



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 8th, 2024; 6:30 p.m.

In-Person: Georgetown Visitation School, 35th Street and Volta Place NW, Second Floor Heritage Room
Online via Zoom

Election of ANC Officers - 6:33 pm

Executive Director Peter Sacco 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.

Election of the ANC's Officers for 2024 - 6:33 pm

Commissioner Maysak moved to elect Commissioner Lohse as the ANC's Chair for 2024. Commissioner Massaua seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Massaua moved to elect Commissioner Mathews as the ANC's Vice Chair for 2024. Chair Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Chair Lohse moved to elect Commissioner DiPierri as the ANC's Secretary for 2024. Commissioner Massaua seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Mathews moved to elect Commissioner Massaua as the ANC's Treasurer for 2024. Chair Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the Agenda - 6:35 pm

Approval of the ANC's January 8th, 2024 Meeting Agenda - 6:35 pm

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's January 8th, 2024 meeting agenda. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's December 4th, 2023 Meeting Minutes - 6:36 pm

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

Administrative - 6:36 pm

Approval of the ANC's Participation in the 2024 ANC Security Fund - 6:36 pm

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's participation in the 2024 ANC Security Fund. Commissioner Massaua seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the Addition of New Officers to the ANC's Bank Signature Cards - 6:37 pm

Chair Lohse moved to approve the addition of the new officers to the ANC's bank signature cards. Commissioner Lindner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's Updated FY 2024 Budget - 6:37 pm

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's updated FY 2024 budget. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Community Comment - 6:39 pm

Update from the Mayor's Office - 6:39 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.

Administrative (Continued) - 7:00 pm

Public Safety and Police Report - 7:00 pm

Officer Shannon Williams, Sergeant Philip Robinson, and Commander Tatjana Savoy, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Community Comment (Continued) - 7:41 pm

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office - 7:41 pm

Aukima Benjamin, the Committee and Constituent Services Manager for Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an update from the Councilmember's Office.

Statement from the Citizens Association of Georgetown Regarding Crime - 7:46 pm

Brittany Sawyer, the Executive Director of the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG), gave a statement from the organization regarding crime.

Update from the Department of Public Works - 7:54 pm

Harold Davis, a Solid Waste Inspector for the Department of Public Works (DPW), gave an update from the agency.

Update from Christophe Wassmer, the Ward 2 Community Engagement Specialist for the District Department of Transportation - 8:04 pm

Christophe Wassmer, the Ward 2 Community Engagement Specialist for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), gave an update from the agency.

Update Regarding the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study - 8:17 pm

Chair Lohse gave an update regarding the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study.

Update from MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Regarding the Hospital's New Pavilion - 8:19 pm

Dr. Lisa Boyle, the President of MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, gave an update regarding the hospital's new pavilion.

Update from Trees for Georgetown - 8:32 pm

Patrick Clawson, the Secretary of Trees for Georgetown, gave an update from the organization.

Update from Georgetown University Students - 8:33 pm

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

New Business - 8:35 pm

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding ANC 2E's Requests for the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study Interim Report - 8:35 pm

Chair Lohse 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:

On November 15, 2023 the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requested comments from the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members on the draft interim report regarding the delayed study. Members of the CAC requested this interim report after DDOT unexpectedly announced a delay in releasing the study's draft recommendations. The goal was to get a jumpstart on reading the study's data results, analysis, and intended structure for the final report. DDOT agreed to do the interim report, which was not part of the initial study plan.

As requested by DDOT, on December 8, 2023 five of ANC 2E's eight commissioners provided their input to DDOT on the draft interim report via a memo to Ted Van Houten, the lead DDOT staff person on the study. A copy of this memo is in Attachment A. The memo outlines nine main comments and associated requests for changes to the interim report or final report. DDOT staff acknowledged receipt of the ANC's comments and thanked the ANC for our input. Nine items relate to:

- Data prioritization, analysis, and a list of potential solutions
- Out-of-scope issues/solutions
- Timing of data collection
- Data input regarding residential priorities
- Scooter and e-bike pedestrian safety
- On-street parking data
- Accessibility

- EV needs
- Other (minor typo)

On December 20, 2023 DDOT issued the final interim report. The final report did not address comments and requests made by the ANC 2E commissioners on the draft report except for a grammatical comment.

