

**Minutes for the Meeting of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

February 3, 2014
Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, NW Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Commissioner Starrels, Vice-Chair. Commissioners Solomon, Jones, Cassey, Birch, Steury, and Prindiville, were present, constituting a quorum.

Administrative

Approval of February 3, 2014, ANC 2E Public Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Starrels moved to approve the agenda of the December 10, 2013 ANC 2E public meeting. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Approval of December 19, 2013, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Starrels moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2013 ANC 2E public meeting. Commissioner Birch seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Public Safety Report

Lieutenant Hedgecock of the Metropolitan Police Department reported on the current safety climate of the community beginning with shooting Sat., Feb. 1, at 20th and L Streets, NW, which was an escalation of a fight between 2 individuals. Both were apprehended.

Friday, Jan. 31, at 6:35 p.m. TD Bank was robbed. The assailant is pictured on MPD's Yahoo site. Sunday, Feb. 2, assault at the 1200 block of Wisconsin Avenue. 2 people struck on the head with beer bottles. Sunday morning at 2:00 a.m. there was a burglary at El Centro and at 1:30 a.m. there was a robbery at Dominoes. 2 Subjects with handguns robbed the business and the employees

Number of crimes in 2014 are similar to this time 2013.

Financial Report

Commissioner Jones submitted the quarterly report for ANC2E. The checking and savings accounts remain secure.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the 2014 1st Quarter Financial Report. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion. The motion carried with vote of 7-0

Transportation Report

Commissioner Starrels announced that there will be informal meetings for safety under the Whitehurst Freeway happening in the near future. Also we have not been able to get red light cameras on M Street installed. In order to get some movement, the ANC will resurrect the last motion to push MPD to action.

Commissioner Solomon discussed receiving plans from DDOT for the changes on 35th Street and Wisconsin Avenue, NW. Commissioner Solomon announced a stakeholders meeting with the ongoing rework of traffic on Wisconsin Avenue in Glover Park for Saturday, February 8th, at Safeway at 9:00 a.m.

Department of Public Works Report

Commissioner Jones commended Georgetown-GU Partnership for implementing a new trash program working with DPW and the Citizen Associations.

Commissioner Jones reported that the city would be replacing trash and recycling bins. Also DPW has had some problems with trash pick up during the winter storms. DPW appreciates your patience and please call 311 for pick up.

Commissioners Jones has been working with Commissioner Steury on green water initiatives.

ANC 2E Officers for 2014 and areas of special interest

2014 ANC 2E Officers

Ron Lewis, Chairman
Bill Starrels, Vice-Chairman
Jeff Jones, Treasurer
Peter Prindiville, Secretary

Areas of Particular Interest for ANC 2E Commissioners for 2014

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, Jeff Jones and Peter Prindiville to be Liaisons for Historic Preservation and Zoning matters;

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

Commissioner Ellen Steury to be Liaison for WASA matters;

Commissioner Jeff Jones to be Liaison for DPW matters;

Commissioners Ed Solomon, Craig Cassey, Peter Prindiville, Jeff Jones, Ron Lewis and Bill Starrels to be Liaisons for community and university relations;

Commissioners Ron Lewis and Craig Cassey, Jr. to be Liaisons for Library matters;

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

Commissioners Bill Starrels and Ellen Steury, as alternate, to be Liaisons to the Georgetown Business Association; and

Commissioners Tom Birch and Ellen Steury to be Liaisons to Tudor Place;

Commissioners Craig Cassey, Jr. and Tom Birch, website and communications

Commissioner Birch motioned to accept officers as slated. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

2014 ANC 2E Public Meeting Dates

2014 ANC 2E public meeting schedule:

December 19, 2013

February 3

March 3

March 31

April 28

June 2

June 30

No scheduled meeting until September

September 2 (Tuesday)

September 29

November 3

December 1

Commissioner Birch motioned to accept the dates as established. Commissioner Steury seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

Community Comment

Commissioner Solomon announced again that he would have a meeting at Safeway for the neighborhood to discuss issues pertaining to Burleith and Hillandale. Safety Commander Reece and Officer Antonio Adkins will discuss safety issues.

Also to be discussed are the effects of airplane noise. Representatives of Georgetown, Palisades and Foxhall have formed a coalition. National is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Traffic is increasing and they should use the quieter planes available.

