

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

**Monday June 4th, 2012**

Georgetown Visitation School, 35<sup>th</sup> and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Chairman Ron Lewis, with Commissioners Lewis, Starrels, Solomon and Jones present, constituting a quorum.

**Approval of June 4, 2012 Agenda**

The agenda for the June 4th, 2012 ANC 2E public meeting was approved on a motion by Commissioner Lewis (Commissioner Jones seconded) by a vote of 4-0.

**Administrative**

***Approval of April 30th, 2012 Minutes***

*The minutes for the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 ANC 2E public meeting were postponed for approval until the July 2, 2012 ANC2E public meeting*

***Public Safety and Police Report***

Lieutenant John Hedgecock reported there was a 20% drop in violent crimes compared to this time last year. The number of property crimes (thefts, burglaries) remained nearly the same compared to this time last year

Lieutenant Hedgecock strongly encouraged the community to take extra precautions during summer months with many people taking extended time from home. He also encouraged using alarm system even if departing for a very short period of time.

Commissioner Solomon and Commissioner Starrels expressed their concern of bicyclers not following good safety practices and possibly ignoring traffic laws.

***Financial Report***

Commissioner Solomon reported the finances of ANC 2E remain secure.

***Transportation Report – O&P Street Update***

Regarding O&P street restoration project:

Commissioner Solomon reported the contractor is placing a grouting substance between the

tracks and pavers, and that all of the sand/grout will be swept away once the project is completed.

Commissioner Jones reported a meeting has been scheduled for the residents and businesses on the 3200 block of O Street, NW this Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. at St. Johns Church lower level. He strongly encouraged all 3200 block of O Street businesses and residents to attend.

### ***Public Works***

Commissioner Jones commended the DPW SWEEP inspectors for their continuing efforts in our communities. The month of May 2012 has seen a noticeable spike in citations issued for sanitation violations. Commissioner Jones plans to continue to work with CAG, BCA, Georgetown BID and others on how residents and businesses can avoid expensive citations.

### **Community Comment**

#### ***Update for Hyde-Addison Elementary School development***

Hyde-Addison Elementary School Principal Dana Nerenberg reported plans are underway and funds have been budgeted for the addition of a library and gymnasium to be constructed during 2013. The school's enrollment continues to climb and will be at full capacity of approximately 336 students. Currently, there is a lack of play space during poor weather, and no space that can hold an entire school assembly indoors. The contracting portion of the development will be conducted by the Department of General Services. The goal is to have the construction completed during the summer of 2013. A School Improvement Team will be formed to guide the school through the process in coordination with the ANC, OGB and the community.

Ruth Werner and Mary Lord reported Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans, Chancellor Kaya Henderson and Principal Dana Nerenberg are holding a public meeting to discuss the state of Ward 2's public schools. The Ward 2 event begins at 5 p.m. with a Principal Meet & Greet. The program will follow shortly after. The meeting is at the Francis-Stevens Education Campus at 2425 N St. NW. Childcare will be provided.

### **New Business**

#### ***Georgetown Presbyterian Church Picnic at Volta Park, September 23, 2012***

Georgetown Presbyterian Church representatives discussed a planned picnic at Volta Park, to be held on September 23, 2012. Commissioner Lewis proposed the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which was approved by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E is pleased to support the application by the Georgetown Presbyterian Church to hold a picnic at Volta Park on September 23, 2012.

### ***DDOT procedures for issuing permits for block parties***

Commissioner Lewis proposed the following motion in light of new procedures at DDOT relating to approving block parties (seconded by Commissioner Starrels), which was approved by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E requests that DDOT notify ANC 2E of applications for block parties in Georgetown or Burleith, so public input and input from ANC 2E can be heard as part of the issuance-decision process.

### ***Georgetown University Campus Plan update***

Commissioner Lewis reported that the Parties and Georgetown University have filed a joint letter asking for a week's extension for upcoming filings. Copies of the letter are available at the meeting for anyone who wants one. There will be time for public discussion prior to ANC 2E making a motion or resolution regarding a possible agreement.

### **ABC Issues**

*3236 Prospect Street, NW, ABRA-087240, t/a M Café, Voluntary Agreement*

The proposed Agreement has been circulated to the ANC 2E Commissioners. Upon all parties including the applicant, ANC2e and Citizens Association of Georgetown signatures of approval, it will become part of the liquor license.

The Agreement was discussed and questions by the Commissioners regarding disputes regarding complying with the agreement, parking, and limits on private parties were addressed.

Commissioner Starrels introduced a motion that ANC 2E agrees to join as a party to this voluntary Agreement and lifts all protests of this license (Seconded by Commissioner Jones). The motion passed 4-0.

### ***Budget legislation concerning extended ABC hours***

Commissioner Starrels reported there is currently a proposal by the D.C. Council to extend bar hours during 19 Federal holidays annually.

Cookie Cruse stated the Citizens of Association of Georgetown is opposed to extending bar hours.

ANC2e does not favor the extra 19 day holidays of extending bar hours for the following

reasons. No public transition. All jurisdictions in our region all are shutdown prior to this time. It is not safe, and creates noise disruptions. The motion was introduced by Commissioner Starrels and seconded by Commissioner Solomon, and passed 4-0.

