



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

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, July 2nd, 2018; 6:30 p.m.

Georgetown Visitation School, Heritage Room – 1524 35th Street NW

**Call to Order**

Chair Joe Gibbons called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Commissioners Ed Solomon (2E01), Joe Gibbons (2E02), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Jim Wilcox (2E06), and Monica Roache (2E07) were present.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Approval of the ANC's July 2nd, 2018 Meeting Agenda

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's July 2nd, 2018 meeting agenda. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's June 4th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chair Gibbons moved to approve the ANC's June 4th, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0).

**Administrative**

Public Safety and Police Report

Captain Ashley Rosenthal, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood. She said that property crime continues to be the biggest issue in police service area (PSA) 206. She encouraged local residents to not leave any valuables in their cars. She also gave an overview of MPD's efforts to address shoplifting in neighborhood stores.

Commissioner Solomon asked about the current MPD officer staffing levels in the Second District. Captain Rosenthal said that the current level of officer staffing in the Second District is healthy. She said that the district currently has few officers out on leave.

Commissioner Solomon asked that MPD pay close attention to the area by the Aqueduct Bridge. Commissioner Palmer also asked that MPD add additional officer patrols along Water Street NW.

Announcement Regarding the New Wording for the ANC's "No Comment" Old Georgetown Board Agenda

Chair Gibbons said that the ANC is changing the wording of the final section of the ANC's Old Georgetown Board agenda from "Consent" to "No Comment." He said that this change reflects

the fact that the ANC does not necessarily consent to all of the projects that are placed on the now-named “No Comment” section of the agenda.

### **Community Comment**

#### **Introduction of Matthew Marcou, Associate Director of the District Department of Transportation’s Public Space Regulation Division**

Chair Gibbons introduced Matthew Marcou, the Associate Director of the District Department of Transportation’s (DDOT) Public Space Regulation Division.

Chair Gibbons gave an overview of the responsibilities of the Public Space Regulation Division. He said that Mr. Marcou’s leadership has led to several improvements in DC’s public space regulation and inspection processes, including through the launch of the Transportation Online Permitting System (TOPS). He said that Mr. Marcou also serves as the Chair of DDOT’s Public Space Committee.

#### **Announcement Regarding the National Park Service’s Arlington County and Vicinity Boathouse Environmental Assessment**

Chair Gibbons said that the National Park Service (NPS) is considering plans to build a boathouse in Arlington County along the Potomac River. He said that NPS will hold a public meeting regarding the proposal on Thursday, July 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Washington-Lee High School, 1301 North Stafford Street in Arlington, VA.

#### **Update from the Mayor’s Office**

Richard Livingstone, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), said that the DC Government implements a heat plan when the temperature outside is above 95 degrees. He said that the heat plan includes the activation of additional resources for the homeless and anyone else who is suffering from the heat. He said that trash collection also begins an hour earlier as part of the heat plan. He added that more information regarding DC’s cooling centers and low-barrier shelters can be found at: [www.heat.dc.gov](http://www.heat.dc.gov).

Mr. Livingstone gave an overview of the DC Government preparations for July 4th holiday. He said that local residents are invited to walk with Mayor Bowser in the Palisades Parade. He said that the line-up for the parade takes place on Wednesday, July 4th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at the intersection of Whitehaven Parkway and MacArthur Boulevard NW.

Mr. Livingstone said that Mayor Bowser has launched the search process for a new Chancellor of the DC Public Schools (DCPS). He said that the search committee will begin soliciting resumes and interviewing candidates throughout the fall of 2018. He said that more information regarding the search process is available at: [www.ourschools.dc.gov](http://www.ourschools.dc.gov).

#### **Update from Councilmember Jack Evans’ Office**

Sherri Kimbel, the Director of Constituent Services for Councilmember Jack Evans’ Office, said that the DC Council’s summer recess will take place from July 15th to September 15th. She said

that Councilmember Evans' Office will be open during the summer recess to help with constituent concerns.

Ms. Kimbel said that Ward 2 Night at the Nationals will take place on Thursday, August 2nd and that Ward 2 Night at the Shakespeare Theatre Company will take place on Tuesday, August 21st. She said that more information about picking up tickets for either of the ward nights will be distributed via the Ward 2 neighborhood list-servs.

