



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 1st, 2024; 6:30 p.m.

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

Online via Zoom

Call to Order- 6:35 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), Mimsy Lindner (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), and Daniel Chao (2E07) were present.

Approval of the Agenda - 6:36 pm

Approval of the ANC's July 1st, 2024 Meeting Agenda - 6:36 pm

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's June 3rd, 2024 meeting agenda. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's June 3rd, 2024 Meeting Minutes - 6:36 pm

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's June 3rd, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Administrative- 6:37 pm

Approval of the ANC 2E FY24 Q3 Financial Report- 6:37 pm

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's FY24 Q3 financial report. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Public Safety and Police Report- 6:38 pm

Lieutenant Merzig provided an update from the Metropolitan Police Department. Lieutenant Merzig answered questions from Commissioners.

Community Comment - 6:41 pm

July 2nd 2 PM Community Walk in Rose Park with MPD- 6:51 pm

Lieutenant Merzig announced a community walk in Rose Park on July 2nd at 2 pm.

Update from the Mayor's Office- 6:52 pm

Tadia Abella, the Ward 2 Manager from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, gave an update. Tadia Abella answered questions from Commissioners and the community after presenting.

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office- 6:55 pm

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

Announcement from Georgetown University on proposed Campus Plan amendment- 7:09 pm

Cory Peterson, Associate Director of Community Engagement and Local Government Affairs, made an announcement on the Georgetown University proposed Campus Plan amendment.

Update from Allister Chang, Ward 2 DC State Board of Education- 7:20 pm

Allister Chang, the Ward 2 DC State Board of Education member, provided an update.

Announcement Concerning [Proposing Electric Vehicle Charging Locations to DOEE](#) - 7:30 pm

Chair Lohse provided an update requesting residents to submit electric charging locations to DOEE.

WMATA "Better Bus" Plan Feedback (July 15th Deadline and current ANC [comments](#))- 7:32 pm

Chair Lohse provided an update on update requesting residents submit feedback on WMATA "Better Bus" Plan.

General Update from DDOT- 7:38 pm

Christophe Wassmer, Ward 2 DDOT representative, provided an update on the ongoing and upcoming DDOT projects in ANC 2E. Christophe Wassmer answered questions from Commissioners and residents.

Presentation from DDOT Microbilty Team on Shared Fleet Devices Regulations- 7:57 pm

Ted Randell, Micromobility Coordinator at DDOT, presented on the shared fleet devices regulations. Ted Randell answered questions from the audience and commissioners.

Public Comment- 8:27 pm

There were no public comments.

New Business - 8:28 pm

Consideration of a Resolution Commending Jerry McCoy for his Service as Director of Peabody Room at the Georgetown Library- 8:28 pm

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

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2E commends Jerry McCoy for his nearly quarter of a century of service to our community as the Director of The Peabody Room, which collects and showcases Georgetown history within the Georgetown Neighborhood Library. His dedication has benefited countless tourists, residents, authors, ANC Commissioners, architects, historians, Old Georgetown Board members, and the community at large. When asked about Jerry's impact to the community, and to them specifically, his many admirers referenced similar themes of his commitment, passion, deep knowledge, attention to all requests, lively nature, and savior of the Peabody Room post the library fire in 2007. A sample of his influence on various projects include:

As stated by Tom Birch, former ANC Commissioner and member of Georgetown Library Friends group:

“Jerry McCoy was especially helpful to the ANC in considering the fate of the property owned in the 19th century by Yarrow Mahmout, the formerly enslaved entrepreneur of African descent who lived on the 3300 block of Dent Place in Georgetown. Years after Mahmout's death in 1823, the house he owned had fallen into disrepair and neglect. Jerry McCoy and the resources he produced from the Peabody Room's archives helped us understand what kind of structure might appropriately replace the ruined house, and the archeology required to assess and learn from the site.”

And as stated by Kitty Kelley, a nationally renowned biographer:

“Jerry is a writer's best friend – a twenty-four-carat gold resource!”

ANC 2E commends Mr. McCoy for his service to librarian sciences, United States history, our city, and Georgetown. Jerry is beloved, and he will be greatly missed.

Notice of Intent for Installation of a New Loading Zone on 900 Block of 30th Street NW (NOI #24-165-TOA)- 8:40 pm

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 installation of a new loading zone on the 900 block of 30th Street NW to help with traffic and congestion.

Consideration of a Resolution Concerning Special Event Application for the [Army Ten-Miler](#)- 8:41 pm

Commissioner Linder 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 supports the special event application for the Army Ten-Miler that is scheduled for October 13th, 2024, 7:30 am – 12:00 noon. The route takes the runners from Virginia over the Key Bridge, where they will exit onto Whitehurst Freeway then into Potomac Park.

ANC 2E understands that there will be no amplified music as they pass through Georgetown. ANC 2E appreciates the consideration that the organizers have given to their planning and to the minimal disruption for residents along their route.

ANC 2E expects Army-Ten Miler organizers to work closely with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to ensure traffic control officers are present during the race and they will work together to mitigate traffic issues that may arise.