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#### PRIVATE PROJECTS:

### **Old Georgetown Board**

Commissioner Jones chaired the meeting for consideration of the following OGB-related matters. Commissioner Lewis, with one exception noted below, abstained and did not participate in the consideration or vote on any of the matters described below relating to the Old Georgetown Board; Mr. Lewis did participate in the consideration and vote with regard to 3240 Q Street, N.W.

#### **Private Projects**

#### **With regard to 1645 31<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, OG 12-211 (HPA 12-335):**

A representative from the property spoke about the proposal for concept approval of a revised plan within the footprint of the existing building, plus a garage. After discussion, Commissioner Jones made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 3-0-1:

ANC 2E appreciates the applicant's addressing the previous concerns. We suggest the Old Georgetown Board consider the amount of green space taken up by the proposal when walkways, patios and the swimming pool are considered. ANC has no objection to the proposal as presented.

#### **With regard to 1687 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW, OG 12-242 (HPA 12-398):**

A representative from the property spoke about the proposal for alterations to existing rooftop mechanical equipment and exposed ductwork. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 3-0-1:

ANC 2E appreciates the applicant's efforts to mask the equipment on the roof. We do not object to the proposal.

#### **With regard to 1687 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW, OG 12-242 (HPA 13-398):**

The applicant did not appear at the meeting and, upon Commissioner Jones's suggestion without opposition, the matter was moved to the No Review category.

**With regard to 3240 Q Street, NW, OG 12-179 (HPA 12-290):**

A representative from the property spoke about the proposal for revised design of a 2-story rear addition with basement and alterations. After discussion, Commissioner Lewis made the following motion (Commissioner Jones seconded), which passed by a vote of 4-0:

ANC 2E objects to the latest iteration of this project for essentially the same reasons that applied to the earlier versions: the addition is much too large for the existing, modest house; the style is not in keeping with the design of the existing house; the addition would extend into the lot much farther back than the other houses in that row, which would not be in keeping with the historic scale of its environment; and it would block the light and view from the adjacent house to the west. We also note that we do not support widening an extension to this house so that it goes to the western lot line, which would change the character of this free-standing building.

**With regard to 1037 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, OG 12-236 (HPA 12-391):**

A representative from the property spoke about the proposal for an internally illuminated sign for “Flor.” After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 3-0-1:

ANC 2E objects to the internally illuminated signage as not in keeping with the historic nature of the area. We would be more amenable to signage at this location with a metal face.

**With regard to 1249 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, OG 12-224 (HPA 12-375):**

A representative from the property spoke about the proposal for replacement windows and alterations to the rear with pergola and skylights. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Jones seconded), which passed by a vote of 3-0-1:

ANC 2E objects to the rear addition proposal because it is not consistent with the historic character of the property. ANC 2E has no objection to the restoration to the front as proposed or to the proposed skylights.

**With regard to 3000 K Street, NW, OG 12-234 (HPA 12-389); and  
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With regard to 3000 K Street, NW, OG 12-232 (HPA 12-387):**

A representative from the property spoke about the proposal for signage and alterations to a storefront, terrace, and garage door at “Farmers, Fishers and Bakers.” After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 3-0-1:

ANC 2E likes the proposed changes for Farmers, Fishers and Bakers. The extension of the area for the tables makes the space more practical for the restaurant and its customers. It is visually appealing from all viewing areas. The iron “fencing” defines the space and helps separate patrons from those walking outside the restaurant area. It also makes ABC

enforcement easier. ANC 2E has no objection to the shades or sails as proposed.

**With regard to 3240 (3212) Grace Street, NW, OG 12-146 (HPA 12-243):**

A representative from the property spoke about the proposal for a revised design for a new building. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Jones seconded), which passed by a vote of 3-0-1:

ANC 2E still has reservations as to the overall massing of the building. We are concerned that the building dwarfs the nearby historically small row houses to the south. The building also is overbearing to Cecil Place, which is a historically narrow street. We also do not approve of any decks, where people could congregate at all hours, eclipsing the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood.

We do not support a sidewalk on the east side of Cecil Place. None exists now, and if one was added it would need to be wider than in the plans, per DDOT requirements. The neighbors would be better off with no sidewalk and simple landscaping. In addition, bicycle parking and storage areas are needed. Areas for trash and trash receptacles seem inadequate and difficult to access. There appears to be little or no space for the building's maintenance equipment and supplies.

We would hope the new architect will work with the affected neighbors toward a more fitting proposal.

**With regard to 1220 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 12-229 (HPA 12-384); and  
With regard to 1220 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, OG 12-230 (HPA 12-385):**

The applicant was unable to attend the meeting and make a presentation with regard to storefront additions, signage for "Massino Duttì," and rooftop equipment. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Solomon seconded), which passed by a vote of 3-0-1:

Since the applicant lives out of the country and could not be at the ANC 2E meeting, we do not have enough information and therefore cannot support the project.

**With regard to 2805 M Street, NW, OG 12-231 (HPA 12-386):**

A representative from the property spoke about the proposal for a sign scheme for "ShopHouse," including a projecting awning and back-lit sign. After discussion, Commissioner Starrels made the following motion (Commissioner Jones seconded), which passed by a vote of 3-0-1:

ANC 2 E does not object to an awning but objects to the awning being used as signage. We have no objection to the metal ShopHouse back-lit sign for the building itself.

**At 9:30 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Lewis moved (Commissioner Solomon seconded) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.**

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

Jeff Jones  
Acting-Secretary, ANC 2E