



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 30th, 2023; 6:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Commissioner Elizabeth Miller called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Topher Mathews (2E02), Paul Maysak (2E03), Joe Massaua (2E04), Mimsy Lindner (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), Elizabeth Miller (2E07), and John DiPierri (2E08) were present.

Approval of the ANC's January 30th, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Lohse moved to approve the ANC's January 30th, 2023 meeting agenda. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's January 9th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Administrative

Public Safety and Police Report

Sergeant Philip Robinson, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

Community Comment

Update from the Mayor's Office

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

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

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

Update from Georgetown University Students

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

Update Regarding MacArthur High School

Commissioner Putta gave an update regarding MacArthur High School.

Update Regarding DC Health Link Enrollment

Commissioner Putta gave an update regarding DC Health Link enrollment.

New Business

Special Event Application for the Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday, October 29th, 2023

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

ANC 2E supports the special event application for the 2023 Marine Corps Marathon to run through Georgetown between 7:30 am and 11:00 am on Sunday, October 29th, 2023.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Application by Kyojin Sushi for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 3315 Cady's Alley NW, Suite B

Commissioner Lindner 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 protests Kyojin Sushi's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 3315 Cady's Alley NW, Suite B based on the adverse impact on the 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 Control (ABC) Board for approval.

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Mimsy Lindner to negotiate and execute the settlement agreement with the applicant. The ANC further authorizes Commissioner Mimsy Lindner, Commissioner Elizabeth Miller, and/or ANC 2E Executive Director Peter Sacco to represent the ANC at all hearings concerning this matter.

Historic Preservation Review Board

Historic Preservation Review Board Concept Application for a Third-Floor Addition and Rear Addition to Two-Story House at 3210 Q Street NW

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

WHEREAS, the property is relatively small and awkwardly shaped,

WHEREAS, the property is at the edge of the residential area and abuts the commercial mixed use zone properties at Wisconsin Avenue and Q Street NW,

WHEREAS, the Old Georgetown Board has reviewed the project four times, approving it on the fourth review and making specific comments throughout the review process that guided the approved design, and

WHEREAS, there are three neighbors, adjacent and confronting, who have written letters of support for the project and no neighbors who have expressed opposition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E continues to support the design approved by the Old Georgetown Board.

Historic Preservation Review Board Application for a Subdivision at 3321 and 3323 Q Street NW

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:

ANC 2E expresses no position on the proposed subdivision of 3321 Q Street NW and 3323 Q Street NW. However, the commission does have a strong interest in the manner in which any proposed swimming pool is constructed on the property.

The 3300 block of Q Street NW has an important place in the history of Georgetown. It served as a burial ground in the 18th and 19th centuries. Researchers believe it was largely used by Georgetown's black residents, both free and enslaved, at a time when they were not permitted to use the much larger Presbyterian Burying Ground across the street to the south.

For over a century, residents of this block have uncovered human remains during excavation projects on their properties. Thus, there is very good reason to believe that any excavation to construct a swimming pool at 3321 Q Street NW will also uncover human remains from the site's previous use. In addition, the relevant property lots are adjacent to the Dent Place NW lot that was once owned by Yarrow Mamout, a Georgetownner who rose from slavery to become a prominent investor. Yarrow was believed to have been buried near the lot lines, and as a result, his remains may also be found on the subject properties.

The commission believes strongly that any such excavation at 3321 Q Street NW should therefore be completed in the most careful and respectful manner and in acknowledgement of the likely fact that such construction is being performed on the final resting place of generations of Georgetown's black residents.

Specifically, the commission expresses a desire that the applicant works proactively with the DC Archeologist of the Office of Planning to develop a plan for excavation prior to

undertaking any work. This plan should entail, at the very least, identifying any burials in the impacted area, avoiding those graves if possible, and, if necessary, responsibly disinterring any human remains under the close supervision and approval of the relevant DC Government agencies. Additionally, any such disinterment should be completed in close consultation with any interested local cultural and spiritual organizations, including allowing them reasonable access to the site for research and enrichment purposes.

The commission acknowledges that the applicant has expressed their intent to pursue this course and it exhorts them to follow through on such commitments. The commission believes that if done well, this project could serve as a model for best practices to be used in other construction projects on this block and in other areas of the city where our modern lives abut history and those that came before us.

