



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 2nd, 2024; 6:30 p.m.

In-Person: Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, Second Floor Heritage Room

Online via Zoom

Call to Order- 6:36 pm

Chair Lohse called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Topher Mathews (2E02), Paul Maysak (2E03), Joe Massaua (2E04), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), Daniel Chao (2E07), and John DiPierri (2E08) were present.

Approval of the Agenda - 6:38 pm

Approval of the ANC's December 2nd, 2024 Meeting Agenda - 6:34 pm

Chair Lohse to approve the ANC's December 2nd, 2024 meeting agenda. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's November 4th, 2024 Meeting Minutes - 6:34 pm

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's November 4th, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0-0).

Administrative- 6:35 pm

Public Safety and Police Report- 6:39 pm

Captain Darren Haskis and Commander Savoy provided an update from the Metropolitan Police Department.

Approval of the ANC's 2025 Meeting Schedule- 6:58 pm

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's 2025 Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

Community Comment - 7:00 pm

Update from the Mayor's Office- 7:00 pm

Tadia Abella, the Ward 2 Manager from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, provided an update.

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office- 7:11 pm

Brian Romanowski, Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Director of Community Relations, gave an update. Brian Romanowski answered questions from Commissioners.

Update Regarding [Draft Permanent Streatery Guidelines](#)- 7:32 pm

Chair Lohse provided an update regarding Draft Permanent Streatery Guidelines.

Update regarding the DC Parks and National Park Service DC Council Hearing- 7:58 pm

Chair Lohse provided an update regarding the DC Parks and National Park Service DC Council Hearing.

Update on Local Public Schools: Hardy, Hyde, and MacArthur- 8:07 pm

Commissioner Putta provided an update on public schools Hardy, Hyde, and MacArthur.

Update from Georgetown Main Street on the Book Hill Tree Lighting- 8:13 pm

Rachel Shank from the Georgetown Main Street provided an update on the Book Hill Tree Lighting.

Update on Rodent Control Best Practices: Unique Approaches and Effective Methods- 8:17 pm

Jorge Rochac provided an update on rodent control best practices, unique approaches, and effective methods.

Update from Georgetown Student Update -8:35 pm

Commissioner DiPierri and Massaua provided an update on Georgetown University.

Open Comment Period- 8:39 pm

There were no comments provided.

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board- 8:40 pm

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Request from Tony and Joe's and Nick's Riverside Grill to Allow for the Transport of Alcohol from and to the Establishments on New Year's Eve (ABRA-017308) (ABRA- 010762) (ANC 2E05)- 8:40 pm

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

ANC 2E is in receipt of the request from Tony and Joe's Restaurant (ABRA-010762) and Nick's Riverside Grill (ABRA-017308) to allow for the transport of alcohol from and to the establishments on New Year's Eve.

As in years past, ANC 2E as a Commission is in full support of this request. ANC 2E endorses the one-day exception for Tony and Joe's and Nick's Riverside Grill for New Years Eve. This includes allowing patrons to take their alcoholic beverages from Tony and Joe's to Nick's Riverside Grill and vice versa. The areas are joined with tents and appear as one large establishment.

Application by City Tavern Events for a Retailer's Class "C" Tavern at 3206 M Street NW (ABRA-120529) (2E05)- 8:42 pm

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

ANC 2E protests the new application of City Tavern Events for a Retailer's Class "C" Tavern at 3206 M Street NW. This protest is based on concerns regarding peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

ANC 2E agrees to withdraw the protest when a satisfactory settlement agreement is executed by the ANC and the applicant and presented to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board for approval. ANC 2E is delighted to work with this applicant as they prepare to re-vitalize this historic property as an Events Venue.

ANC supports any stipulated license that the Applicant submits to ABCA. ANC 2E authorizes Commissioners Gwendolyn Lohse or Mimsy Lindner to sign the settlement agreement with the applicant. The ANC also authorizes Anna Noakes, the ANC's Executive Director, to represent the ANC at all related hearings regarding the application.

Zoning- 8:54 pm

Board of Zoning Application by the Estate of Marilyn Melkonian and 2915 Dumbarton St NW, LLC to subdivide a lot and maintain two separate, attached, two-story, principal dwelling units in the R-3/GT zone at 2915-2917 Dumbarton Street NW (BZA# 21200) (2E06)- 8:54 pm

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

ANC 2E supports the zoning application for 2915 Dumbarton Street NW, which requests to subdivide a lot in order to maintain two separate, attached, two-story dwellings. The

two historic homes and thus their lots were recently legally joined into one lot; however, due to changed circumstances, this application will return them back to separate lots.

Board of Zoning Application by Carbajal Properties, LLC to construct a two-story rear addition and a third story with roof deck, to an existing, attached, two-story principal dwelling unit in the R-3/GT zone at 3719 S Street, NW (BZA #21202) (2E01)- 8:57 pm

The commission took no action.

Z.C. Case No. 16-18H: Georgetown University – Application for Amendment to and Further Processing of the 2017 Hilltop Campus Plan (“Application”) – Addition of Field Lights to Shaw Field (Portion of Lot 833 in Square 1321) (“Property”)- 9:11 pm

Commissioner Massaua moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports Georgetown University’s application to the BZA to modify its 2017 Campus Plan (Z.C. Case No. 16-18H) and add lights onto Shaw Field for night play in the fall.

Georgetown University has duly notified the ANC and the community about its request. Additionally, the University has done stringent light and noise studies, resulting in minimal impact.

Old Georgetown Board- 9:18 pm

Multiple Single Member District Projects

OG 24-166 (HPA N/A) Curb lane of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue, NW- 9:20 pm

The commission took no action.

TBD (HPA TBD) Curb lane of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue, NW (Square Various, Lot Various- 9:55 pm

The commission took no action.

