



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 30th, 2023; 6:30 p.m.

In-Person: St. John's Episcopal Church, 3240 O Street NW

Online via Zoom

### Call to Order - 6:32 pm

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 May 30th, 2023 Meeting Agenda - 6:32 pm

Commissioner Maysak moved to approve the ANC's May 30th, 2023 meeting agenda. Commissioner DiPierri seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

### Approval of the ANC's May 1st, 2023 Meeting Minutes - 6:32 pm

Commissioner DiPierri moved to approve the ANC's May 1st, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

### Administrative - 6:32 pm

#### Public Safety and Police Report - 6:32 pm

Lieutenant John Merzig and Sergeant Philip Robinson, representatives for the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, and Sergeant Adam Snapko, a representative for MPD's Harbor Patrol Unit, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

### Community Comment - 6:54 pm

#### Update from the Mayor's Office - 6:54 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.

#### Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office - 7:06 pm

Brian Romanowski, the Constituent Services Director for the Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office, gave an update from the Councilmember's Office.

#### Announcement Regarding the Georgetown Neighborhood Library's Children's Pride Parade on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023 - 7:16 pm

Ruth Fitts, a Library Associate for the Georgetown Neighborhood Library, made an announcement regarding the library's Children's Pride Parade on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023.

Update Regarding the 2023 Capital Fringe Festival - 7:24 pm

Julianne Brienza, the Founding Director of Capital Fringe, gave an update regarding the 2023 Capital Fringe Festival.

Update Regarding the Jelleff Recreation Center Project - 7:34 pm

Chair Miller gave an update regarding the Jelleff Recreation Center Project.

Update Regarding the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study - 7:36 pm

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

Update Regarding Hardy Middle School and the New MacArthur High School - 7:44 pm

Commissioner Putta gave an update regarding Hardy Middle School and the new MacArthur High School.

**New Business - 7:48 pm**

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Better Bus Network Redesign - 7:48 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:

ANC 2E welcomes the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) request for comments on its ambitious draft visionary network for its Metrobus service. In particular, the ANC appreciates the proposed connection to MacArthur High School and the 24-hour service. While the ANC commends WMATA for taking a fresh look at ways to dramatically improve its bus service, several of the proposed changes contained in the draft visionary network would have significantly detrimental impacts on ANC 2E transit riders.

Most significantly, the draft network would completely eliminate the G2 route through Georgetown. This route is essential to many Georgetown residents and visitors, especially students and staff at Georgetown University. It is the only Metrobus route that reaches the main campus at 37th Street NW and the graduate programs at the Georgetown Car Barn on Prospect Street NW. Eliminating this route would significantly hamper the university's efforts to reduce vehicular travel to the university, which is a critical component of the university's Campus Plan. As one measure of the impact, the university reports that as part of a six-month pilot program to provide students with WMATA passes, the students took nearly 11,500 rides on the G2 route. Taking that route away would clearly undermine any further efforts to encourage transit use. This could put into jeopardy the incredible success that the

Campus Plan has had in fostering warm relations between the university and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Additionally, ANC 2E objects to the effective elimination of the D2 route. Although the proposed DC201 route follows some parts of the current D2 route, the route would no longer go through residential Burleith and only along Reservoir Road NW. The service that it would provide to Burleith would result in a far more circuitous and delayed trip to a Metrorail station that is further away from downtown than Dupont Circle.

Moreover, taken as a whole, the elimination of the G2 and D2 routes would hugely reduce the number of buses traveling through the neighborhood, particularly at peak hours. WMATA should recognize that bus riders are often flexible in what route they take as long as it gets them to where they want to go. As a result, bus riders in Georgetown trying to get to the Dupont Circle Metrorail station might take either the D2, D6, or G2 route on any particular day depending on what bus is coming soonest. Between all three lines, there are twenty-two buses traveling eastbound towards Dupont Circle during the peak morning rush, with an average of one bus every five minutes. The replacement service offered by WMATA is only promised to have ten buses heading towards Dupont Circle during the same morning rush, with waits of as much as twelve minutes between each bus. That represents a catastrophic 55% reduction in bus service. In addition, the neighborhood would no longer have the access to downtown that the D6 route currently provides. That is an unacceptable gutting of bus service for a neighborhood with no Metrorail station.

ANC 2E strongly encourages WMATA to withdraw or significantly modify these two service changes in its next draft of its visionary network.

#### Approval of Expenditures for an ANC Survey - 8:00 pm

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

ANC 2E approves the expenditure of \$468 annually to contract SurveyMonkey, an online survey software company, to help the ANC create and run professional online surveys that will help the ANC understand and process sentiments around the village for different efforts.

This expenditure will allow ANC 2E to conduct an unlimited number of surveys with an unlimited number of questions per survey. The ANC can collect up to 15,000 responses per year and have access to support from SurveyMonkey.

