



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

**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, January 9th, 2023; 6:30 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

**Call to Order**

ANC 2E Executive Director Peter Sacco 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.

**Swearing-In of the 2023-2024 ANC 2E Commissioners with Councilmember Brooke Pinto**

Councilmember Brooke Pinto swore-in Commissioners Putta, Maysak, Massaua, Lindner, Lohse, and Miller.

**Introductions of New ANC 2E Commissioners**

Commissioners Mathews, Maysak, Massaua, Lindner, and DiPierri introduced themselves to meeting attendees.

**Election of the ANC's Officers for 2023**

Commissioner Putta nominated Commissioner Miller to serve as the ANC's Chair for 2023. Commissioner Miller accepted the nomination. Commissioner Massaua seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Maysak nominated Commissioner Lohse to serve as the ANC's Vice Chair for 2023. Commissioner Lohse accepted the nomination. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Lindner nominated Commissioner DiPierri to serve as the ANC's Secretary for 2023. Commissioner DiPierri accepted the nomination. Commissioner Massaua seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Commissioner Lindner nominated Commissioner Massaua to serve as the ANC's Treasurer for 2023. Commissioner Massaua accepted the nomination. Commissioner Putta seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

Chair Miller moved to approve the ANC's January 9th, 2023 meeting agenda. Commissioner DiPierri seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

#### Approval of the ANC's November 29th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chair Miller moved to approve the ANC's November 29th, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1).

### **Administrative**

#### Public Safety and Police Report

Captain Tatjana Savoy and Lieutenant John Merzig, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

#### Approval of the ANC's 2023 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Lindner moved to approve the ANC's 2023 meeting schedule. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The 2023 meeting schedule is as follows:

- Regular January Meeting: Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 6:30 pm
- Regular February Meeting: Monday, January 30th, 2023 at 6:30 pm
- Regular March Meeting: Monday, February 27th, 2023 at 6:30 pm
- Regular April Meeting: Monday, April 3rd, 2023 at 6:30 pm
- Regular May Meeting: Monday, May 1st, 2023 at 6:30 pm
- Regular June Meeting: Tuesday, May 30th, 2023 at 6:30 pm
- Regular July Meeting: Thursday, June 29th, 2023 at 6:30 pm
- Regular September Meeting: Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 at 6:30 pm
- Regular October Meeting: Monday, October 2nd 2023 at 6:30 pm
- Regular November Meeting: Monday, October 30th, 2023 at 6:30 pm
- Regular December Meeting: Monday, December 4th, 2023 at 6:30 pm

#### Approval of the ANC's Participation in the 2023 ANC Security Fund

Commissioner Massaua moved to approve the ANC's participation in the 2023 ANC Security Fund. Commissioner DiPierri 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

Commissioner Lindner moved to approve the addition of the new ANC officers as signatories for the ANC's bank accounts. Commissioner Massaua seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

#### Approval of the ANC's FY 2023 Quarter 1 Financial Report

Commissioner Massaua moved to approve the ANC's FY 2023 Quarter 1 financial report. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

## **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 Dr. Harold McCray, the Incoming Principal of MacArthur High School

Dr. Harold McCray, the Incoming Principal of MacArthur High School, and Oni Gaston, the Manager of Strategic School Planning for the DC Public Schools (DCPS), introduced themselves to meeting attendees and gave an overview of the new MacArthur High School.

### Update from Amina Rubinacci Regarding the Company's Vision for Georgetown

AnnMaria Baldine, a store manager for Amina Rubinacci, gave an update regarding the company's vision for Georgetown.

### Update from Georgetown Main Street

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

### Update from Georgetown University Students

Camber Vincent, the President of the Georgetown University Student Association (GUSA), introduced himself to meeting attendees.

### Update Regarding Georgetown's Widened Sidewalks Program

Commissioner Lohse gave an update regarding Georgetown's widened sidewalks program.