#### Introduction by Marina Streznewski, the Ward 2 Representative for DC's Pedestrian Advisory Council

Marina Streznewski, the Ward 2 representative for DC's Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC), said that PAC provides input to Councilmembers and the Mayor on ways to improve pedestrian safety across DC. She said that she can be contacted via email at: [dcsuperpedestrian@gmail.com](mailto:dcsuperpedestrian@gmail.com). She added that she will be holding a Ward 2 pedestrian meeting in October to talk about important pedestrian issues in the ward.

#### Other Community Comments

Hope Solomon, the President of the Georgetown Business Association (GBA), said that the organization's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 25th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the City Tavern Club, 3206 M Street NW. She said that the organization will discuss Initiative 77 and what can be done to overturn it during the meeting.

Kishan Putta, a representative for the Burleith Citizens Association (BCA), said that the organization is working with the S&R Foundation to help improve the tot lot at the Fillmore School. He said that he is serving as BCA's liaison regarding the matter. He also thanked Chair Gibbons for attending BCA's recent community picnic.

Jessie Himmelrich, the Executive Director of Georgetown Main Street, said that the organization will be hosting a "Wander Wisconsin" event during the weekend of September 29th and September 30th, during which neighborhood businesses along Wisconsin Avenue NW will offer special discounts. She said that more information regarding the event is available on the organization's website at: [www.georgetownmainstreet.com](http://www.georgetownmainstreet.com).

#### **New Business**

#### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Georgetown BID's Rock Creek Parkway Access Study

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

Roadway connections to and from Rock Creek Parkway in the area between K Street and Virginia Avenue NW have contributed to significant traffic congestion in single member district 2E05 and have been a source of concern and focus for the Georgetown and Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhoods and their respective ANCs.

In an attempt to address this serious and longstanding traffic congestion along K Street and Water Street NW, transportation planners from the Georgetown BID, working with the transportation consulting firm Kittelson & Associates, have identified potential modifications to the operations and engineering of the ramps to Rock Creek Parkway from K Street NW, which could provide meaningful relief and improve roadway operations during or approximately during evening rush hour on weekdays. The Georgetown BID thus wishes to work with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to conduct a live study of the impact of these alterations. As such, ANC 2E encourages DDOT and the National Park Service to conduct a pilot study of these operational changes.

Furthermore, ANCs 2A and 2E have been instrumental in obtaining funding for a follow-on study to the 2003 Kennedy Center Access Improvements Environmental Assessment to examine the possibility of improving the connection between Rock Creek Parkway and the Potomac River Freeway in this same area so as to improve traffic flow and permit the development of a pedestrian park along the Potomac River waterfront to connect Georgetown to the National Mall. The study area for these two projects overlaps and it is the intention of the neighboring ANCs to foster a climate of cooperation and the development of integrated solutions to area transportation challenges. With this in mind, ANC 2E encourages any study of operational changes for access to Rock Creek Parkway to be integrated with longer term planning related to the connection between Rock Creek Parkway and I-66 included in the 2003 Kennedy Center Access Improvements Environmental Assessment.

As such, ANC 2E resolves to support the conduct of a traffic study along the lines proposed by the Georgetown BID. ANC 2E further resolves that the traffic flow study, and any successor activities, should not be included in the scope of work for updating the 2003 Kennedy Center Access Improvements Environmental Assessment and the creation of a waterfront park in Foggy Bottom. Additionally, ANC 2E strongly requests additional study of operational changes for access to Rock Creek Parkway during other dayparts, including, specifically, after rush hour and during weekends to address non-PM rush hour congestion in single member district 2E05.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Evaluation Methods for the New Bike Lanes on K Street, Water Street, and Wisconsin Avenue NW

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 3-2-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E understands that over 4,000 bikers enter Water Street NW on an average day, which is equivalent to the vehicular traffic of a minor arterial road in the District like, for instance, M Street from 18th Street to 29th Street NW. ANC 2E wishes to thank the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for its work on the changes to K Street and Water Street NW via Notice of Intent #17-67-PSD, and the ANC understands that the installation is, at this time, approximately 60% complete. ANC 2E looks forward to 100% completion over the next six weeks and the expected behavioral changes, which the ANC expects to see within another eight weeks thereafter.

