

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 4th, 2022; 6:30 p.m. Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Commissioner Rick Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Jenny Mitchell (2E02), Rick Murphy (2E03), Cimrun Srivastava (2E04), Lisa Palmer (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), Elizabeth Miller (2E07), and Arnav Kumar (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the ANC's April 4th, 2022 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Lohse moved to approve the ANC's April 4th, 2022 meeting agenda. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's February 28th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's February 28th, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

Commander Duncan Bedlion and Acting Lieutenant Philip Robinson, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Community Comment

Presentation by Wayne Turnage, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, Regarding the Mayor's Proposed FY 2023 Budget

Wayne Turnage, the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, gave a presentation regarding the Mayor's proposed FY 2023 budget.

Administrative (Continued)

Approval of the ANC's FY 2022 Quarter 2 Financial Report

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the ANC's FY 2022 Quarter 2 financial report. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Community Comment (Continued)

Update from the Mayor's Office

Anna Noakes, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an update from the Mayor's Office.

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office

Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an update from the Councilmember's Office.

Update from the Department of Parks and Recreation Regarding Projects in the Neighborhood

Tommie Jones, the Chief of External Affairs and Director of Strategic Partnerships and Development for the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), gave an update regarding the agency's projects in the neighborhood.

Update from Georgetown Heritage

Jennifer Romm, the President and Chair of Georgetown Heritage's Board of Directors; Rex Carnegie, Georgetown Heritage's Director of Education and Partnerships; and Shaun Lehmann, a Partnerships Coordinator for the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park, gave an update from the organization.

Update from Chris Martin of Martin-Diamond Properties Regarding His Georgetown Properties and Vision for Georgetown

Chris Martin, Principal of Martin-Diamond Properties, gave an update regarding his Georgetown properties and vision for Georgetown.

Update from Georgetown Main Street

Rachel Shank, the Executive Director of Georgetown Main Street (GMS), gave an update from the organization.

Announcement Regarding the Citizens Association of Georgetown's Earth Day Event at Volta Park on Sunday, April 24th, 2022

Tara Sakraida Parker, the President of the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG), gave an announcement regarding the organization's Earth Day Event at Volta Park on Sunday, April 24th, 2022.

Update Regarding M Street Entertainment, LLC's Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3123-3125 M Street NW

Matt Minora, counsel for the applicant, and Keith Hudolin, Vice President and General Counsel of Entertainment Consulting International, LLC, gave an update regarding M Street Entertainment,

LLC's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 3123-3125 M Street NW,

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Capital Bikeshare Station at Rose Park

Commissioner Lohse moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

In May 2019, ANC 2E issued a resolution requesting a Capital Bikeshare station at Rose Park (Attachment 1). The bikeshare station is to be located on a section of the park that is along the south side of P Street NW. As noted in the resolution:

"The P Street eastern entryway into Georgetown connects Georgetown to Dupont Circle. This entryway into Georgetown does not have a bikeshare station. Currently, Capital Bikeshare users ride further into Georgetown given the lack of a docking station. A station in this location will encourage visitors and residents to enjoy Rose Park as well as other parts of Georgetown, including the walkway near the proposed station that connects P Street to the commercial area on M Street."

"There will be no impact to the size of the sidewalk on P Street by the bike station. DDOT selected this location after analysis and community outreach, including to the Friends of Rose Park, ANC 2E, and the National Park Service (NPS)."

All parties needing to approve the station did so in 2019. Since 2019, the need for this bikeshare station has continued to increase given both the growth of biking within the city and the building of a new multi-use trail that connects this section of Rose Park along P Street NW to more than 3.7 miles of trail spanning across Wards 1 through 4 from M Street NW in Georgetown to Broad Branch Road NW.

Over the last two years, ANC 2E commissioners have frequently requested updates from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding the status of when this Capital Bikeshare station will be built. At least six inquires have been made by email alone. The most recent of these inquiries was made in February 2022. It is the ANC's understanding that DDOT has had contractor issues and that is why the bikeshare station is not yet built. This said, the ANC has been told by DDOT that this station will be built in 2022.

ANC 2E requests DDOT's confirmation that the Capital Bikeshare station in Rose Park will be completed and available no later than summer 2022.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Funding for the Old Georgetown Day School Site on MacArthur Boulevard NW

The Commission delayed consideration of this matter until the ANC's regular May 2022 meeting.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Application by Potomac Tiki Club for a New Retailer's Class "DX" Marine Vessel License on the George Washington Memorial Parkway

Commissioner Palmer moved to not comment regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Application by The Graham Georgetown for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Hotel License at 1075 Thomas Jefferson Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Application by Blues Alley Jazz for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1069 Wisconsin Avenue NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Application by Bodega for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3116 M Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Application by Thunder Burger & Bar for Renewal of the Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3056 M Street NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

Application by Brasserie Liberte for Renewal of the Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3251 Prospect Street NW #320

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

<u>Zoning</u>

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for Special Exceptions from the Front Setback Requirements and the Matter-of-Right Uses Requirements to Construct a Front Porch, Third Story with Roof Deck, Rear Addition, and an Accessory Apartment in the Cellar of an Attached, Two-Story with Cellar, Principal Dwelling Unit at 3724 T Street NW

Commissioner Putta moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Having considered the application and the views of the neighbors, ANC 2E believes that the vestibule addition to the applicant's home does not substantially visibly intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of housing along T Street NW and does not tend to affect the use of neighboring property. Therefore, the ANC recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) grants the special exemption relief requested.