New Business- 9:55 pm

Resolution Regarding DDOT’s [Proposed Permanent Streatery Guidelines](#)- 9:55 pm

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

Streateries can add vibrancy to our outdoor areas. To do so, the city program must be updated for a non-COVID environment that takes neighborhood character, safety, and public health into consideration. ANC 2E urges the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Public Space Committee (PSC) to make the following changes to the proposed draft cityside Streatery Guidelines that will be reviewed by PSC on December 5th, 2024:

- Overhead Structures: In Section 4.3, the draft guidelines support use of overhead structures. This option should be removed. ANC 2E strongly opposes use of any overhead structures beyond umbrellas. Washington's historic streetscapes, including that of Georgetown's federally designated historic district, are a national treasure that people from all over the world come to visit. Our city guidelines should be honoring our streetscapes, not obstructing their view. Moreover, visuals of neighboring properties should not be obstructed.
- Maintenance and Enforcement: In Section 5.3, there is a very minimal mention of maintenance and enforcement, which primarily relies upon the applicants own oversight. Based on nearly four years of experience, it is essential the city enforcement be more proactive and what will occur if guidelines are not met and how many random inspections per year will occur including in Business Improvement District (BID) managed corridors. Key among expectations should be public health considerations given the rodent issue in many commercial areas, and safety of pedestrians who walk in and around streateries. This program must complement other programs, and thus enforcement needs to occur.

This program must complement how we are spending out other city resources. Our city resources are being devoted to addressing blighted and vacant properties throughout our area and around the city. This DDOT program should not add to the city's streetscape issues, but improve them. We especially urge that the space under any platforms have strict cleaning schedules given rodents, and streateries not be located too close to signaled intersections, crosswalks, bus stops, or driveway/alleys (see Section 3.4). Currently, violations are occurring and no enforcement is being conducted.

- Vacant Streateries: The guidelines were created for active, busy streateries at which people are enjoying socialization, food and the outdoors. Nowhere in the draft guidelines is an overview of how city requirements regarding the removal (and/or upkeep) of vacant streateries. Section 5.3 should be updated to address this issue or a new section should be added. The city should be clear that if a streatery is not used and is left vacant for more than three months due to a closure, building sale, etc, that the streatery should be removed. A new tenant can re-apply for the streatery and have it replaced. Should the streatery be located within a BID or

Main Street permit, the streateries upkeep must be paid by that BID or Main Street, or removed.

- Testing Modular Options: ANC 2E understands and appreciates why the streateries are modular, meaning moveable. Specifically, many of the streateries (independent and BID/Main Street sponsored) are located on streets that will be undergoing analysis for transportation changes such as loading/unloading needs, bus lanes, bike lanes, parking improvements, greenery space, etc. Section 4.2 of the draft guidelines should note why the modular needs exist. The draft guidelines – in Section 5.4 – should commit DDOT and PSC to update the guidelines and city should new and improved designs be created and approved by DDOT. Lessons learned should be shared given the amount of visible public space this program is using. Currently our historic village has had Jersey barriers surrounding many buildings for years and we are actively engaged in promoting alternative modular designs.
- Independent Applications in Commercial Areas: Some establishments located in commercial areas with BIDs are better maintained than those restaurants on the BID permit. Should an establishment in a BID area wish to apply for an independent permit, the guidelines should permit such. Every establishment is already paying Georgetown Business Improvement District (GBID) a tax, which is used for GBID to meet its recognized, regulated mission, paying fees for the streateries is optional. It is unclear if the \$20 a sq foot the city will charge versus the \$9 sq ft plus 10% of revenue/sales that GBID charges is more; businesses should have the option to decide for themselves.
- Financial Transparency: Financials related to BID or Main Street use of large public space areas under these guidelines, including fees charged to establishments, should be transparent and annual filings submitted to the city should be available to the public.
- ANC Role: The guidelines should clarify the ANC role in helping to address concerns both with independent streateries and streateries that are under a BID or Main Street permit. This addition can be located in Section 5.3 Enforcement and Maintenance.

ANC 2E looks forward to working with the District Department of Transportation, the Public Space Committee, the Georgetown Business Improvement District, and the Old Georgetown Board on how to ensure the city's streateries guidelines add to our community.

Old Georgetown Board Continued– 10:14 pm

Single Member District Projects

2E03- OG 25-071 (HPA 25-075) 1636 32nd Street, NW (Square 1280, Lot 860)-10:14 pm

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

ANC 2E is pleased to support the proposed addition to the front of 1636 32nd Street as submitted. We believe this addition will be an enhancement to the block and add to the character of the existing homes on the block. We are especially grateful for the time and energy the architect spent on reaching out to neighbors prior to our ANC meeting to share plans and seek input that was all supportive.

While not a part of OGB review, we also note and appreciate the owner's commitment to use as little parking as possible and only during weekdays during construction.

2E05- OG 25-078 (HPA 25-089) 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW (Square 1190, Lot 842)

The commission took no action.

2E05- OG 25-069 (HPA 25-073) 1000 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW (Square 1190, Lot 78)-
10:21 pm

The commission took no action.

2E06- OG 25-046 (HPA 25-050) 1410 29th Street, NW (Square 1258, Lot 807)- 10:32 pm

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

This is primarily a third-floor addition. ANC 2E asks that the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) carefully consider the mass of the proposed addition as it relates to the streetscape view given the surrounding homes were all built around the same time and are two stories. The proposed third floor addition should not be visible from the street view and its massing should be in keeping with the historic context.

Finally, we ask OGB to consider if the proposed addition impacts privacy and light of surrounding neighbors. Dialog between the applicant and the immediate neighbors should occur, including discussion of materials.

Adjournment- 10:52 pm

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 10:52 pm.