Consideration of a Resolution Concerning Special Event Application for the [2024 DC Bike Ride](#)-8:46 pm

Commissioner Lindner 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 2024 DC Bike Ride and to welcome the organizers in this seventh year. The ride is scheduled to take place on September 7th, 8:00 am – 12:00pm. With approximately 9,000 riders expected, this ANC is happy that only the Whitehurst Freeway will be closed during the ride. ANC understands and appreciates that there will be no amplified music as they pass through Georgetown. ANC expects that event organizers will develop solutions to minimize traffic disruptions on neighborhood streets and protect public safety.

While many streets will be closed throughout the city, it is Whitehurst Freeway that is the only affected road in ANC 2E. It is expected that Whitehurst Freeway will be closed as early as 6:30 am but will reopen as close to 11:00 am as possible.

ANC 2E expects DC Bike Ride organizers to work closely with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to ensure traffic control officers are present during the race and they will work together to mitigate traffic issues that may arise

Consideration of a Resolution Naming ANC 2E Representatives to Comment on Upcoming DDOT Micromobility Issues in July and August 2024- 8:50 pm

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

ANC 2E does not meet in August. Therefore, there are about 60 days between our July 1st and September 3rd, 2024 meetings. The Sustainable Transportation Programs run by the District's Department of Transportation (DDOT) – including the dockless shared fleet devices (aka micromobility) - are a critical transportation method for our city, especially in Georgetown given our neighborhood has no metro stop and over 12 million visitors per year; in 2023 alone there were over 300,000 shared fleet trips that ended within ANC 2E.

Understandably the rising use of micromobility comes with management challenges, such as rules around dockless parking. It is unknown if during ANC 2E's summer break DDOT will issue any proposed rules that have a public comment deadline before the September 2nd ANC 2E meeting. Therefore, ANC 2E designates the following ANC 2E Commissioners to agree upon a set of comments to formally send to DDOT on behalf of ANC 2E should a need arise in August of this year:

- Commissioner Gwendolyn Lohse, ANC 2E06 and Chair
- Commissioner Christopher Matthews, ANC 2E02 and Vice Chair
- Commissioner Mimsy Lindner, ANC 2E05
- Commissioner Paul Maysack, ANC 2E03
- Commissioner Kishan Putta, ANC 2E01

Consideration of a Resolution Changing the Hours on Parking Meters on 38th and 39th Street- 8:53 pm

Commissioner Putta 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:

After consulting with both the Departments of Transportation (DDOT) and Parks and Recreation (DPR) as well as the Burleith Citizens Association, neighbors, and Medstar GU Hospital, ANC 2E recommends that DDOT adjust the hours on the metered parking spaces on the 1600 & 1700 blocks of 38th Street NW (west side) and 39th Street NW (east side) -- between Reservoir Road and S Street NW – alongside Duke Ellington Field. We recommend that the hours be decreased from 4 hours to 2 hours. This is in advance of the upcoming revitalization of the field by DPR which is intended to increase and improve field use.

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board – 8:55 pm

Application by Creme for a Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern at 1660 33rd Street NW (ABRA-128670)- 8:57 pm

Commissioner Mathews 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 protests Creme's application for a new Tavern Class “C” liquor license at 1660 33rd Street NW based on the adverse impact on the real property values, peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

The ANC agrees to drop the protest if and when an acceptable settlement agreement is signed by the applicant and ANC 2E. ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Topher Mathews 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.

Application by DC Capital Connect for a Medical Cannabis Retailer at 1641 Wisconsin Avenue NW (ABRA-127520)- 9:24 pm

Commissioner Maysak 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 protests DC Capital Connect's application for a new Medical Cannabis Retailers license at 1641 Wisconsin Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet to the neighborhood. The ANC agrees to withdraw this protest if and when a satisfactory settlement agreement is executed by this ANC and the applicant and presented to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (ABCA) for approval.

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

Old Georgetown Board- 9:38 pm

Individual Single Member District Projects

SMD 2E02- OG 24-274 (HPA 24-351) at 1715 Wisconsin Avenue, NW- 9:38 pm

Commissioner Mathews 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 expresses concerns that the proposed designs for 1715 Wisconsin Avenue NW represent a suburban style of corporate architecture that is inappropriate for a historic district. The commission requests that the Old Georgetown Board consider closely whether such design features as the prominent branded red stripe across the top of the building or the large massing of the windows (considering the public view) should be approved.

SMD 2E02- OG 24-259 (HPA 24-324) at 3306 R Street, NW- 9:59 pm

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

ANC 2E appreciates the changes the applicant made to the proposal. The Commission asks the Old Georgetown Board to continue to consider the impact on the views from neighboring properties.

SMD 2E05- OG 24-180 (HPA 24-218) at 1048 29th Street, NW- 10:04 pm

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

Built around 1926, 1048 29th Street NW is one of the few remaining original commercial buildings in Georgetown, and as such is an important landmark. It sits on 29th Street next to the C & O canal with the James Place Condominium Building to its South, and across from the Four Seasons Power Plant Project.

ANC 2E understands that the applicant and residents of James Place Condominium have had a number of conversations that have resulted in a clear understanding regarding the plans for development of the Engineers Outlet Building.

ANC 2E recognizes that the developer has listened and the current plans for the building address neighbor concerns. ANC 2E requests the applicant continue to communicate with the neighbors and to respect the neighbors concerns as construction unfolds.

ANC 2E supports this plan and wishes the developer good luck in making this a reality.

Adjournment- 10:30 pm

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 10:30 pm.