



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

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, December 4th, 2023; 6:30 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

**Call to Order - 6:33 pm**

Commissioner Gwendolyn Lohse called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Topher Mathews (2E02), Paul Maysak (2E03), Joe Massaua (2E04), Mimsy Lindner (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), Daniel Chao (2E07), and John DiPierri (2E08) were present.

**Approval of the Agenda - 6:33 pm**

Approval of the ANC's December 4th, 2023 Meeting Agenda - 6:33 pm

Commissioner Lindner moved to approve the ANC's December 4th, 2023 meeting agenda. Commissioner DiPierri seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's October 30th, 2023 Meeting Minutes - 6:33 pm

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's October 30th, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

**Administrative - 6:34 pm**

Public Safety and Police Report - 6:34 pm

*No one was present regarding this matter.*

Approval of the ANC's 2023 Annual Report - 6:40 pm

Commissioner Lindner moved to approve the ANC's 2023 Annual Report. Commissioner Massaua seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's 2024 Meeting Schedule - 6:42 pm

Commissioner Massaua moved to approve the ANC's 2024 meeting schedule. Commissioner Lindner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The 2024 meeting schedule is as follows:

- Regular January Meeting: Monday, January 8th, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- Regular February Meeting: Monday, January 29th, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- Regular March Meeting: Monday, March 4th, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- Regular April Meeting: Monday, April 1st, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- Regular May Meeting: Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 at 6:30 pm

- Regular June Meeting: Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- Regular July Meeting: Monday, July 1st, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- Regular September Meeting: Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- Regular October Meeting: Monday, September 30th, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- Regular November Meeting: Monday, November 4th, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- Regular December Meeting: Monday, December 2nd, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Update from the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia Regarding the Prosecution of DC Criminal Cases, Including Misdemeanors and Adult Violent Crime - 6:44 pm

Wendy Pohlhaus, the Director of Community Outreach for the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, gave an update regarding the prosecution of DC criminal cases, including misdemeanors and adult violent crime.

**Community Comment - 7:18 pm**

Update from the Mayor's Office - 7:18 pm

Grace Reeder, 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 - 7:34 pm

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

Update from Allister Chang, the Ward 2 Member of the State Board of Education - 7:43 pm

Allister Chang, the Ward 2 Member of the State Board of Education (SBOE), gave an update regarding his SBOE work.

Update Regarding the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study - 7:59 pm

Ted Van Houten, a Transportation Planner for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), gave an update regarding the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study.

Update from Georgetown Main Street Regarding the Community Christmas Tree - 8:23 pm

Rachel Shank, the Executive Director of Georgetown Main Street (GMS), gave an update regarding the community Christmas tree.

Update Regarding the Volta Park Renovation Project - 8:27 pm

Commissioner Mathews gave an update regarding the Volta Park Renovation Project.

Update from Georgetown University Students - 8:30 pm

Commissioners Massaua and DiPierri gave an update regarding Georgetown University students.

## **New Business - 8:37 pm**

### **Consideration of a Resolution Thanking the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions for Providing Zoom Accounts - 8:37 pm**

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

On September 5, 2023 ANC 2E adopted a resolution asking the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) to provide the ANCs with Zoom accounts. Shortly after adopting and submitting the resolution, OANC informed the ANC that the office will be providing individual Zoom accounts, paid for by OANC, to each ANC, and that ANC 2E was also selected to test out the new system. After recent testing, the ANC has received access to its new Zoom account.

ANC 2E thanks OANC, including Executive Director Kent Boese, and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), including team members Cynthia Romero and Vladimir Mazur, for their hard work to provide Zoom accounts to each ANC. It is estimated that this work will result in significant cost and time savings for ANC 2E. The ANC greatly appreciates this new service, which will help the ANC to better communicate with our constituents.

## **Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Control Board - 8:39 pm**

### **Application by La Chaumiere for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 2813 M Street NW - 8:39 pm**

Chair Lohse moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding La Chaumiere's stipulated license request. Commissioner Lindner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports La Chaumiere's request for a stipulated license as part of the establishment's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 2813 M Street NW so that La Chaumiere can use the sidewalk café while a settlement agreement is in development.

Chair Lohse moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding La Chaumiere's license application. Commissioner DiPierri seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E protests La Chaumiere's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 2813 M Street NW based on the adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC will remove the protest once the ANC and the applicant sign a settlement agreement.