On January 5, 2024 one of the ANC 2E members on the CAC held a call with the lead DDOT staff member for the study, a staff member from the study's community engagement consulting firm (LINK Strategic Partners), and DDOT's Ward 2 Community Engagement Specialist. The purpose of the call was to review the December 8, 2023 memo to determine if/how DDOT would address the ANC's requests. On the call, a commitment was made by the DDOT staff and the study consultant that each of the comments and requests in the December 8, 2023 memo would either be addressed within the draft final report or DDOT would specifically respond in writing with a detailed reason as to why the comment and associated request(s) were not addressed and included.

ANC 2E recognizes and appreciates DDOT's commitment to integrate our feedback into the final draft Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study report, especially given that several ANC 2E commissioners have been engaged in the study's CAC for the last year.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Proposed Alley Naming Off of the 1700 Block of 34th Street NW - 8:40 pm

Commissioner Mathews 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:

In connection with the construction of a new carriage house on the alley behind the west side of the 1700 block of 34th Street NW, the carriage house owner has been instructed by the Office of Planning (OP) that the alley needs a formal name. With assistance from the Peabody Room of the Georgetown Neighborhood Library, a potential honoree was chosen: James Martin. Martin, a native Washingtonian born in 1870, was a home builder who in 1923 first constructed and offered for sale the homes on R Street NW and 34th Street NW that border the alley. Mr. Martin and his wife Lottie moved into the corner house at 3401 R Street NW and both lived there for the rest of their lives. For this strong connection, the Martin name is a suitable one for the alley. Therefore, ANC 2E supports the proposal to name the alley on the west side of the 1700 block of 34th Street NW as Martin Alley.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Call Your Mother at 3428 O Street NW - 8:44 pm

Commissioner Maysak moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-2-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E exists to represent the residents and the community of Georgetown and Burleith. The ANC strongly believes that corner stores offer benefits to our neighborhood, however residential quality of life must be maintained around these corner stores.

It has been brought to our attention that there are, in the experience of the immediate neighbors, noise, private property, and traffic issues at the corner store operating at 3428 O Street NW. These issues raised touch upon the responsibilities of a range of city agencies. Both the operations of this corner store (which offers take-out food and does not have a liquor license) and the volume of patrons who visit this corner store are contributing to the issues raised by the immediate residents. High volumes of weekend patrons appear to be driving the most residential concerns.

ANC 2E seeks the expertise of Councilmember Pinto's office to help align resources. Specifically, the ANC asks that you proactively collaborate with the single member district commissioner, the business owner, immediate residents, and, as needed, the appropriate city agencies to identify solutions. Obviously, any business, including this one, has very limited control of its patrons. The challenges noted by the immediate neighbors include:

- **Noise:** DC's noise ordinances address the hours from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am (e.g., "It is unlawful for a person to make an unreasonably loud noise between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. that is likely to annoy or disturb one or more other persons in their residences.") Residents immediately near the corner store are able to hear deliveries occurring some mornings starting at 5:30 am or 6:00 am.
- **Respect of private property:** Patrons of 3428 O Street NW frequently trespass on the private property of the residential homes by sitting on homeowners' front stoops, steps, and walls. This is especially true on weekends.
- **Trash and rodent ordinances:** This corner store has daily trash collection and good public health reports. Residents are communicating to ANC 2E that they have experienced an increase in rodents that correlate with the arrival of this successful business. The ANC does not have the expertise to verify this correlation. Many residents are using private funds to fight the rodent increase, while also working with city services. City expertise is needed on how to better address the trash and rodent challenges in this area, and whether tactics such as the removal of public trash near this address can help.
- **Adherence to traffic and parking ordinances during weekends:** During the busy weekend hours of this successful business this block is experiencing illegal parking, blocking of the fire hydrant on 35th Street NW, and other issues such as double parking. Expertise is sought on how to better mitigate this weekend traffic.

ANC 2E notes that in 2019 an area variance sought under DC's corner store regulations was successfully sought for this address. The ANC understands that there is ongoing litigation between the residents and the business regarding the zoning variances and exceptions related to 3428 O Street NW. The ANC has no great weight in that litigation process, however the ANC is seeking assistance in helping to address the quality of life issues no matter the outcome of the legal and zoning activities.