With this in mind, ANC 2E reminds DDOT of the request included in our resolution dated September 6, 2017:

Based on the feedback from constituents, as well as significant study of the serious prevailing safety- and traffic-related concerns in the affected areas, ANC 2E supports Notice of Intent #17-67-PSD, provided that within six months of installation, DDOT, in partnership with ANC 2E and the Georgetown Business Improvement District, will objectively evaluate the conditions, with a particular focus on ensuring that the users of the roadway, including, but not limited to, cyclists and pedestrians, are being provided a safer environment for use than what currently exists, and that traffic operations have been improved.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Requesting a Neighborhood Traffic Circulation Study of the Georgetown Area

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Roache seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 3-2-0). The resolution reads as follows:

In the September 2017 resolution issued by ANC 2E, dated September 6th, 2017, related to District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Notice of Intent (NOI) #17-67-PSD, ANC 2E requested that DDOT "move forward, on a parallel path, with evaluating the timing of the lights at 27th Street and K Street NW, with an eye towards draining K Street traffic more efficiently and quickly, particularly in light of concerns related to the reduction of lanes between Thomas Jefferson Street and 30th Street NW."

ANC 2E appreciates DDOT's recommendation to move forward with a circulation study, which would address the issues noted in the September 6th, 2017 resolution as well as the ANC 2E community at large. With this in mind, ANC 2E formally requests that DDOT execute, in an expedient manner, a neighborhood circulation study of the Georgetown area in partnership with the ANC. Pulling from DDOT's September 2016 Performance Measures Toolbox, ANC 2E notes that such study, and resulting proposed solutions, should address and improve, within the context of prevailing historic preservation standards, the following concerns:

1. safety and mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles,
2. performance efficiency, including signal timing during a variety of dayparts, for existing and proposed intersection configurations,
3. the interface between modes of transportation and the balance between mobility and safety for a range of users, particularly in high pedestrian areas,
4. signage needs throughout the community,
5. circulation to and through Georgetown, and
6. congestion on north and south streets off of M Street NW due to traffic diversion during peak travel times.

The area of study to be considered, broadly, is bounded by R Street NW to the north, 35th Street NW to the west, Water Street and K Street NW to the south, and 27th Street NW to the east.

The goal of this study is to identify and implement solutions to chronic problems in the areas noted above. ANC 2E requests that DDOT utilize this resolution to initiate a study, bring forward recommendations that are developed in consultation and partnership with the ANC and other community stakeholders, and ultimately implement agreed-upon solutions which will facilitate efficient travel and reduce congestion, reduce collisions with parked cars, and improve safety for all users throughout ANC 2E. Furthermore, ANC 2E requests that DDOT and community stakeholders, including but not limited to the ANC, will lead community meetings related to proposed recommendations prior to any Notice of Intent related to implementation being issued.

Consideration of Resolution Requesting the Installation of New Bike Racks at the Northeast Corner of the Intersection of N Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW

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

ANC 2E continues to hear from residents across the area that traffic backups on N Street between Wisconsin Avenue and 31st Street NW are difficult. One extraordinary example of the challenges faced on the block is that last week, during the time when firefighters were fighting the fire on O Street NW and Wisconsin Avenue NW was shut down, a DC Circulator bus was re-routed onto N Street NW and traffic came to a complete standstill. Furthermore, we continue to hear about parked car collisions across the block that do significant damage to residents' vehicles that are legally parked in residential parking spots along the block. ANC 2E thanks the residents along this block for sharing a petition with the ANC that notes the residents' ongoing concerns.

While the larger congestion issue along this block is best addressed through a Circulation Study currently being contemplated by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), ANC 2E also believes that DDOT can quickly address a longstanding geometry issue at the corner of N Street and the east side of Wisconsin Avenue NW through a design solution.

As a reminder, N Street NW is approximately 30 feet wide. Cars are approximately 6 to 7 feet wide. N Street NW is a two-way street which leaves, at most, less than 18 feet for two cars to pass by each other at any given time. As cars approach the signalized intersection at Wisconsin Avenue and N Street NW, there often becomes no ability to negotiate this tight space and turn the corner, in part, because cars are parked to the corner.