ANC 2E also recommends that BZA grants the special exemption relief requested for the proposed accessory dwelling unit.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Special Exception from the Rear Addition Requirements to Construct a Third Story and Rear Addition with Roof Deck to an Existing, Attached, Two-Story with Basement, Principal Dwelling Unit at 3628 Whitehaven Parkway NW

Commissioner Putta moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Srivastava seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

Having considered the application and the views of the neighbors, ANC 2E believes that the proposed project does not tend to affect the use of neighboring property. Therefore, the ANC recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) grants the special exemption relief requested. However, the ANC also requests that the applicant engages abutting neighbors in a construction management agreement.

Old Georgetown Board

SMD 2E02 - OG 22-055 (HPA 22-108) 3418 Reservoir Road, NW

Commissioner Mitchell moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E is concerned about the size, scope, and scale of the proposed project on an historic home. The ANC asks that the Old Georgetown Board considers whether the proposed massing is appropriate.

SMD 2E02 - OG 22-127 (HPA 22-220) 1669-1671 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

Commissioner Mitchell moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E is adamantly opposed to the current proposal at 1669-1671 Wisconsin Avenue NW. The structure and design of the project is out of scale and scope for Georgetown. The project obstructs views from many residents on Reservoir Road NW and obstructs natural light for 1667 Wisconsin Avenue NW.

SMD 2E03 - OG 22-117 (HPA 22-210) 3315 P Street, NW

Chair Murphy moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

In general, ANC 2E does not have concerns about the very preliminary proposal presented at the ANC's April 4, 2022 meeting. The ANC does note however, that the proposal includes a

roof deck, and that roof decks are generally not permitted in new construction or additions to homes in Georgetown. The ANC opposes the inclusion of a roof deck for this project.

SMD 2E05 - OG 22-111 (HPA 22-204) 2900-2922 M Street, NW

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports innovative thinking related to creating destination spaces in Georgetown. The ANC likes the concept that was presented for 2900-2922 M Street NW. That being said, the ANC has concerns around the aesthetic level of the project design, including the materiality, and looks to the Old Georgetown Board for guidance on this opportunity.

ANC 2E suggests that it may be wise to consider this a pilot program for three months and can review this concept again after that time, once the ANC has a better sense for the installation.

SMD 2E05 - Potomac River Tunnel Project

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the Potomac River Tunnel Project plans presented at the ANC's April 4, 2022 meeting.

SMD 2E05 - Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Rehabilitation of Locks 1 and 2

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E is grateful for the work being done to restore Locks 1 and 2 to their intended states and looks forward to this work beginning and finishing quickly so that everyone can enjoy the C&O Canal.

SMD 2E06 - OG 22-113 (HPA 22-206) 1305-1315 30th Street, NW

Commissioner Lohse moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E is pleased to see this project moving forward given the poor state of this historic building. The ANC urges the Old Georgetown Board to consider a reduction of the size of the decks on the back of the building so that outside entertaining options are very limited. From just the ground floor parking lot area of The Colonial, one can see the gardens, parking spaces, and/or backside of nearly twenty different residential homes. The Colonial and these homes all share an "open block area" between 29th Street and 30th Street NW. The addition

of multiple outside balconies on the higher-level Colonial, which overlooks the majority of the homes in the "open block area", will impact the quality of life and privacy of several residents.

ANC 2E frequently reviews applications for balconies on single family homes and the ANC traditionally does not support such applications due to the negative impact on surrounding neighbors. This rationale for non-support of balconies is amplified in this case. Moreover, the updated design increases the number of units using the balconies from six units to twelve units, thus increasing the challenges to quality of life and privacy of the neighbors.

SMD 2E06 - OG 22-083 (HPA 22-136) 3024 Q Street, NW

Commissioner Lohse moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E does not typically support decks that will block the light and privacy of neighbors given the close quarters in Georgetown and the frequent use of gardens. The ANC encourages the applicant to consider a mechanical awning to cover the porch rather than an enclosed porch that will impact the neighbors on a permanent basis.

SMD 2E07 - OG 22-128 (HPA 22-221) 2715 Q Street, NW

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E strongly supports the accessibility plans put forth by Dumbarton House.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Continued)

Application by Potomac Tiki Club for a New Retailer's Class "DX" Marine Vessel License on the George Washington Memorial Parkway (Continued)

Commissioner Palmer moved to adopt a proposed updated resolution regarding the matter Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the request for a stipulated license as part of Potomac Tiki Club's application for a new Retailer's Class "DX" Marine Vessel license on the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 11:24 pm.