

**Minutes for the Public Meeting of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC2E**

Tuesday, March 30, 2004
Georgetown Visitation School

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 by Chairman Birch with all Commissioners present, constituting a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes of March 2: The minutes of the March 2, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed by Commissioner Glick.

SMD 02 Update: John Lever, a resident of 33rd Street, was the only candidate to turn in a petition to the DC Board of Elections and Ethics. The challenge period for Mr. Lever's signatures runs until March 31. If his petition is accepted, Mr. Lever will be sworn in at the next meeting on May 4.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Report from Georgetown University Hospital: Regina Knox Woods from GU Hospital was present to warn of a possible demonstration scheduled for Thursday, April 1, from 12-2pm near the Reservoir Road entrance. The demonstration will be by certified nurse midwives, as the hospital has announced the end of their midwife practice. The demonstration will be peaceful and should only be on the sidewalks. It will not prohibit patient access.

Karyn LeBlanc: Karyn LeBlanc, Communications Specialist for DDOT, provided the following report:

The 31st Street bridge has been reopened. The work done will stabilize the bridge for 15-20 years. Work on the Wisconsin Avenue bridge will begin next week and is scheduled to be completed by mid-May.

WASA has approached DDOT for help in an upcoming project on the towpath, where Whitehurst Freeway meets Canal Road. This ties into the Canal Traffic Light Project. Canal Road will only have one lane open inbound from 9:30am to 3:30pm (2:30pm on Fridays). It will be a six month project and no work will be done on weekends. Commissioner Ryan asked if work could be done at night, as with the Georgetown Project, and Ms. LeBlanc said she would look into it.

Volta Pool Project Update: Tony Startt, Project Manager for the Volta Park Pool project, stated that the pool would open on Memorial Day Weekend. An opening ceremony is being planned. The Tot Lot will open on April 1.

Community Commendations: ANC2E presented Officers Barry Goodwin and Kevin Brittingham with commendations for their work during a police chase on February 14. The commendations read:

Police Report: Lt. Mark Carter reported that PSA lines were changing as of May 2, and that PSA 205 would merge with PSA 206. Crime was up a touch, and Carter reported an increase in robberies and theft from autos. He warned that with the warmer weather there would be more people in town, and residents should be more cautious about their property. This includes removing property from autos and closing doors and windows. Carter also discussed the new pager system, which in effect for a 30-day pilot test period. They are trying to work the bugs out still, and should be used for order maintenance issues. The pagers are not meant to circumvent the 911/311 system.

Commissioner Glick inquired about the joint patrols between MPD and Georgetown University's Department of Public Safety. Carter admitted that they had been off and on for a bit, but that things are back in order.

Georgetown Project: Commissioner Levine provided the monthly report on the Georgetown Project. There is a little more than a year left. M Street paving is scheduled for some time in late April or early May. Curbs and ramps at Wisconsin and M Street have been installed. PEPCO work on Wisconsin Avenue is set to be done by the end of June. DDOT is working on the southern end of Wisconsin Avenue.

DC Health Care Coalition: Debbie Hanrahan was on hand to discuss Initiative #65 which would ask the city to set up a public hospital to provide accessible healthcare and emergency service to DC residents. She hope to have it on the ballot in November and would need 20,000 good signatures by July 8. To help with the effort, citizens may contact Ms. Hanrahan at 462-2054.

DDOT Parking Signs around Ellington School: No parking signs (6am-8am) have been inserted near the Ellington School. This will benefit teachers at the school, but will have a ripple effect when it comes to residential parking. Ed Solomon, President of the Burleith Citizens Association, said he was working with the school to rectify the situation.

Other Announcements: Chairman Birch announced that a household hazardous waste collection day was scheduled for Saturday, April 3, from 9am to 3pm.

Commissioner Glick invited community residents to Georgetown Day to be held on Friday, April 30 on campus. The event is free and will feature food, musical performances, and children's games.

The next meeting of the Alliance for Local Living will be held on Tuesday, April 13.

Commissioner Starrels announced plans for a community service project on May 1 at Hyde Elementary School. The effort is being coordinated by Hands on DC.