With this in mind, ANC 2E requests that DDOT try to solve this issue by any means necessary, including, but not limited to, a trial of removing the two metered spots on the corner closest to Wisconsin Avenue NW, replacing those two metered spots with a narrow bike rack and installing flexi-posts to the corner, with a goal of making turning onto and off of N Street NW a safer and easier proposition. While ANC 2E does not believe that this is a wholesale solution to the larger problem on the block, the ANC would like to trial a solution to see if it helps the congestion at the corner. If the ANC does not see any improvement on the circulation of this corner, ANC 2E recommends that the current conditions be restored.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Proposed ANC Town Hall on the DC Government's Small Cell Facilities Project

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

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation, the Office of Public-Private Partnerships (OP3), and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) are proposing the construction of significant infrastructure in the ANC 2E community through the installation and implementation of WiFi and 5G communications technology (small cells),

WHEREAS, this dense installation of small cells will lead to a dramatic expansion of WiFi and 5G communications coverage in ANC 2E,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E understands that the residential community will have to allow for the use of the public way by third party providers to install the small cells through process governed by an executed Master License Agreement (MLA) with the DC Government,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E has been working with the DC Government regarding issues related to the installation of small cells within the ANC, and desires to bring the appropriate DC Government agencies, the ANC, and community organizations together in one community forum to further discuss the Small Cell Facilities Project,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E is proposing to hold a town hall for the community to learn more about the Small Cell Facilities Project if the DC Government and the involved third parties allow for the town hall, and

WHEREAS, the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG) and the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) have expressed an interest in co-sponsoring the town hall.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Joe Gibbons to initiate, coordinate, convene, and moderate an ANC Town Hall, cosponsored by the Citizens Association of Georgetown and the Georgetown Business Improvement District, regarding the Small Cell Facilities Project no later than October of 2018.

Consideration of a Resolution to the Mayor's Agent for Historic Preservation Regarding the Proposed Demolition of the West Heating Plant

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Acting in accordance with the resolutions adopted by ANC 2E on April 3, 2017 and September 6, 2017, ANC 2E strongly supports the Adjaye / Olin scheme for the redevelopment of the West Heating Plant as a project that is consistent with the Georgetown neighborhood, acknowledges the history of the building and the site, and

provides the community with benefits that have long been sought. It is worth noting that beyond ANC 2E's reported and submitted resolutions, the project as proposed also continues to enjoy significant support from residents across ANC 2E, and particularly within the ANC 2E05 single member district, where the currently-vacant building and unkept space is located. Residents frequently report their strong hope that this corner, a gateway to Georgetown, will be significantly and positively transformed into the proposed scheme. Furthermore, ANC 2E greatly appreciates the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts' unanimous 7-0 vote in favor of the Adjaye / Olin scheme and their acknowledgement of ANC 2E and the Georgetown community's support for the project.

Finally, in light of the proposed public park, the bridge linking Rock Creek Park and the C&O Canal Park with the Georgetown waterfront, and the transformation of this long-abandoned, walled off site into the Georgetown community as a relatively low-impact residential condominium, we strongly encourage the Mayor's Agent for Historic Preservation to find this a project of "special merit," thus allowing for the degree of demolition necessary to realize this project, which, as previously noted, has the strong support of the Georgetown community.

### **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

#### **Georgetown Social – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 2920 M Street NW**

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

ANC 2E protests Georgetown Social's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 2920 M Street NW based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC looks forward to withdrawing the protest once a settlement agreement can be agreed to by Georgetown Social and ANC 2E.

#### **Chanterelle – Application for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3251 Prospect Street NW**

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

ANC 2E protests Chanterelle's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 3251 Prospect Street NW based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

#### **Cube & Bale – Application for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3251 Prospect Street NW**

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



ANC 2E protests Cube & Bale's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 3251 Prospect Street NW based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

Georgetown Inn-Daily Grill – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Hotel License at 1310 Wisconsin Avenue NW

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

WHEREAS, ANC 2E supports the Georgetown Inn-Daily Grill's desire to have an entertainment endorsement as soon as possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E supports the Georgetown Inn-Daily Grill's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Hotel license at 1310 Wisconsin Avenue NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E supports the Georgetown Inn-Daily Grill's request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment's current substantial change application.

