



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, June 3rd, 2024; 6:30 p.m.

In-Person: Georgetown Village, 1801 35th Street, Second Floor Heritage Room

Online via Zoom

### **Call to Order- 6:37 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), Daniel Chao (2E07), and John DiPierri (2E08) were present.

### **Approval of the Agenda - 6:39 pm**

#### **Approval of the ANC's June 3rd, 2024 Meeting Agenda - 6:39 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 May 1st, 2024 Meeting Minutes - 6:40 pm**

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's May 1st, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Community Comment - 6:41 pm**

#### **Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto- 6:41 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.

#### **Update from Georgetown Village Executive Director Lynn Golub-Rofrano- 6:57 pm**

Lynn Golub-Rofrano, Executive Director of Georgetown Village, gave an update on behalf of the Georgetown Village.

#### **Update on MacArthur High School- 7:03 pm**

Commissioner Putta provided an update on MacArthur High School.

Update on FY 25 Funding of Boys and Girls Club at Jelleff Recreation Center- 7:05 pm

Commissioner Putta provided an update on FY 25 Funding of Boys and Girls Club at Jelleff Recreation Center. Commissioner Putta answered questions from the community.

Update on Renovation of Jelleff Recreation Center- 7:10 pm

Commissioner Chao provided an update on the renovation of the Jelleff Recreation Center.

Update on Requesting Traffic Consultants to be Present at Duke Ellington Field Public Meeting- 7:14 pm

Commissioner Putta provided an update on requesting traffic consultants at Duke Ellington Field public meetings. Commissioner Putta answered questions from the audience.

Public Comment- 7:20 pm

Micheal McDuffie presented on issues surrounding MedStar Georgetown. Commissioners and community members asked questions.

**New Business - 7:39 pm**

**Notice of Intent for Relocation of Hotel Loading Zone and New Commercial Loading Zone 2600 Block P Street NW- 7:39 pm**

Chair Lohse 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:

ANC 2E asked DDOT to work with the single member district (SMD) Commissioner on placing more definition and adjustments around this NOI.

Regarding the northside loading zone, ANC 2E is pleased to see a formal loading zone that will be used by Streets Market and the other businesses on this block. ANC 2E recognizes that adding this loading zone will remove two metered parking spaces, thus reducing the ability of customers— especially those of the dry cleaner, market, and antique shop— to legally park and load heavier items. This said, hours of operation of the loading zone should be adjusted to start no later than 7 am, which aligns with the ABCA Settlement agreement between ANC 2E and Streets Market. This is important as sometimes these metered spaces are used in the evening by residents who return home from work and cannot find overnight parking in the neighborhood. Adding a loading zone supports the ANC 2E Streets Market Settlement Agreement, which states Streets shall among other things:

- Ask its vendors and require its own vehicles to make all deliveries and pickups from a legally parked vehicle.
- All delivery trucks will make deliveries from the P Street side, and not 27th Street.

Regarding the south side loading zone, the NOI calls for two spaces for Poppy Inn. Because the Inn only has 15 rooms, neighbors have requested that DDOT discuss whether two spaces are necessary for an inn of this size, and if so, what the best placement of those spaces are given the current configuration of the new crosswalk, a neighboring streatory, almost daily trash pick up that occurs on-street, and the metered parking on this block.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Request for DDOT to Restripe the Lanes by the Second Entrance to Medstar- 7:44 pm

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

The lane markings at the intersection of Reservoir Road NW and 39th Street NW have become extremely faded and it has caused driver confusion and unnecessary traffic back-ups. ANC 2E therefore requests that DDOT please re-paint the lane markings at this intersection.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Better Bus Plan- 7:45 pm

Commissioner Matthews 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:

WMATA has released its proposed designs for a future Metrobus network, called the Better Bus Network. The proposals would represent a dramatic change from the current network and would directly impact bus service to and through Georgetown. While ANC 2E appreciates that WMATA has responded to requests (including from ANC 2E) to maintain Metrobus service to Georgetown University, currently provided by the G2, it is nonetheless concerned that the total bus service for Georgetown would be reduced and degraded with the Better Bus Network. Comparing the proposed service levels of the various routes for Georgetown versus the current routes reveals that there simply would be fewer buses available to residents, visitors and workers at key points through the day and week. For example:

- The D96, which is intended to replace the D2, is proposed to come only every 20 minutes during morning rush, whereas the existing D2 arrives every 10 minutes.
- Additionally, the D96 is slated to run only every 25 minutes in evening rush, compared with 12-15 minutes, which is how often the D2 arrives.
- The D94, which is intended to replace the D6, would arrive every 20-24 minutes during rush hour, whereas the D6 arrives every 15 minutes.
- The total bus service along Q St. to Dupont, including the proposed D92, D94 and D96 routes, would be 8-9 buses per hour during rush hour, compared with the 10 buses that currently run.
- Bus service would be completely removed from O, P and Dumbarton Streets due to shifting the G2 replacement (the D92) to Q St. This will require current G2 riders to traverse a steep incline from where the current stops are located up to Q St. This will be especially burdensome on riders who are physically challenged or are traveling with bags in-tow.

This proposed reduction in bus service in Georgetown is very concerning given Georgetown has no Metrorail stop, over 12 million visitors annually, a disproportionately large percentage of the city's employees, a large university, and a dense residential population reliant on public transit. These proposed cuts are even more concerning given the likely end to the Circulator bus routes by DDOT, which will require more people traveling to and from Georgetown to rely on WMATA's bus service. While the proposed D82 route is a sufficient replacement for the 31 and 33 routes, it is not a sufficient replacement for the 31, 33 *and* the Georgetown-Union Station Circulator.