## **New Business**

### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Removing Parking Meters on the 3100 Block of N Street NW

Commissioner Lohse moved to adopt the 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:

In order to improve traffic flow and congestion, ANC 2E requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) removes the four remaining parking meters (double

mounted poles) on the south side of 3100 block of N Street NW between the alley to the west of 3128 N Street NW and Wisconsin Avenue NW. In September 2018 an original request to remove the meters was denied, but in December 2020 the ANC's second request was successful and DDOT did remove some of the meters in this same location, however the ANC finds it necessary to remove the remaining four meters (double mounted poles) to truly ease the congestion.

The roadway is not wide enough to accommodate parked cars and two-way traffic when cars, trucks, or large vehicles are parked at these meters. Those using N Street NW include trucks and emergency vehicles traveling on N Street NW to avoid the congestion on M Street NW. At the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and N Street NW there is often gridlock forcing drivers to reverse on N Street NW or back onto Wisconsin Avenue NW to create space for traffic to move once again. All the while vehicles that might otherwise be traveling up Wisconsin Avenue NW are stuck at that intersection. The ripple effects cause serious delay for those traveling in any direction.

Like in September 2018, when an original request was made to remove the meters, in December 2020, when a second request to remove the meters resulted in removal, ANC 2E also requested that something be placed in the space so that people do not park illegally. Once again the ANC requests installation of a "space holder" that is compatible with this historic village, such as flowerpot barriers.

ANC 2E also recognizes that these are temporary fixes until, at the latest, DDOT's ongoing Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study is completed and implemented.

### Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Crosswalk Needs in the Neighborhood

Commissioner DiPierri 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:

**Strong Support of Crosswalks:** ANC 2E supports the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) goal to reduce traffic fatalities and transportation-related injuries. Visible crosswalks at our city's intersections are essential components of safety for pedestrians, personal mobility riders (bikes, e-bikes, scooters, etc.), and those driving traditional vehicles. In Georgetown's residential and commercial areas, crosswalks exist at almost all intersections, whether the intersections have stop signs or traffic lights. Both the ANC's primary and side roads are in constant use, so our crosswalks also are always in use. However, many of the crosswalks in our neighborhood need updating to meet DDOT's citywide crosswalk regulations or to ensure that all streets at an intersection are properly marked.

**Type of Crosswalk and Accessibility:** Per city regulations, all crosswalks in DC, whether in residential or commercial areas, should be high visibility crosswalks (ladder design) rather than a traditional parallel crosswalk. Using high visibility crosswalks is especially important in Georgetown. Many of ANC 2E's residential streets are narrow. Thus, when at an intersection, one cannot always see if there is another traveler at the other parts of the intersection. Being cautious in such instances will become more critical due to the new "Safer Streets Amendment Act of 2022" that was passed by the DC Council and has now

been enacted into law. This act allows personal mobility riders to treat stop signs as yield signs and roll through intersections, and cars will no longer be able to take right turns on red. High visibility crosswalks are good reminders to stop and to look. Many of the crosswalks around Georgetown must be updated from parallel crosswalks to high visibility crosswalks. Also, unless not allowed per DDOT policy, all four sides of four-way stops in the residential area should have crosswalks. Moreover, the ANC also understands that ADA accessibility ramps will be added to all crosswalks, which the ANC fully supports. The ANC assumes, if at all possible, that the materials for these ramps will be in keeping with the historic character of Georgetown.

**Existing Crosswalks Needing Maintenance:** Please see the below List A for an initial inventory of where crosswalk maintenance is needed. This is not an exhaustive list but a list of some high priority locations. It should be noted that some of the missing crosswalks listed in List A were reported in the 3-1-1 system between 2020 and 2022, however the 3-1-1 system communicated to the submitters “work completed”, yet the crosswalk fixes remain undone. For example, 3-1-1 request #20-00061719 was submitted on February 18, 2020 and was communicated as completed on June 23, 2021. This location is on north side of the intersection of 29th Street NW and Dumbarton Street NW and no crosswalk was added, while the other three parts of this four-way intersection have crosswalks. This intersection is busy, as it is used as a north-south cut-through by many traveling by car through Georgetown. Should DDOT believe that crosswalks are not needed in the locations in List A, ANC 2E requests that DDOT formally responds to the ANC stating such.