The Wine Outlet – Application for the Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "B" Beer and Wine License at 3210 Grace Street NW

*The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.*

**Public Space Committee**

Public Space Application by the Georgetown BID for the Installation of Temporary Removable Bollards on the 3200 Block of M Street NW During Sidewalk Widening Events

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

ANC 2E appreciates the Georgetown BID's interest in testing ten temporary removable bollards on the 3200 block of M Street NW from 5:00 am on Saturday mornings through approximately 8:00 pm on Sunday evenings for a total of 60 days or less. However, support for this trial installation extends to this trial period only and ANC 2E wishes to reserve judgement on any sidewalk widening programming and the required use of bollards for this widening beyond this trial period.

Public Space Application by the Georgetown BID for the Installation of Three Planters at 1048 29th Street NW

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

ANC 2E supports the installation of three planters at the C&O Canal Bridge located at approximately 1048 29th Street NW. Currently delivery trucks are pulling up onto the pedestrian path on the bridge, which is damaging pavers and creating a tripping hazard for pedestrians. Planters will prevent delivery trucks from obstructing the path and creating damage.

Public Space Application by George's King of Falafel and Cheesesteak for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with Two Tables and Six Seats at 1205 28th Street NW

Commissioner Wilcox moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 3-2-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports George's King of Falafel and Cheesesteak's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1205 28th Street NW, conditional on the applicant and the applicant's neighbors working with the Public Space Committee to address neighbor concerns.

**Zoning**

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Special Exception From the Rear Addition Requirements to Construct a Second-Story Rear Addition to an Existing Principal Dwelling Unit at 1519 28th Street NW

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

ANC 2E has no objection to the Board of Zoning Adjustment application to construct a second-story rear addition to an existing dwelling unit at 1519 28th Street NW based on the following:

- a) "The light and air available to neighboring properties" will "not be unduly affected" by the proposed second floor setback.
- b) "The privacy of use and enjoyment of neighboring properties" will "not be unduly compromised" by the proposed second floor setback.
- c) "The addition or accessory structure, together with the original building, as viewed from the street, alley, and other public way" will "not substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses along the subject street frontage."
- d) The lot occupancy will not be increased as the footprint of the home will not be affected.
- e) Granting the applicants a special exception will enable them to extend the existing second floor area to align vertically with the existing first floor rear setback below.
- f) The setbacks will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of DC's Zoning Regulations and Maps.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application by Halcyon Georgetown, LLC for a Special Exception Under the Use Provisions to Permit a Nonprofit Use in a Residential Building at 3400-3410 Prospect Street NW

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Gibbons seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the special exception which Halcyon House is requesting based on the understanding that Commissioner Lisa Palmer will renegotiate the terms of the agreement, including changing the threshold for required valet parking up to 100 guests and the formation of a Liaison Committee which will meet at least semi-annually to address neighborhood concerns.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Modification of Significance to the Relief Approved by BZA Order No. 19521 to Include a Variance from the Accessory Building Requirements to Construct a Second Story Accessory Apartment Above an Existing Garage at 3520 S Street NW

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

WHEREAS, the condition affecting the applicant's property is not unique because there are numerous alley-facing garages already in existence throughout the R-20 zone, including accessory buildings with respect to which homeowners have sought zoning relief to permit the addition of a second story containing an accessory apartment,

WHEREAS, issuance of the variance requested by the applicant would result in a substantial detriment to the public good and the integrity of the R-20 zone plan because it would open the door to the construction of second story living units adjacent to alleys throughout the R-20 zone in derogation of the explicit and unambiguous prohibition on two story accessory buildings in the R-20 zone contained in the 2016 Zoning Regulations,

WHEREAS, Subtitle 253.8 (f) (1) of the 2016 Zoning Regulations states that “the accessory building shall be located such that it is not likely to become objectionable to neighboring properties because of noise, traffic parking, or other objectionable conditions,” and

WHEREAS, the Burleith Community is impacted by daytime and evening on-street parking from three schools, including the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, which includes a state of the art 800-seat auditorium, Hardy Middle School, the Washington International School, nearby Georgetown University, and MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E opposes the issuance of a variance from the accessory building requirements to permit the construction of a two story accessory building at 3520 S Street NW.

