb gave an overview of Mayor Bowser's recent release of the new DC Cultural Plan.

#### Update from Councilmember Jack Evans' Office

Ruth Werner, a representative for Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, gave an overview of the DC Council's ongoing hearings regarding DC's proposed FY 2020 budget. She said that the DC Council's first vote on the budget will take place on Tuesday, May 14th and that the second vote will take place on Tuesday, May 28th.

#### Update Regarding the Jelleff Recreation Center Renovation and the Jelleff Field Contract

Commissioner Putta gave an overview of the ongoing planning work for the Jelleff Recreation Center Renovation Project. He said that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will hold a community meeting regarding the project on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 pm at the Georgetown Neighborhood Library, 3260 R Street NW. He encouraged local residents to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Putta also gave an overview of the ongoing discussions regarding the current Jelleff Field contract with the Maret School, which is set to expire soon.

#### Update Regarding the Hyde-Addison Elementary School Modernization Project

Commissioner Putta said that the Hyde-Addison Elementary School Modernization Project is moving along. He said that the project team is on track to have the project completed by July 1st, 2019.

#### Report on Possible Old Georgetown Board Review of a Bus Shelter to be Installed by the District Department of Transportation at 35th Street and Dent Place NW

Chair Murphy gave an overview of the ANC's previous support for the installation of a bus shelter at 35th Street and Dent Place NW, as well as DDOT's proposal to install the bus shelter. He said that the ANC is not planning on taking any additional action regarding the matter this evening.

Several meeting attendees expressed support for the installation of the bus shelter.

#### Presentation by the District Department of Transportation Regarding the Agency's Palisades Trolley Trail and Foundry Trestle Feasibility Study

Michael Alvino, a Bicycle Programs Specialist for DDOT, gave a visual presentation regarding the agency's Palisades Trolley Trail and Foundry Trestle Feasibility Study. He said that DDOT is currently in the process of completing a structural assessment of the Foundry Trestle bridge, which is owned by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Mr. Alvino said that the study will examine the level of neighborhood support for the proposal, the tie-ins with other area trails and access points, and what would happen if the Foundry Trestle bridge has to be demolished.

Mr. Alvino said that DDOT held its first public meeting regarding study last month. He said that the agency has also collected responses from an online survey. He gave an overview of the feedback that the agency has received regarding the study thus far.

Multiple commissioners and meeting attendees expressed concerns regarding the lack of a trail connection to handle the large volume of bicyclists once they reach Prospect Street NW from the trail.

#### Presentation by TeleWorld Solutions Regarding the Use of Rooftops for Small Cell 5G Installations

Robert Fuchs, Senior Vice President of Solutions and Partners for TeleWorld Solutions, gave a visual presentation regarding the possible use of rooftops for small cell 5G installations. He gave an overview of the company's website, [www.SmallCellSite.com](http://www.SmallCellSite.com), which can help connect property owners who have free rooftop space with telecommunications companies who are looking to install small cells in the neighborhood.

#### **New Business**

#### Presentation by Washington Gas and Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the DC Public Service Commission's Second Hearing on Washington Gas Leaks

Commissioner Lohse moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). 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 DC, held a public hearing to consider resident concerns about natural gas leaks and repairs and the dissemination of information concerning such work. ANC 2E testified at the hearing given its concerns about the number of gas leaks in our community and the belief 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.

ANC 2E's February 2019 testimony outlined ten recommendations centered around: (1) improving the quality of communications, (2) improving the quality of project management, and (3) evolving oversight by the PSC. The ten recommendations were based on input from the ANC's constituents and are available to the public.

On May 15, 2019 at 2:00 pm the PSC will hold a second community hearing on natural gas leaks. ANC 2E designates Commissioners Rick Murphy and Gwendolyn Lohse, who represent single member districts 2E03 and 2E06 respectively, to represent the ANC at the PSC's hearing and to testify during the hearing. The commissioners will focus on the progress to date by Washington Gas and the PSC to address the initial ten recommendations submitted by the ANC in February of 2019. Constituents are encouraged to contact their ANC commissioner by May 12th with any relevant comments.

## Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Georgetown Canal Plan

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

ANC 2E is pleased to see the continuing work on the Georgetown Canal Plan. The ANC believes that the canal, approaching its 200th birthday, is one of the most unique and special parts of Georgetown's historic community – in addition to its high aesthetic value for the community, it also provides an important peek into so many facets of historic Washington, DC, serving as a crucial artery during the time of our Founding Fathers, through the Civil War and Industrial Revolution.

ANC 2E is supportive of many elements of the plan, particularly those which ensure that users with disabilities and all forms of mobility needs are able to enjoy this historic treasure and experience the neighborhood's history while in Georgetown. The ANC notes that currently, those who are unable to traverse stairs, including residents and visitors alike, and are wheelchair-users and/or pushing strollers are unable to enjoy the towpath in many locations. The ANC affirmatively requests that high priority is given to rectifying this accessibility issue in a sensitive manner and applauds the work already proposed in this regard.