ANC 2E strongly believes that this expenditure will help us reach more Georgetowners and collect meaningful data to help inform our decisions.

#### **Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Control Board - 8:02 pm**

Application by Bozzelli's Italian Deli for a Substantial Change to the Establishment's Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant License at 3000 K Street NW - 8:02 pm

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 Bozzelli's Italian Deli's application for a substantial change to the establishment's Retailer's Class "D" Restaurant license based on the adverse impact on peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood. Bozzelli's Italian Deli is located at 3000 K Street NW at Washington Harbour. The ANC agrees to withdraw the protest 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.

### **Historic Preservation Review Board - 8:04 pm**

#### **Historic Preservation Review Board Concept Application for a Subdivision to Relocate 4 Parking Spaces from One Lot to Another Lot at 2929 N Street NW and 1305-1315 30th Street NW - 8:04 pm**

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

The Colonial is a historic building erected in 1820. It housed a female seminary, whose patrons and frequent visitors included notables such as Martin Van Buren and Daniel Webster. Following the defeat of union forces at the First Battle of Bull Run, this building was commandeered for use as an army general hospital during the remainder of the Civil War, after which it was converted into apartments.

ANC 2E is pleased to see the building being restored. The ANC supports this application, however the ANC requests that the applicant, the building owner, and the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) do not support further break-up of this property. The property should be well maintained, which means tenants should find the amenities that they need. The building has eighteen units; many of these tenants and owners will require vehicular parking. Georgetown has very limited parking for residents. The public streets cannot absorb the parking needs for apartment and condo buildings.

### **Zoning - 8:13 pm**

#### **Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for a Special Exception from the Matter-of-Right Uses to Construct a Two-Story with Basement, Principal Dwelling Unit at 1722-1726 34th Street NW - 8:13 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:

ANC 2E supports the application for a special exception to permit residential use for the combined alley lots located at Lots 93-97 of Square 1297. The subject property meets all of the conditions for the property to be converted to residential use without modification, including, among other items, alley width, lot size, setback, and parking. The zoning relief requested would be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning

Regulations and Zoning Maps, and would not adversely affect the use of neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps. The ANC requests that in reviewing this project, the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) takes a careful look at the burden of proof requirements for the requested relief.

**Old Georgetown Board - 8:40 pm**

**SMD 2E03 - OG 23-223 (HPA 23-347) 3257 N Street, NW - 8:40 pm**

Commissioner Maysak 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 has no objection to the proposed second floor garage addition at 3257 N Street NW. The ANC does note that the plans note that the chimney height of the adjacent property at 3255 N Street NW may need to be increased at the applicant's cost and are pleased that the architect has engaged the neighbor in discussion related to this possibility.

**SMD 2E05 - OG 23-164 (HPA 23-265) 1073 31st Street, NW - 8:47 pm**

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

ANC 2E recognizes that the applicant has spent considerable time meeting with the Old Georgetown Board and other community organizations, which has resulted in a thoughtful design for the addition and alterations at 1073 31st Street NW, the building that currently houses Flavio Restaurant. The modernization of the restaurant and the addition of residential units will be an improvement to the building. With this addition, however, comes density and the loss of current open space above the existing building. This loss of openness has been of concern for some neighbors. The entrance on the alley is also a safety issue which seems to have been addressed with a small portico at the entry.

ANC 2E does not typically support any elevated outdoor terraces, however since this terrace faces south toward the river and east toward the alley, the ANC is not opposed to the terrace if the applicant incorporates noise abatement material on the east side of the terrace. The terrace will be shared by the five units, should be used by residents only, and is not to be used by the restaurant or for any commercial purpose.

ANC 2E supports this modestly scaled addition with the hope that the applicant listens closely to suggestions from the Old Georgetown Board in order to ensure that the addition and alterations complement the existing historic buildings and neighborhood.

**SMD 2E07 - OG 23-221 (HPA 23-345) 3036 Cambridge Place, NW - 9:29 pm**

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

ANC 2E notes that there is a stop work order on this property as the deck work commenced without Old Georgetown Board review nor with proper permitting. The ANC requests that the Old Georgetown Board looks closely at the size of the proposed deck as well as the materials to be used, including the detailing of the railing.

SMD 2E06 - OG 23-222 (HPA 23-346) 3017 O Street, NW - 9:41 pm

Commissioner Lohse 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 requests that the Old Georgetown Board carefully reviews the impact of this revised proposal on the property's heritage trees and ensures that all of the heritage trees are included in the applicant's plans. The ANC requests that special attention is paid to any impacts on the trees' root systems. The ANC also requests that the applicant ensures that their submitted plans do not include any building outside of the owner's property line.

Adjournment - 9:54 pm

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:54 pm.