## **Old Georgetown Board**

SMD 2E03 - OG 18-267 (HPA 18-489) 3210 Volta Place, NW

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

ANC 2E does not support this concept design, which proposes for a large rear outdoor staircase to be constructed on the western property line that will also act like a rear deck. The ANC believes that the rear outdoor staircase does not represent any characteristics of historic Georgetown. Additionally, the ANC was not presented with any reasons that the applicant needs to have this large rear outdoor staircase.

ANC 2E also does not support the proposal for a new large rear deck addition to be constructed on the first floor of the building. The ANC has serious architectural concerns about the appropriateness of this large rear deck given the fact that the applicant's townhouse is identical to the next door townhouse.

ANC 2E also does not support the proposal for a substantial increase to the second floor rear windows and the creation of a terrace projection.

ANC 2E believes that these three elements in the concept design are out of character for historic Georgetown's rear yards and will be an unnecessary intrusion into the privacy and enjoyment of the neighborhood. Additionally, the ANC finds that the three elements will potentially serve as an unwelcome precedent that would turn Georgetown's backyards into Wrigley Field bleacher sections. The ANC believes that the three elements, if approved by the Old Georgetown Board, will be the start of an arms race to build the most suburban-style decks in Georgetown. Lastly, the ANC finds that the three elements are not in keeping with the historic character of Georgetown.

ANC 2E has serious concerns regarding the proposed construction of a backyard parking pad, which would use a very narrow public alley for access. The ANC notes that the applicant also shares rear egress with the contiguous neighbor's driveway, which thus necessitates a careful water runoff landscaping design and the judicious use of hardscaping materials. The ANC further notes that the applicant's property is severely sloped and therefore a thoughtful and holistic rear yard landscaping plan needs to be vetted by the community.

ANC 2E does not support this concept design based on the many serious issues.



SMD 2E05 - OG 18-244 (HPA 18-449) 3150 M Street, NW

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

ANC 2E does not support the concept of adding bike racks to the proposed locations noted in OG 18-244. This is already a highly congested location for pedestrians. The ANC notes that there are times when pedestrians are queuing as far from the corner as, at least, the northernmost bike rack that is proposed to be installed.

ANC 2E believes that the addition of bike racks in this location will, from an aesthetic perspective, lead to a more cluttered experience on the corner and from a safety perspective, will lead to additional overcrowding on a corner where pedestrians, at times, already queue on the street waiting to cross the street.

SMD 2E05 - OG 18-242 (HPA 18-442) 1069 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

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

ANC 2E requests that the Old Georgetown Board determines whether or not the proposed signage is appropriate for the Georgetown Historic District.

SMD 2E06 - OG 18-272 (HPA 18-494) 1228 27th Street, NW

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

This application proposes to substantially enlarge windows on the second floor of the existing building. ANC 2E requests that the Old Georgetown Board considers whether the nature of the changes to the existing façade is appropriate in the Georgetown Historic District.

SMD 2E06 - OG 18-257 (HPA 18-479) 2706 Olive Street, NW

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

This application concerns an iconic residence in Georgetown: the former residence of legendary cook Julia Child. The applicant submitted a previous application to restore the existing building, and concept approval was granted per supplemental drawings submitted on April 20, 2017. Those drawings did include removing an existing shed addition and adding a new addition to the same footprint, as well as replacing doors and some deteriorated windows and siding. Since then it appears that the roof may have not

been properly maintained, resulting in water damage, and the interior has essentially been gutted.

Through this application, the owner is seeking to revise the previously-permitted construction permits, which indicated the definite areas of siding and trim replacement and would have resulted in restoration instead of essentially seeking to remove all siding, trim, windows, doors, or the roof, leaving only a framing skeleton. Under these circumstances, and at a minimum, the Secretary of the Interior's standards and guidelines for roof construction should be strictly applied to reconstruct the appearance of this property as it was built by a freed slave and later occupied and renovated by Julia and her husband Paul Child. Among other things, salvageable wood should be conserved to the greatest extent possible. The permit set should document what is salvageable and ensure how such conservation will be achieved, and it should require the painted metal roof to be replaced with suitable compatible material.

The application as submitted should be denied.

### **Administrative (Continued)**

Chair Gibbons moved to authorize Commissioner Roache and Commissioner Wilcox to represent the ANC during the upcoming Old Georgetown Board meeting on July 5th, 2018. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

### **Adjournment**

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.