Zoning

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Special Exception from the Rear Yard Requirements to Construct a Third Story Addition with Roof Deck, and a Three-Story with Cellar Rear Addition, to an Existing, Semi-Detached, Two-Story with Cellar, Principal Dwelling Unit at 3636 T Street NW

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

ANC 2E recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) should grant the relief requested by the applicants because this relief would not visibly intrude on the character and scale of the houses along this block of T Street NW and does not tend to affect the use of the neighboring properties.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for Special Exceptions from the Lot Occupancy Requirements and Rear Yard Requirements and a Use Variance from the Matter-of-Right Uses to Construct a Third Story Addition with Roof Deck, to an Existing, Semi-Detached, Two-Story Flat at 1934 35th Place NW

Commissioner Putta 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 recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) should grant the relief requested by the applicants because this relief would not visibly intrude on the character and scale of the houses along this block and does not tend to affect the use of the neighboring properties.

Old Georgetown Board

OG 23-086 (HPA 23-149) Curb Lane of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue, NW

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

Georgetown is a national historic district drawing visitors from around the world. As ANC 2E previously expressed to the Old Georgetown Board (OGB), this pilot project's aesthetics, combined with its level of usage, plus its impact to traffic flow and safety, cannot be supported as a long-term solution for our village. The ANC urges OGB to be clear that this temporary pilot project needs to conclude at the end of 2023. The ANC welcomes the opportunity to review new ideas from this applicant. For OGB's reference, attached is the ANC's December 2022 resolution regarding this essentially unchanged application (Attachment A).

SMD 2E03 - OG 23-036 (HPA 23-964) 1669-1671 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

Commissioner Maysak 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:

This is the second review of this project by ANC 2E. It is noted that since the original review last summer the eight-unit residential use request has been scaled back tremendously, which is good, but concerns remain.

Firstly, ANC 2E expected and was promised follow up from the applicant during the planning phase that did not occur as the ANC had expected, though two emails were sent to the prior commissioner. This limited the community's time to review any changes tremendously which caused great frustration. There was a productive call with several neighbors and the applicants today, January 30th, and the ANC has been promised and will expect more timely updates from the applicant as the process proceeds.

Based on the limited time received to review the plans ANC 2E asks that the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) seeks to address this initial list of concerns in its review:

- The ANC is concerned with the massing of this entire project and especially with the size of the new freestanding dwelling in the rear.
- The ANC asks that the OGB pays close attention to materials used, including but not limited to windows, siding, roofing, trim, and potential landscaping.
- The ANC has questions as to the permissible allowance of the balcony on the west side of the proposed real dwelling.
- Currently the ANC is pleased to see that the proposed windows have been removed from the north side of the real dwelling but remains concerned to see the structure built on the property line, diminishing light and open space for the homes on Reservoir Road NW that abut this property.

While ANC 2E sees progress with the revised design, the ANC cannot yet support the current plans that were provided last Wednesday.

SMD 2E03 - OG 23-097 (HPA 23-160) 1659 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

Commissioner Maysak 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 thanks Ankie Barnes, who is the architect for the owner, for coming to the ANC meeting to explain the background and the steps taken in reference to this temporary structure. The ANC acknowledges and expects that the structure will be removed no later than March 15th, 2023. Should the owners consider building a similar structure in the future, the ANC expects that all proper permits will be obtained well in advance.

SMD 2E06 - OG 23-087 (HPA 23-150) 1408 28th Street, NW

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

This home is one half of a set of 1850s twin attached Victorian homes. Third floor additions are very uncommon in historic Georgetown, thus ANC 2E requests that the Old Georgetown Board carefully examines the impact that this proposed third floor addition would have to Georgetown's historic architectural character and streetscape, including the flow of light.

ANC 2E also notes that Georgetown homes very rarely have second or third floor outdoor decks, as having such can compromise the privacy and peace of neighboring properties.

SMD 2E06 - OG 23-089 (HPA 23-152) 2715 M Street, NW

The Commission did not take any action regarding this matter.

SMD 2E07 - OG 23-066 (HPA 23-129) 1523 26th Street, NW

Chair Miller 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 encourages the Old Georgetown Board to look closely at the massing and proposed materials for this project. The ANC appreciates that the homeowner has worked with neighbors and there is no opposition from them.

SMD 2E07 - OG 23-084 (HPA 23-147) 3114 R Street, NW

Chair Miller 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 has historically opposed roof decks and therefore does not support the proposed deck on the roof of the third floor of 3114 R Street NW. The rest of the project is supported and the ANC thanks the architect and the homeowners for taking the time and effort to restore this beautiful gem of a home in the heart of historic Georgetown.

Adjournment

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:01 pm.