ANC 2E requests that WMATA and the District government work together to incorporate as much of the soon-to-be-former Georgetown-Union Station Circulator in either a new Metrobus route or additional service on the proposed Better Bus Network routes. Moreover, ANC 2E requests that WMATA ensure that the total bus service provided by the new routes is at least equal to the current levels and does not include the total removal of bus service along O, P, and Dumbarton Streets currently serviced by the G2.

### **Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board – 7:56 pm**

Application by Stachowski's Market for a Retailer's Class "B" Full Service Grocery at 1425 28th Street NW (ABRA-127046)- 7:56 pm

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

ANC 2E protests Stachowski's application for a new Retailer's Class "B" Full Service Grocery license at 1425 28th Street based on the adverse impact on the 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 Gwendolyn Lohse 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.

### **Public Space Committee- 8:08 pm**

#### **Public Space Application by La Bonne Vache for a New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed at 3265 Prospect Street NW (DDOT #11065663)-8:08 pm**

Commissioner Maysak 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:

La Bonne Vache (LVB) opened Winter of 2024 and has been well received in the neighborhood. Originally, ANC 2E reached an ABCA settlement agreement with the neighbors and LVB that allowed seating for 11 in the "Summer Garden" on Potomac Street which was the same amount of seats the prior restaurant Boeymonger had. Based on the fact that seating is being reduced in total AND 3 moved to the more commercial street of Prospect, ANC 2E supports the request for outdoor seating.

### **Zoning – 8:16 pm**

#### **Board of Zoning Adjustment Application to operate a corner store on the first floor and basement of an existing mixed-use building in the R-3/GT zone at 3428 O Street, NW (BZA# 21157) (2E03)- 8:16 pm**

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

For BZA case #21157, ANC 2E is providing a resolution to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) regarding the zoning relief being sought for the property at 3428 O Street NW. A renter that is already operating their business at the location is applying for this relief on behalf of the owner of the property.

The zoning relief requested by BZA case #21157 is to allow for a corner store that sells prepared food. The applicant is seeking both an area variance and a special exception. In short, the area variance would allow the applicant to operate as a corner store notwithstanding the fact it is within 750 feet of a commercially zoned lot. The special exception would allow the applicant to sell prepared foods, which is not allowed by-right even as a corner store.

Addressing the special exception first: the critical element is that no special exception shall be granted if the intended use is likely to become objectionable to neighboring property because of noise, traffic, deliveries, or other objectionable conditions. Due to the unusual procedural history of this case, this analysis is somewhat unusual because the intended use is not merely theoretical. We have nearly four years of observations to judge whether it has in fact become objectionable. And the ANC concludes that it has.

Most notably, the ANC concludes that the large crowds that critically cannot be contained within the establishment create a routine objectionable condition. The applicant has made attempts and promised plans to address these crowds and the detrimental impact they have, but these attempts have not and will not succeed without a fundamental shift in shop operations. Therefore, the ANC cannot support the special exception at this time.

With regards to the map variance, the ANC has no objection to this property operating as a corner store in conformity with the relevant corner store regulations concerning use, which among other things prohibit the sale of prepared foods without the aforementioned special exception.

### **Old Georgetown Board- 9:47 pm**

#### Multiple Single Member District Projects

##### OG 24-166 (HPA N/A) Curb lane of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue, NW- 9:47 pm

Faith Broderick, Economic Development Director at the Georgetown Business Improvement District, presented. The Commission took no action.

#### Individual Single Member District Projects

##### SMD 2E01- OG 24-222 (HPA 24-272)- 3800 Reservoir Road, NW (Square 1321, Lot 824, 825, 826, 833)

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

ANC 2E supports the project at 3800 Reservoir Road, NW.

SMD 2E02- OG 24-260 (HPA 24-324) 3324 Reservoir Road, NW (Square 1290, Lot 273)10:14 pm

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

ANC 2E does not support the proposed multi-story addition to 3324 Reservoir Road, NW as currently proposed and encourages the applicant to work with the immediate neighbor and the Old Georgetown Board to develop an alternative design that does not have such a significant impact on the immediate neighbor to the east. ANC 2E, however, takes no position on the proposed addition to the garage and defers to the Old Georgetown Board on the design features of that proposal.

SMD 2E02- OG 24-259 (HPA 24-324)- 3306 R Street, NW (Square 1295, Lot 816)- 10:30 pm

Commissioner Matthews moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Chair Lohse seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 4-1-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E appreciates the changes that the applicant has made to its proposed designs for a rear addition in order to reduce the impact to the neighbor to the west. However, ANC 2E cannot support the current proposal and encourages the applicant to continue to work with the neighbor to develop a proposal that would be less impactful.

SMD 2E05- OG 24-227 (HPA 24-292)- 3249 M Street, NW (Square 1207, Lot 904) 10:47 pm

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

ANC 2E has no objection to the proposed signage or demolitions for 3249 M St. NW. However, ANC 2E would like to alert the applicant of the prohibition under the zoning code against operating a fast food establishment in the MU-4 zone, which includes the subject property. The ANC will proactively notify the District Department of Buildings to request an analysis be performed on the proposed use and to further request that no building permits are issued before any necessary zoning relief is obtained.

SMD 2E06- OG 24-240 (HPA 24-305)- 2728 O Street, NW (Square 1239, Lot 854)-10:52 pm

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

2728 O Street NW ANC 2E is concerned that a window of the immediate neighbor will be fully blocked by the proposed renovation. ANC 2E asks the applicant and the OGB to discuss alternative designs that do not build over this window.

**Adjournment- 10:59 pm**

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 10:59 pm.