### **Application by Foxtrot for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "B" Full Service Grocery License at 1267-1271 Wisconsin Avenue NW - 8:43 pm**

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

Application by Sara's Market for Renewal of the Establishment's Retailer's Class "B" License at 3008 Q Street NW - 8:43 pm

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

**Old Georgetown Board - 8:45 pm**

SMD 2E03 - OG 24-062 (HPA 24-068) 1545 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

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SMD 2E03 - OG 24-063 (HPA 24-069) 1545 Wisconsin Avenue, NW - 8:45 pm

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

ANC 2E is pleased to see Tatte Bakery and Café establish this new location at 1545 Wisconsin Avenue NW and the ANC welcomes their opening. Having stated this, the ANC knows that while the lot is commercially zoned, the property abuts a residential area. The ANC does not take exception to the change of use of parking to outdoor dining, but the ANC does ask that the applicant and the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) take care and consideration in their initial plans for approval and the ongoing operations to seek to minimize light and sound pollution. This should include any sound mitigation ideas possible and no amplified music on the exterior. The ANC looks forward to a neighbor meeting prior to OGB to address these topics of sound mitigation related to outdoor dining and mechanics, rat control, and trash management.

SMD 2E03 - OG 24-070 (HPA 24-076) 1659 Wisconsin Avenue, NW - 9:13 pm

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

ANC 2E thanks the applicant for coming to the ANC meeting and sharing their plans. The ANC supports this temporary enclosure for the requested period of time until March 15, 2024.

SMD 2E05 - OG 24-066 (HPA 24-072) 1073 Wisconsin Avenue, NW - 9:19 pm

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

Blues Alley Jazz Club has been an important destination in Georgetown for close to 60 years. During this time many established and upcoming artists have performed there. This is an important venue in Georgetown, and it is great to hear that improvements are being planned.

ANC 2E supports the proposed restoration and expansion of Blues Alley Jazz Club and leaves it to the Old Georgetown Board to ensure that the planned work is in keeping with Georgetown's historic character.

ANC 2E expects the applicant to incorporate, in any construction plans, a way to address construction vehicles as well as trash and debris removal. The alley in which the jazz club is located is very narrow and busy with neighbors that use it regularly. Disruption from the construction should be minimal.

This restoration and expansion will enhance the experience for both the artists and the patrons. ANC 2E appreciates that the Blues Alley Jazz Club will continue to be such an important staple in Georgetown.

SMD 2E07 - OG 24-004 (HPA 24-014) 2449 P Street, NW - 9:27 pm

Commissioner Chao moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

During the fall of 2018 through 2019, both ANC 2E and the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) dedicated a considerable amount of time to work with 2449 P Street NW's abutting neighbors and the prior applicant, including holding multiple review sessions that resulted in a final directive which maintained the historical integrity of this rowhouse on the 2400-2500 block of P Street NW.

That OGB decision has since expired, however a new application was submitted in the fall of 2023, and was received with surprise by the abutting neighbors and ANC 2E because it aligned extremely closely to the previous renderings that excluded the ANC and OGB's comments and directives; this is despite the current applicant having received the final OGB rendering from 2019.

The abutting neighbors and ANC 2E immediately reached out to the applicant and were grateful that they agreed to temporarily withdraw their OGB application in order to conduct a call with the neighbors and the ANC to receive additional information that includes, but is not limited to, audio sessions of OGB's prior deliberations, information from the ANC's prior resolutions of opposition dated November of 2018 and February of 2019, a legacy tree on site, rear alley logistics as it relates to maximizing the construction of a new garage, drainage concerns' impact to gutter placement on the exterior façade, and, most importantly, abutting neighbors' strong support for the previously approved OGB directive.

While ANC 2E is appreciative of the applicant's effort to receive and resolve some of the issues cited, the ANC remains opposed to the newly proposed increase in height of approximately two feet in the rear, as it would be inconsistent with the rear height of the property's abutting neighbors at 2447 P Street NW and 2451 P Street NW, and would further disrupt the uniform historic appearance of this stretch of P Street NW residences.

ANC 2E does not support this application, however the ANC does support OGB's previous directive (OG 21-073), which the ANC has enclosed as reference, and the ANC respectfully requests its adoption to preserve the original height of this historic rowhome.

**Adjournment - 9:52 pm**

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 9:52 pm.