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL ITEMS

Parking Meters on Wisconsin Avenue between R and 34th Streets: Commissioner Levine reported that currently these meters require money up until 10pm. This is unnecessary and in fact hurts many businesses. Commissioner Levine moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E requests that the Department of Transportation change the meters that now run until 10:00 p.m. to be **changed to 6:30 p.m.** on the east and west sides of Wisconsin Avenue between R Street and Whitehaven Parkway, NW. ANC 2E also recommends the same meter change in the first block of S Street off of Wisconsin Avenue to the entrance of the Jelleff Boys and Girls Club located at 3265 S Street, NW.

Pay Phones: Two proposed pay phones were discussed.

The first was at 1070 31st Street outside the Moby Dick Restaurant. Chairman Birch moved (Starrels second) to oppose this placement. A vote was held and the outcome was 3-3 (Glick, Levine, Skelsey dissenting). Commissioner Levine moved (Glick second) for the following which passed by a vote of 4-2:

ANC 2E has no objection to the placement of a pay phone at 1070 31st St.

The second pay proposal was for 1612 Wisconsin Avenue. Chairman Birch moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E has no objection to the placement of a pay phone at 1612 Wisconsin Ave.

FreshFarm Market at Hyde School: Chairman Birch first announced that the Rose Park Farmers' Market would be held once again this year. The market would be open every Wednesday from 4-7pm, beginning on April 14 and continuing until October. Volunteers are needed to assist with setup and closing. E-mail roseparkmarket@yahoo.com.

As for Hyde, Ann Yonkers was on hand to ask for an endorsement. This year's market will feature seven farmers as well as a baker, meat producer, and flower stand. The market will run every Saturday from 9am to 1pm beginning on May 8. Commissioner Skelsey moved (Starrels second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E enthusiastically welcomes the return of the FRESHFARM Market to the Hyde School for the 2004 season, and encourages all Georgetown residents to regularly patronize this valuable neighborhood institution.

ABC MATTERS

Chopsticks: Yoon Mi Li from Chopsticks came to request an extension for closing hours. The restaurant is currently open until 10pm Monday to Friday. The request was for thirty additional minutes Monday to Thursday and a full hour on Friday. Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC2E agrees to allow Chopsticks to remain open to 10:55pm each day.

Curry Club: The owners of this new English-Indian restaurant at 1734 Wisconsin Avenue were on hand. They will have thirty seats and will be open until 11pm. Commissioner Starrels moved (Levine second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E supports the applicant's request for a stipulated "C" License at 1734 Wisconsin Avenue based on their presentation of operating an upscale Indian restaurant with thirty seats upstairs and a carry out operation downstairs. Closing time is 10:30 weekdays and 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights. Trash will be handled in the alley with an adequate pick up schedule.

Blue Gin: Greg Talcott announced that his restaurant, a conversion of Champion's, was one month from opening. It will be an adult atmosphere. Commissioner Starrels said that a Voluntary Agreement was being worked out. Commissioner Starrels moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E supports the granting of a stipulated license for the applicant at 1206 Wisconsin Avenue for a "CT" license. ANC 2E and the applicant are currently in the process of crafting a voluntary agreement and we both have all intentions of being successful.

ABC revised regulations: Commissioner Starrels announced that the City Council was considering a measure that would allow Class A and B ABC licensees to remain sell until midnight, as opposed to 10pm which was currently in place. He stated this was not so much a problem in Georgetown, but would create issues in other areas of the city. Commissioner Glick stated that his student constituents would likely support the proposal. Commissioner Starrels moved (Birch second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-1 (Glick dissenting):

ANC 2E opposes the proposed amendment to the revised ABC regulations that would extend the hours to midnight allowing District liquor stores to sell alcohol and grocers to sell beer and wine. ANC 2E encourages all councilmembers to vote against this amendment that will be before the full Council on April 6th, 2004.

ZONING

Sheridan Garage, 2550 Q St.: Commissioner Ryan moved (Birch second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Glick absent):

ANC 2E is concerned that the neighbors were not given the opportunity to review these latest revisions for the Sheridan Garage site. The neighbors are still concerned about the mass and scale of the project and in particular the roof terraces on the P Street side.

