

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

October 30, 2007

Georgetown Visitation School, 35th and Volta Place, Heritage Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Commissioner Solomon, Chair, with Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Lowenstein, Starrrels, and Birch present, constituting a quorum. Before the first vote was taken, Commissioner Eason joined the meeting, and during the community comment period, Commissioner Skelsey joined the meeting..

ADMINISTRATIVE

Public Safety and Police Report

Commissioner Lewis introduced MPD Lt. Roland Hoyle, who is succeeding Lt. Felicia Lucas as the Lieutenant in charge of PSA 206. Lt. Hoyle spoke to the community about MPD's plans for policing in our area on Halloween night and other current matters. Statistics on recent public safety incidents are available at <http://crimemap.dc.gov/presentation/query.asp> There is also a Second District web site including crime information at 2D_mpd@yahoo.com.

Commissioners expressed thanks and appreciation to MPD for ongoing policing and for effective police coverage of recent protest activity during the meetings of the World Bank.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of ANC 2E held on October 2, 2007 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Eason (Birch second) by a vote of 6-0.

Approval of Hollin Dwiggins as ANC 2E Administrator

Commissioner Solomon introduced Hollin Dwiggins to the community and moved to adopt the following resolution (Eason second), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

RESOLVED, by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E:

- 1. That the Commission ratifies and approves hiring Ms. Hollin Dwiggins as Administrator of the Commission, a half-time position of at-will employment, with a starting date of October 22, 2007, at a salary of \$1,000 per month payable monthly in arrears, and a maximum of \$12,000 in any twelve-month period, and, further**
- 2. That the FY 2008 Budget adopted by the Commission on October 2, 2007, be amended as follows:**

- a. The budget for Salary and Wages is increased from \$11,400 to \$12,000;
- b. The budget for Payroll Taxes is increased from \$1,026 to \$1,080; and
- c. The budget for Unallocated Surplus is reduced from \$1,598 to \$944.

Approval of expenditure for Dwane Starlin, an accountant

Commissioner Eason discussed a proposal to secure accounting services for the Commission and moved to adopt the following resolution (Solomon second), which passed by a vote of 6-0:

RESOLVED, by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E, that the Commission ratifies and approves retaining accountant Dwane Starlin as an independent contractor to advise the Commission on tax and accounting matters on an hourly basis as needed, at an hourly rate of \$25 for up to a maximum of \$1,000, effective as of October 1, 2007.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

DPW citations for residential trash

Commissioner Birch reported on citations that have been handed out to residents by the Department of Public Works for putting out trash at improper times. Handing out citations without first issuing warnings appears to be a new policy for DPW. Commissioners and community members discussed the rules for when and how residents should put out trash for collection. The applicable hours can be found on the Citizens Association of Georgetown web site, to which there is a link on the ANC 2E web site.

Update on the Hardy School construction site

Tony Robinson from the recently organized school construction office for D.C. Public Schools discussed renovation plans for Hardy Middle School. Construction has been temporarily put on hold following termination of the prior contractor. Mr. Robinson informed the community that construction should resume by December and that his office is committed to finishing construction so that the school will be open in September 2008.

Patrick Pope, principal of Hardy Middle School, and Charlotte Brookings Hudson, president of the school's PTA, announced plans for changing the name of the school to the Corretta Scott King Middle School.

Noise and disruption from Georgetown University students

A resident of 35th Street between N and O Streets N.W. reported that Georgetown University off-campus student noise and disruption, particularly at night, is causing problems for residents in the area in which he and his family live.

Status of design plans for reconstructing the Georgetown Branch Library

Commissioner Eason reported that he and Commissioner Skelsey have met with library officials about the status of redesign of the current library.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Items

DDOT's proposal for increasing winter safety on O and P Streets west of Wisconsin Avenue

Commissioner Lewis described DDOT's plans to spot-patch O and P Streets NW west of Wisconsin Avenue to increase winter safety; reported on deteriorating conditions of those streets; and reported that there does not yet appear to be visible progress toward a Federal Highway Administration decision on permanent reconstruction of those streets.

ANC 2E support for Clark Ray to become Director of the Parks and Recreation Department

Commissioner Starrels reported that Clark Ray has been nominated by the Mayor to become Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Council of the District of Columbia, and a hearing on the appointment will be held soon. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

On behalf of the ANC Commissioners and the constituents of ANC 2E, we thank Mayor Fenty for nominating Clark Ray to be the Director of Parks and Recreation and urge the Council of the District of Columbia to approve his nomination.

Request of ANC 2E to support the protection of the disposition of DC property

Commissioner Solomon reported that several ANC's have adopted resolutions urging the District of Columbia government to take particular care when determining that real property owned by the District government should be disposed of or its use significantly changed. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Solomon moved (Starrels second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E requests the Mayor, the Council of the District of Columbia, and all relevant agencies to notify Advisory Neighborhood Commissions prior to any decision to change the ownership or use of any public property

within the District of Columbia.