**New Crosswalks Needed in Commercial Area:** Beyond updating and repairing the crosswalks in List A, ANC 2E additionally supports two newly proposed crosswalks at what are extremely busy commercial intersections on M Street NW in Georgetown. Please see List B for the two locations for which the ANC supports new crosswalks, one of which has an active Notice of Intent (NOI #22-284-TESD). Based on dialog with the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID), it is the ANC’s understanding that these new crosswalks will result in minimal new street clutter signage given that DDOT can use existing infrastructure to accommodate crosswalk-related signage. Should DDOT find that new infrastructure is needed to create these crosswalks, the ANC asks that DDOT consults with the ANC and the Georgetown BID about what is required.

ANC 2E welcomes the ability to partner with DDOT on our community’s crosswalk needs. The ANC stands ready to assist the agency as it considers how to address our request for ensuring our community’s crosswalks are updated and ample. Finally, beyond the immediate needs noted here, there is significant construction and infrastructure work occurring in many parts of Georgetown's commercial area. The ANC requests that DDOT informs the ANC about how to best prioritize any crosswalk maintenance work left incomplete once a large construction and infrastructure project is complete.

#### List A: Residential Intersections with Crosswalk Repair / Completion Needs

- Olive Street NW
  - and 28th Street NW (no crosswalks on north and west sides of intersection; needs high visibility)
- N Street NW
  - and 28th Street NW (needs high visibility on north side)

- and 30th Street NW (needs high visibility; currently all sides parallel)
- Dumbarton Street NW
  - and 28th Street NW (no crosswalk on north side; needs high visibility)
  - and 29th Street NW (no crosswalk on north side where market is located; needs high visibility)
- O Street NW
  - and 27th Street NW (busy intersection needing high visibility crosswalks)
  - and 28th Street NW (on east side, no crosswalk exists as roadwork done and crosswalk was not replaced)
  - and 30th Street NW (west, north, and south are parallel, while east is only high visibility)
  - and Potomac Street NW (school crossing area; no crosswalk on this section of O Street NW, which is cobblestones)
- P Street NW
  - and 27th Street NW (busy intersection needing high visibility on all four sides; currently parallel)
  - and 30th Street NW (high visibility needed on all four sides; currently just parallel or missing)
  - and 32nd Street NW (busy intersection; high visibility crosswalks needed on P Street NW)
- Q Street NW
  - and 28th Street NW (busy intersection; needs high visibility crosswalks)
  - and 34th Street NW (north and south sides are both missing crosswalks)
- R Street NW
  - and 28th Street NW (needs high visibility crosswalk)
- Wisconsin Avenue NW
  - and Grace Street NW (needs updated high visibility crosswalk)

List B: New High Visibility Crosswalks Needed on M Street NW, Georgetown's Commercial District

Note: DDOT has already sent the Georgetown BID a proposal for both of these crosswalks.

- Mid-block crosswalk on the 3200 block of M Street NW / M Street NW between Potomac Street NW and Wisconsin Avenue NW
  - NOI #22-284-TESD
- West side of M Street NW and Thomas Jefferson Street NW

**Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

Application by Curry & Pie in Georgetown for a New Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License at 1204 34th Street NW

Commissioner 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:

ANC 2E protests Curry & Pie's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license at 1204 34th Street NW 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 Board for approval.

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

### **Public Space Committee**

#### **Public Space Application by Café Milano for a New Valet Staging Zone Occupying 2 Non-Meter Parking Spaces at 3251 Prospect Street NW**

Commissioner Putta 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 supports Café Milano's public space application for a new valet staging zone occupying 2 non-meter parking spaces at 3251 Prospect Street NW.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.