Inter Arch Commerce Bank, 1611 Wisconsin Avenue: Commissioner Birch moved (Starrels second) for the following which passed unanimously:

Although we appreciate the efforts to make improvements, ANC 2E continues to have concerns with the design as it still does not reflect the design elements of historic Georgetown architecture. The street elevation and the bank entrance need to be more compatible to the buildings north of the site. Also, we would like to see a creation of landscaping and trees to break up the asphalt in the parking area.

Addison and Hyde Schools: Commissioner Skelsey moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E supports the revised plan as presented.

Hyde School landscape plan: Commissioner Skelsey moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E supports the concept plans for the landscaping and wall on the O Street side of Hyde School as long as the resources dedicated to the proposed project are not diverted from the children.

Georgetown Theatre, 1351 Wisconsin Ave.: Commissioner Birch moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed unanimously:

ANC 2E has no objection to the plans for the improvement and restoration of this neglected building but do object to the entry awning that has never been reviewed.

Ledecky residence, 1400 34th Street: The part in contention was the curb cut for this project. Commissioner Skelsey moved (Glick second) for the following which passed unanimously:

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

Commissioner Levine departed at this time in the meeting and voted on none of the following projects.

Sausser and Wood residence, 1523 33rd Street: Commissioner Skelsey moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Starrels absent):

ANC 2E supports the project for 1523 33rd Street but notes the impact the addition will have on the light and view from the residence at 1521 33rd Street. We suggest the following stipulations in order to minimize its negative impact on 1521 33rd Street:

- that the height of the addition be significantly reduced
- that the exterior finish material facing 1521 be light in color, to reflect daylight
- and that, if at all feasible, to move the proposed location of the south wall of the addition to the north, away from the windows at 1521 33rd Street.

3257 O Street: Commissioner Glick moved (Birch second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the existing swing gate at 3257 O Street

Brown residence, 3255 O Street: Commissioner Glick moved (Birch second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E has no objection to the proposed new garage off the alley at 3255 O Street.

Taylor residence, 3425 Prospect Street: Commissioner Starrels moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Skelsey absent):

ANC 2E has no objection to the plans as presented for 3425 Prospect Street.

Provident Bank, 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street: Commissioner Birch moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Skelsey absent):

ANC 2E objects to the oversized lettering in the signage.

Bennett residence, 1557 33rd Street: Commissioner Birch moved (Skelsey second) for the following which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Starrels absent):

ANC 2E has no objection to the plans as presented but we are aware that the neighbors to the east may not be aware of the impact of the proposed plans.

Ainslie residence, 1520 36th Street: Commissioner Ryan moved (Glick second) for the following which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Starrels absent):

ANC 2E has reservations about the 2nd floor addition because of the negative impact to the neighbor on the north in regard to light and air and we encourage discussion by the parties that hopefully will result in a solution.

Trulove residence, 1250 28th Street: Commissioner Birch moved (Ryan second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E supports the project as presented.

Thomas Sweets Ice Cream, 3214 P Street: Commissioner Glick moved (Birch second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E supports the existing sidewalk café but advises the Old Georgetown Board to carefully consider the placement of a future lamppost that would not restrict the flow of pedestrian traffic nor interfere with the enjoyment of the outdoor café.

Wachovia Bank, 2901 M Street: Commissioner Birch moved (Glick second) for the following which passed by a vote of 5-0:

ANC 2E objects to the current signage as it is oversized and outside the limit of signage regulations in the historic district. We request that new signage be developed to fit the standards for historic Georgetown and avoid the use of stainless steel and illumination.

Commissioner Glick moved (Birch second) for adoption of the **Consent Calendar**, which passed by a vote of 5-0, indicating that no opposition to the following projects was voiced to the ANC:

OGB# 04-122,123	3304 R St.
OGB# 04-96	3601 Reservoir Rd.
OGB# 04-138	1734 Wisconsin Ave.
OGB# 04-132	3233 N St.
OGB# 04-134	3218 O St.
OGB# 04-137	3306 M St.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Glick
Secretary