Entertainment Endorsement for Royalty Bar & Grill

Commissioner Starrels noted that Royalty Bar & Grill has pending an application for an entertainment endorsement for its ABC license and discussed issues connected with such an endorsement for this establishment. He also noted that it is unclear whether the establishment remains in operation at the current time. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

In the interest of establishing peace, order, and quiet, ANC 2E **protests an Entertainment Endorsement for entertaining, dancing and cover charge for Royalty Bar & Grill, located at 3277 M Street NW, License # 3802.**

Morton's of Chicago

Commissioner Starrels noted that an application is pending with the ABC Board by Morton's of Chicago to increase the number of seats and to place the additional seats outdoors on the applicant's property. The applicant's attorney, Andrew Klein, presented a proposal for settlement but there was not a motion to accept the proposal. Commissioners and community members noted issues relating to noise, congestion, traffic, trash, and deliveries. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

Because of problems of crowding which affect peace, order and quiet, ANC 2E cannot reach a voluntary agreement with Morton's of Chicago at this time. ANC 2E authorizes any one or more of the ANC 2E Commissioners – Bill Starrels, Ed Solomon, Ron Lewis, Bill Skelsey, Jenna Lowenstein, Tom Birch and Charles Eason Jr. – to represent ANC 2E at the November 7 protest hearing.

Zoning and Planning

Consent Calendar: Commissioner Solomon moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 6-0 (Lowenstein not present):

The following items are considered to be on ANC 2E's Consent Calendar and will be sent to the Old Georgetown Board and other agencies without objection:

1346 28th St, one & two story additions at side, OGB-08-009

3419 R St, 2-story rear addition with basement, partial demolition, OGB 07-274

3018 1/2 R St, Montrose Walk, Hengst residence alteration to a retaining wall, new gate and replacing a rear fence, in progress, OGB 07-275.

1611 Wisconsin Ave., Commerce Bank, formerly Reed Electric (OGB 08-018 and OGB 08-019): Plans were presented for a temporary truck-mounted pole for antennas, security fence and generator, and razing an existing building. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Lewis moved (Solomon second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E appreciates that Commerce Bank has agreed:

Not to begin razing the existing building until construction is ready to begin on the new building immediately after razing the existing building;

To turn on a generator in connection with the temporary cell phone truck and antenna only on an emergency basis after first using battery back-up, and to use the quietest generator commercially available;

To put in place a well-designed and well-maintained perimeter fence;

To keep construction equipment, materials and vehicles on-site on the bank's property and not in sidewalks or streets; and

To keep the sidewalk clear and available safely for pedestrian use during construction, except (1) while the existing building is being razed, and (2) in rare circumstances such as utility work under the sidewalk itself after the existing building has been razed.

Based on these agreements, ANC 2E does not object to a raze permit for the existing building, a truck-mounted antenna during construction, or a perimeter fence located on the bank's property.

3249 N St, Miller residence (OGB 08-013): Plans were presented for a pool and pavilion. During discussion by Commissioners and community members, questions were raised about zoning rules applicable to the property. Commissioner Skelsey proposed taking no action at this time and instead suggested that he could send a letter to the zoning authorities requesting clarification of the zoning status of the existing property. No opposition was expressed to this proposal, which does not require a resolution by the Commission.

Georgetown Park Mall (OGB 08-011 and OGB 08-012): Initial concept plans were presented for a new entrance, demolition and new construction of a mixed-use residential/retail building. During discussion by Commissioners and community members, questions were raised including questions about the impact of the project in

terms of traffic and parking, and the height, massing and design of the proposal. Because the proposal will not be presented to the Old Georgetown Board until December, the project was deferred for further consideration at the Commission's December meeting.

3245 M St, Tackle Box (OGB 08-010): Plans were presented for a new storefront, awning & signage. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Eason second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0

ANC 2E at this time does not support the design as presented. Problems include an entrance door that swings into the path of traffic on the sidewalk, which is crowded at many hours of day and night. We also take issue with the use of stainless steel where wood is more appropriate for historic design.

2900 K St, Katten, Harbourside Property (OGB 08-004): Plans were presented for signage. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Starrels moved (Skelsey second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E strongly opposes the 3-foot by 18-foot signage as proposed. This building is one of the gateways to Georgetown and we believe the sign does not fit with the feel and historic nature of Georgetown. ANC 2E is also concerned about the precedent this could establish. ANC 2E encourages the applicant to consider smaller signage.

2913 Dumbarton St. (HPA 07-277): Plans were presented for a three-story rear addition. After discussion by Commissioners and community members, Commissioner Birch moved (Lewis second) to adopt the following resolution, which passed by a vote of 7-0:

ANC 2E appreciates the applicant's efforts to present a compromise plan. However, ANC 2E does not support the addition as presented because of concerns over the compatibility of the addition with the rear facades of the other houses in the block in this section of the historic district and also concerns with the preservation of the open space and rear yards which would be compromised by the proposed addition. We urge the Historic Preservation Review Board to consider a proposal developed by the neighbors that would be in full agreement with a ground floor addition extending well beyond 9 feet and holding the second and third floor addition to 9 feet. ANC 2E suggests that the preservation of the rear interior wall is not of concern.

3018-1/2 R St, Montrose Walk, Hengst residence (OGB 07-275): At Commissioner Eason's suggestion and without objection from Commissioners or community members, this matter was moved to the OGB consent calendar.

At 9:20 p.m., with no further matters on the agenda, Commissioner Solomon moved (Lewis second) to adjourn this public session of ANC 2E. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted for the approval of ANC 2E,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Lewis".

Ron Lewis
Secretary, ANC 2E