ANC 2E notes that the portion of the canal which is under consideration as part of the Georgetown Canal Plan is quite small and has a unique viewshed, including restaurants, bars, a bowling alley, retail, and residential apartment buildings and townhomes — some of which are historic, others of which have been built within the last twenty years.

Furthermore, the ANC notes that the canal itself has undergone significant restoration over the last years which has altered its historic fabric, including new locks, bridges, etc. Overall, ANC 2E believes that many of the proposed designs will significantly enhance the visual, atmospheric, and audible elements of this historic feature. However, the ANC offers the following critical feedback regarding the proposed Georgetown Canal Plan:

- ANC 2E believes that insufficient consideration has been given to the effects of the proposed plan on the residential experience. As such, the ANC recommends an additional project goal which states the following:
  - Provide improvements to the canal which respect and enhance the residential experience for the Georgetown community, particularly those who abut the canal itself, and, furthermore, does no harm to the residential experience.
- ANC 2E is concerned that some of the development concepts for Fish Market Square do not adhere to the ANC's recommended additional goal. While the ANC is supportive of improving the environment in this area generally, the ANC reminds the planners that this square is immediately beneath many residents' homes who have thus far enjoyed the open sky and fresh air provided in this park — and would like to continue to do so.
- Also related to this new goal, ANC 2E remains concerned about the mule yard, noting that the stated location of where mules will rest is in residents' backyards. Residents

share concerns about smells and overall cleanliness related to mule storage by their homes; the ANC encourages consideration of a more appropriate location for the mule yard.

- ANC 2E continues to seek programmed improvements at the aqueduct, noting that this is an urgent need related to public safety. The ANC encourages planners to continue to consider how this area can be safely activated yet not encourage unsafe use after dark.

Overall, ANC 2E is highly supportive of the work being done to ensure the sustainability of this national treasure located in the ANC's individual and collective backyard.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Requesting that the District Department of Transportation Synchronize the Timing for the Traffic Lights Leading to the Key Bridge

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

ANC 2E notes that Georgetown continues to experience significant congestion, particularly during the PM rush hour and on weekends, as drivers approach the Key Bridge from the east and north. It has been brought to the ANC's attention that the traffic lights on M Street NW from 28th Street to the Key Bridge may have fallen out of synchronization. With this in mind, ANC 2E requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) immediately ensures that the traffic lights from 28th Street to the Key Bridge are synchronized appropriately. Furthermore, ANC 2E requests that DDOT ensures that the lights are timed optimally to ensure (A) pedestrian safety and (B) expediency and efficiency for vehicular traffic heading to the Key Bridge.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Rose Park Capital Bikeshare Station

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

ANC 2E supports the city's efforts to promote Capital Bikeshare's docked bike stations. There are over 500 of these stations in the metropolitan area, helping to reduce pollution and congestion. The ANC resolves to support the Sustainable Transportation Branch of the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) application for a bikeshare station at the far northeastern side of Rose Park, specifically on the south side of P Street NW, per the attached picture. The P Street eastern entryway into Georgetown connects Georgetown to Dupont Circle. This entryway into Georgetown does not have a bikeshare station. Currently, Capital Bikeshare users ride further into Georgetown given the lack of a docking station. A station in this location will encourage visitors and residents to enjoy Rose Park as well as other parts of Georgetown, including the walkway near the proposed station that connects P Street to the ANC's commercial area on M Street.

There will be no impact to the size of the sidewalk on P Street by the bike station. DDOT selected this location after analysis and community outreach, including to the Friends of Rose

Park, ANC 2E, and the National Park Service (NPS). Many in the community have noted the need for a station in this area. NPS owns the land on which this station is proposed to go. DDOT will be submitting an application to NPS for the station. The ANC encourages NPS to quickly review this application so that this bikeshare station can be prioritized by the Sustainable Transportation Branch of DDOT.

Finally, ANC 2E encourages both DDOT and NPS to independently consider whether or not Old Georgetown Board and U.S. Commission of Fine Arts review of the proposed installation is appropriate.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Burleith Capital Bikeshare Station

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

In 2017, over 100 Burleith residents signed a petition sent to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requesting a Capital Bikeshare station in Burleith. In 2018, Burleith residents answered a widely-distributed transportation survey by the Burleith Citizens Association with results showing strong support for a bikeshare station in Burleith. In late 2018, DDOT and the ANC worked to initially propose a location on the 1600 block of 36th Street NW. DDOT now strongly prefers a location at the northwest corner of 38th Street and Reservoir Road NW. DDOT's Pedestrian Program Coordinator and disabilities advisors recommend the 38th Street and Reservoir Road NW location and found that the 1600 block of 36th Street NW location has disadvantages compared to the 38th Street and Reservoir Road NW location based on sidewalk width clearance.

DDOT has also stated that the 38th Street and Reservoir Road NW location has advantages based on greater visibility and connectivity to east-west transit and better proximity for Georgetown University and MedStar Georgetown University Hospital populations compared to the 1600 block of 36th Street NW location.

Some residents have raised important questions and concerns about safety and congestion regarding the 38th Street and Reservoir Road NW location. Over several months and several site visits and internal queries, DDOT has attempted to answer all questions and concerns from residents. DDOT has stated that, based on their experiences with similar locations citywide, including near hospitals, they do not anticipate any safety issues or congestion issues and have stated that no bikeshare vehicles will ever block an active travel lane.