Please let ANC 2E know when you can meet with the relevant parties. Your role in connecting the parties with the appropriate expertise is much appreciated.

Notice of Intent for the Installation of a Capital Bikeshare Station on the 1600 Block of 33rd Street NW - 9:19 pm

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

On December 6, 2023, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) issued to ANC 2E Notice of Intent (NOI) #23-255-PSD. This NOI relates to a proposed 19-dock Capital Bikeshare station to be located on the eastern side of the 1600 block of 33rd Street NW, just south of Wisconsin Avenue NW. The ANC has long supported the installation of Capital Bikeshare stations across Georgetown and Burleith. A station at the intersection of 33rd Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW would help fill in a gap in the network of stations that currently exists in the Book Hill section of Georgetown.

While the proposed station would result in the elimination of one to two on-street parking spaces, this loss would be offset by the addition of nineteen new bike parking spots. Additionally, the proposed station would not be located on the sidewalk and thus will not block the pedestrian path. It is further hoped that the installation of the bikeshare station will make using Capital Bikeshare more attractive to residents and visitors. This will help decrease private car trips as well as reduce the use of private bikeshare bikes and scooters (such as Lime Bikes), which are too often left blocking the sidewalk.

ANC 2E thus welcomes the proposed station at 33rd Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW and supports the changes proposed by NOI #23-255-PSD.

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board - 9:24 pm

Application by Herbivor Indian Cuisine for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1639 Wisconsin Avenue NW - 9:24 pm

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

ANC 2E protests Herbivor Indian Cuisine's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1639 Wisconsin Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to withdraw the protest if and when a satisfactory settlement agreement is executed by the ANC and the applicant and presented to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Board for approval.

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Paul Maysak to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement with the applicant. The ANC further authorizes Commissioner Maysak and/or ANC 2E Executive Director Peter Sacco to represent the ANC at all hearings concerning the matter.

Application by La Bonne Vache for a New Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant License at 3265 Prospect Street NW - 9:27 pm

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

ANC 2E protests La Bonne Vache’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “D” Restaurant license at 3265 Prospect Street NW based on the adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to withdraw the protest if and when a satisfactory settlement agreement is executed by the ANC and the applicant and presented to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Board for approval.

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Paul Maysak to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement with the applicant. The ANC further authorizes Commissioner Maysak and/or ANC 2E Executive Director Peter Sacco to represent the ANC at all hearings concerning the matter.

Application by UpnSmoke IV LLC for a New Medical Cannabis Retailer License at 3289 M Street NW - 9:45 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:

ANC 2E protests UpnSmoke IV LLC’s application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailer License at 3289 M Street NW based on the adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to withdraw the protest if and when a satisfactory settlement agreement is executed by the ANC and the applicant and presented to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Board for approval.

ANC 2E wishes to reiterate to the ABC Board a recent resolution passed by ANC 2E and dated October 12, 2023 requesting a limited number of medical cannabis retailers be approved for the area encompassed by ANC 2E, which includes all of Georgetown. The ANC also wishes to highlight that there are several recreational stores that offer a “gift” of cannabis with a purchase of another item, such as a t-shirt or a sticker. The ANC once again voices concern regarding these unlicensed businesses and hopes that the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) will lead the way in closing these stores.

Zoning - 9:59 pm

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for Special Exceptions from the Rear Addition Requirements and Matter of Right Uses to Construct a Three-Story Rear Addition with Cellar, and an Accessory Apartment, to an Existing, Attached, Two-Story with Cellar Principal Dwelling Unit at 3802 T Street NW - 9:59 pm

Commissioner Putta moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-3-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustment grants the relief requested by the applicant because this relief would not visibly intrude on the character and scale of the houses along this block and would not tend to affect the use of the neighboring properties.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Special Exception from the Rear Addition Requirements to Construct a Three-Story Rear Addition with Cellar and Roof Deck, to an Existing, Attached, Two-Story with Cellar, Principal Dwelling Unit at 3803 T Street NW - 10:20 pm

Commissioner Putta moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-2-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustment grants the relief requested by the applicant because this relief would not visibly intrude on the character and scale of the houses along this block and would not tend to affect the use of the neighboring properties.

Adjournment

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 10:36 pm.