Commissioner Solomon introduced Roberto Vittorio, a pilot, astronaut and physicist, who lives in Hillandale who will spearhead the coalition. Mr. Vittorio stated that noise is not the only problem but the vibrations present a problem too. Regarding night interaction, everyone has a right to quiet rest. He is looking at the aircraft trajectory and the airport's noise abatement procedures. National is not doing a good job and has stated that these problems do not exist. National got one of its runways extended about a year ago. National is operating against DC law quiet hours. This comprises the quality of life for everybody. There must be procedures to comply with, times to respect and new engines with better standards.

Commissioner Solomon said that the coalition is partnering with Arlington County on this issue. The name of the coalition is Communities for Smart Airport Growth.

Commissioner Jones is an American Airlines pilot and will recuse himself from this issue.

Ruth Werner, Jack Evans Office, announced that it is tax filing season and taxpayers can opt to get direct deposit, check or debit card from the Office of Tax and Revenue.

Jackson Carnes, Ward 2 Campaign Coordinator for Muriel Bowser, introduced himself and asked to be contacted with any requests for information regarding Councilmember Bowser's campaign for Mayor.

New Business

Easter Egg Hunt in Rose Park – Saturday, April 12, 2014

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E has no objection to the application by Mike Godzwa on behalf of the National Community Church for an egg hunt in Rose Park on April 12, 2014, on condition that the sponsors collect any trash, eggs, chocolate and other food remains at the conclusion of the event.

DDOT Public Space

3206 N Street, NW, Neyla Mediterranean Grill, DDOT Tracking No. 10126007, Application to occupy public space for the purpose of Valet Staging Area (respond by February 8, 2014)

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Birch. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E supports the withdrawal of this application, effectively immediately, as agreed to by representative for Neyla, Sara Conlin. We will revisit this application at a later date.

1226 36th Street, NW, 1789 Restaurant, DDOT Tracking No. 10126066, Application to occupy public space for the purpose of Valet Staging Area (respond by February 15, 2014)

Commissioner Prindiville made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Steury. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E has no objection to 1789 Restaurant's application for use of public space for the purpose of a valet staging area at 1226 36th St. NW. We remind the applicant that heavy pedestrian traffic is common along the traffic flow path and in the valet staging area, even into the early hours of the morning. We request that the applicant ensure that valeted cars adhere to the speed limit and make required stops at pedestrian crossings, especially in the 3600 blocks of Prospect St. and N St. NW.

ABC Issues

3123 - 3125 M Street, NW, Rira Irish Pub, License No. ABRA-092168, License renewal

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E has no objection to the license application.

3401 K Street, NW, Gypsy Sally's Acoustic Tavern, License No. ABRA-090582, Application for a substantial change to license

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E has no objection to the stipulated change in license.

Old Georgetown Board

With regard to 3320 M Street, NW, OG 14-083 (HPA 14-157)

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E has no objection to the plan as presented.

With regard to 1071 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, OG 14-038 (HPA 14-061)

Commissioner Starrels made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E appreciates the evolution of the design. ANC 2E likes the fact that the applicant has taken into account the suggestions of the OGB and is pleased overall with the revised design as presented.

With regard to 2734 P Street, NW (also 1417 28th Street, NW) OG 13-147 (HPA 13-246)

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Cassey. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E appreciates the effort to decrease the size of the rear addition to the property. ANC 2E urges the OGB to insure that the design is appropriate to the historic properties on Poplar Street, NW, in Georgetown. ANC 2E asks OGB to consider the fenestration on the west façade to the degree that it would be appropriate to minimize window surface on that side of the building. ANC 2E realizes that Poplar Street, NW, is important to the history of the area particularly for the African American community, therefore, ANC 2E is cognizant of the value of maintaining the size of the design to other structures, particularly the parking structure in the design plan.

With regard to 3306 R Street, NW, OG 14-077 (HPA 14-123)

Commissioner Birch made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E has no objection to the project as presented for the addition to the rear of the property, but ANC 2E does have reservations about the design to the extent that it breaks the cornice line at the rear of the property.

With regard to 3240 P Street, NW, OG 14-053 (HPA 14-077)

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E appreciates that the applicant has incorporated the suggestions of the OGB. ANC 2E has no objection to the proposal as presented.

With regard to 1357 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 14-084 (HPA 14-158)

Commissioner Jones made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Prindiville. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

ANC 2E gladly supports this project as presented.

At 8:33 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Starrels moved to adjourn the public meeting session of ANC 2E. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion. With a vote of 7-0, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director
for
Peter Prindiville, SMD 08
Secretary, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E