Therefore, ANC 2E supports DDOT's recommended proposal to install a Capital Bikeshare station in Burleith at the northwest corner of the intersection of 38th Street and Reservoir Road NW.

#### **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

Application by the Rosewood Washington DC Hotel for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Hotel License at 1050 31st Street NW in Order to Expand the Premises to Include Six Newly-Renovated Townhomes

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

ANC 2E protests the Rosewood Washington DC Hotel's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Hotel license at 1050 31st Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to drop the protest if and when an acceptable settlement agreement is signed by the applicant and ANC 2E.

Request from Tony and Joe's at 3000 K Street NW and Nick's Riverside Grill at 3050 K Street NW to Allow for the Transport of Alcohol From and to the Establishments on New Year's Eve

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

ANC 2E endorses the one day exception for Tony and Joe's and Nick's Riverside Grill for New Year's Eve. This includes allowing patrons to take their alcoholic beverages from Tony and Joe's to Nick's Riverside Grill and vice versa. The ANC has supported this exception over the years and we continue to do so.

Proposed Amendments to the Settlement Agreements for Tony and Joe's at 3000 K Street NW, Nick's Riverside Grill at 3050 K Street NW, and Angolo Ristorante at 2934 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: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E allows Commissioners Lisa Palmer and Rick Murphy to negotiate and sign new settlement agreements with Tony and Joe's at 3000 K Street NW, Nick's Riverside Grill at 3050 K Street NW, and Angolo Ristorante at 2934 M Street NW.

Proposed Amendments to the Settlement Agreement for Il Canale at 1063-1065 31st 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: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E protests Il Canale's application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1063-1065 31st Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and agrees to drop such protest if and when an acceptable amendment to the existing settlement agreement is signed by the applicant and ANC 2E.

Proposed Amendments to the Settlement Agreement for Flavio at 1069 31st Street NW

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

ANC 2E protests Flavio's application for renewal of the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1069 31st Street NW based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and agrees to drop such protest if and when an acceptable settlement agreement is signed by the applicant and ANC 2E.

Consideration of Several Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Applications for Restaurants, Hotels, Multipurpose Facilities, Clubs, Marine Vessels, Arenas, and Caterers

Chair Murphy 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:

ANC 2E offers no comment with respect to all of the renewal applications listed on the ANC's April 29th, 2019 meeting agenda except for Angolo Ristorante at 2934 M Street NW, Il Canale at 1063-1065 31st Street NW, and Flavio at 1069 31st Street NW, which the ANC has protested.

**Public Space Committee**

Public Space Application by the Norwegian Embassy for the Installation of a Temporary Flagpole at the Embassy's Temporary Chancellery at 2900 K 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: 5-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the installation of a temporary flag pole at the Norwegian Embassy's temporary chancellery at 2900 K Street NW.

**Zoning**

Zoning Commission Application by Georgetown 29K Acquisition, LLC for a Map Amendment from Unzoned to MU-13 at 1051-1055 29th 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: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the Zoning Commission application by Georgetown 29K Acquisition, LLC for a map amendment from unzoned to MU-13 at 1051-1055 29th Street NW.

**Old Georgetown Board**

SMD 2E03 - OG 19-140 (HPA 19-287) 3313 N Street, NW



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

ANC 2E learned at its meeting this evening that the applicant has not contacted the adjacent neighbors with respect to this project. Furthermore, the ANC is concerned about the mass of the project and the appearance of the north-facing windows on the rear of the project, all of which the ANC believes are serious design issues. Based upon the applicant's representations that he will withdraw the application from Old Georgetown Board consideration this month, the ANC would be willing to reconsider the application at a later date after the neighbors have been consulted.

SMD 2E03 - OG 19-127 (HPA 19-255) 1436 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

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

ANC 2E has no comment regarding this application.

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

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

ANC 2E supports the efforts and plans underway by this property owner to remove and replace illegal external construction as well as to complete other renovations. The ANC greatly appreciates that the property is now working with the Old Georgetown Board and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts given the Old Georgetown Board's significant role in helping to maintain Georgetown's historic character.

There was an outstanding fine in place for this property due to an infraction, however it appears as of this afternoon that the fine reportedly has been paid. To avoid any future liens, ANC 2E strongly encourages this property to fully pay any fines from the District of Columbia so that the historic renovations can move forward.

SMD 2E06 - OG 19-144 (HPA 19-291) 2737 O Street, NW

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

ANC 2E supports the efforts underway by this property owner to work in partnership with the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts to remove and/or replace the illegal construction plus review new plans. The ANC does note that there is a Notice of Infraction (NOI) in place for this property which has not been paid. The ANC strongly encourages this property to fully pay any fines from the District of Columbia as it moves forward with its historic renovation.

SMD 2E07 - OG 19-155 (HPA 19-304) 1644 31st Street, NW

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

ANC 2E has no comment on the concept design for a garage addition proposed by Tudor Place.

**Adjournment**

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm.