



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 4th, 2024; 6:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order- 6:34 pm

Chair Lohse called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta XX (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 - 6:36 pm

Approval of the ANC's November 4th, 2024 Meeting Agenda - 6:34 pm

Chair Lohse to approve the ANC's November 4th, 2024 meeting agenda. Commissioner Massaua seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's September 30th, 2024 Meeting Minutes - 6:34 pm

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's September 30th, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner DiPierri seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Administrative- 6:35 pm

Public Safety and Police Report- 6:35 pm

Lieutenant Merzig and Captain Darren Haskis provided an update from the Metropolitan Police Department. Lieutenant Merzig answered questions from Commissioners.

Community Comment - 6:52 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- 7:03 pm

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

Update Regarding Leaf Collection- 7:09 PM

Chair Lohse provided an update regarding leaf collection.

Update from DDOT re: implementation of Recommendations from [Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study](#)- 7:10 PM

Ted Van Houton provided an update regarding the implementation of recommendations from the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study. Ted Van Houton answered questions from Commissioners and the audience.

Update Regarding [DDOT Streatery Guidelines](#) and [December 5th Public Space Hearing](#)- 7:24 PM

Chair Lohse provided an update regarding DDOT Streatery Guidelines.

Update Regarding [New Rock Creek Park Superintendent](#)- 7:48 PM

Chair Lohse provided an update on the new Rock Creek Park Superintendent.

Update from Georgetown Student Update -7:49 pm

Commissioner DiPierri provided an update on Georgetown University.

Open Comment Period- 7:51 pm

A community member provided an update.

New Business- 7:58 pm

Resolution Regarding [Micromobility Notice of Intent](#)- 7:58 pm

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

ANC 2E supports this transformational program. However, there is an unquestionable need for significant improvement in city Operator oversight. ANC 2E urges the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) – the administrator of the Shared Fleet Device Permit Operator Agreement – to change the Operator Agreement in two main areas:
Parking and Community Relations.

Dockless Parking

Issues: Pedestrian safety, accessibility requirements along our sidewalks, and respect for both public and private property are constantly challenged due to dockless vehicles being illegally parked by users. Currently, these vehicles block not only our sidewalks, but our crosswalks, store entrances, homes, public space, private property, etc. (*See attachment A for examples*). This issue is especially bad in our commercial area given the volume of visits.

The DDOT decision to rely upon our 311 system to report illegally parked dockless vehicles is not adequately addressing our city's issues with illegally parked dockless vehicles – plus, using 311 as a Customer Service line for private companies is taking 311 city resources away from other city issues. Rather, the Operators must have the capabilities/tools to take proactive responsibility rather than using overwhelmed city services and soaking up the time of negatively impacted parties. For example, some Operators are using AI Parking Coaches as a proactive method. These illegal parking issues are exacerbated by dockless vehicles that are not picked up by their fleet owner within the required timeframe (24 hours). Our safety, accessibility and property rules must be respected by Operators and their Users.

New agreement terms urged by ANC 2E:

1. Operators must have the capability/ tools to ensure their Users / clients only park their dockless vehicles in city-designated “dockless” Parking areas.
 - a. Operators agree to participate in city pilots that will designate specific locations for parking dockless vehicles within a geographical range/location, e.g. Georgetown BID area, and issue fines to users who do not do so.

Note: (1) ANC 2E expects DDOT to seek input from the local community on selecting these designated Parking locations. (2) ANC 2E asks DDOT to pilot the usage of these designed areas first in the commercial areas/streets, which have much heavier usage. Then use a well-tested and successful set of Operator requirements can be rolled out in residential areas/streets.

2. Operators must have visible and easy to read User-marketing on their vehicles regarding User expectations around dockless Parking, e.g. respect for sidewalk accessibility.
3. Operators will have the technology /capability to report the time at which a dockless vehicle was parked, and the time at which it was picked up by the Operator or another user.
 - a. City can cancel the Operator's permit if the Operator does not meet the city-required timeframe for pick-up of dockless fleet vehicles.

4. Operators will have the tools to identify and significantly fine Users who park illegally; and the ability to provide quarterly aggregated reports on the number of Users that are fined due to illegal parking.
5. Operators will have a phone number with live staff members that can be called to address vehicles that are illegally parked due to location or timeframe; should the community be able to present evidence that the live staff are not available to answer and address illegal parking, the Operator will be at-risk for losing its city Permit.

Community Relations

Issues: Thousands of dockless vehicles owned by a range of Operators are used in our community. Georgetown has the second highest number of dockless trips in the District after the national mall. The impact on our historic village is significant. Many in the community are very concerned about the level of disrespect the program allows on issues such as accessibility standards, or use of private property. Currently there is no formal, organized interaction between the impacted communities and the Operators. DDOT must set and prioritize community relations capabilities of these Operators.

New agreement terms urged by ANC 2E:

1. Each Operator will provide a Community Relations Contact – specific name, title, email and phone – to be available to speak with the ANC and BIDS in the areas of the city with the top three highest volume number of dockless trips.
 - a. The city will Pilot how the availability of this community relations contact helps with addressing community concerns about the program.

ANC 2E was given an extension by the DDOT staff member responsible for the Dockless Fleet to comment on this NOI. This extension was given to ANC 2E due to ANC 2E's posted schedule of monthly public meetings and the NOI only having a 15-day turnaround time. ANC 2E expects to have this extension supported and the attached requests considered.

Resolution Regarding Alternatives to Unacceptable Published DDOT Brick Sidewalk Maintenance Timeframe- 8:14 pm

Commissioner 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:

The city published timeframe for brick sidewalk repair is 270 business days, or about 9 months, from the time the request is reported on 311 and/or verified. In many instances, this 270-business day timeframe is not met, thus leaving isolated, specific repairs unaddressed for a year or more. Given the ever-increasing use of our sidewalks by more pedestrians, including those with accessibility challenges, bikes, and scooters, this

timeframe is unacceptable when a repair threatens the safety of so many sidewalk users. For example, on a few blocks of O Street alone, two residents have been hospitalized in the last year plus due to tripping over needed isolated brick sidewalk repairs work that was reported way over 375 days from when the fall occurred; one spot took more than three years from the 311 request to repair (see Attachment A). DDOT relies upon a range of contractors to do brick sidewalk repair work. The fees charged by the contractors are unknown to ANC 2E. The DDOT Ward 2 liaison has worked hard to try to get attention for long-standing repair needs, and ANC 2E appreciates his advocacy for our community; however, ANC 2E would like a more systematic solution.

In contrast, to the 270-plus business days repair timeframe, our local Georgetown Business Improvement District (GBID) repairs brick sidewalks within two weeks or less after the needed repair is reported. Via a Reimbursable Maintenance Agreement with DDOT, the city has given GBID the responsibility to do this work within the GBID boundary, consisting of many blocks of both commercial and mixed-use streets. The GBID has trained some of its staff to do high-quality brick sidewalk repair, thus removing the need to schedule work with busy independent contractors. Specific staff training is done in other historic cities such as Charleston, which has a blue stone and brick repair team.

ANC 2E requests DDOT to designate GBID as a city-designed brick repair contractor for isolated brick sidewalk locations. GBID offices are in close proximity to all of ANC 2E brick sidewalks; on some blocks, GBID is already doing brick repair work that is feet away from other needed brick repairs. It is silly not to extend the Reimbursable Maintenance Agreement. As with other city contractors, all brick sidewalk repair work done by the GBID will have been designated by the city's Sidewalk Condition Rating (SCR) system as requiring repair. The city will pay GBID to do this isolated repair work for any sidewalk within ANC 2E needing repair (versus whole-block brick repairs). ANC 2E intends that by having GBID as a DDOT contractor option, the timeframe of fixing isolated brick sidewalk repairs will be reduced, thus reducing the safety risks of all those who use Georgetown's brick sidewalks, including visitors coming to the GBID area. ANC 2E assumes GBID fees for brick repair be on-par with current DDOT brick repair contractors or DDOT-GBID will ensure such. Additionally, ANC 2E understands the Public Space Maintenance Act may need to be updated.

Public Space Committee- 8:22 pm

Washington Gas Street Fixtures- 8:23 pm

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

ANC 2E asked that these Washington Gas boxes/towers located go to OGB for review and some level of effort is made by Washington Gas to make the towers more aesthetically pleasing given they are located in a historic district. Moreover, the ownership and safety aspects of these boxes/towers must be addressed on the boxes/towers (currently there are no consistent markings).

Public Space Application for a Free Standing Sign at 37th Street and Whitehaven Parkway NW (DDOT #452540) (2E01)- 8:39 PM

Commissioner Putta 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:

Burleith, a beautiful neighborhood founded in 1923, celebrated its centennial last year. To commemorate its centennial, the Burleith Citizens Association (BCA) is sponsoring public welcome signs to the neighborhood. The first is proposed to be placed at the northeast corner of 37th Street NW and Whitehaven Parkway NW.

ANC 2E appreciates the BCA's efforts and supports the proposed placement of these signs.

Public Space Application for Valet Staging Zone on the 1000 Block of Potomac Street NW to Serve Osteria Mozza at 3276 M Street NW (DDOT #11094511) (2E05)- 8:43 pm

Commissioner Lindner 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 is delighted that Osteria Mozza located at 3276 M Street will be open to the public on November 9, 2024. This project has been underway for years and will bring much needed and welcomed life to that area of Georgetown.

ANC 2E recognizes the importance of offering Valet Parking to the patrons of this restaurant therefore fully supports the application to provide such. As stated in a letter dated October 10, 2024 (Attachment A) to Mr. Elliott Garrett, Chair of Public Space Committee of the Department of Transportation ANC 2E supports this application #311094511 for Valet Staging Zone on the 1000 block of Potomac Street (Review #805031).

Also, as stated in the letter, in six months, ANC 2E and the applicant will determine together if there is any negative impact on traffic flow, and if so, ways to improve the operation.

Public Space Application to Install a Chair Lift with 12” on Public Space at 1316 30th Street NW (DDOT #454134) (2E06)- 8:45 pm

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

ANC 2E fully supports this medically-driven request for use of Public Space by our residents.

Notice of Intent for Reserved Residential Parking for a Disabled Resident at 1247 31st Street NW (NOI #24-270-TOA) (2E06)- 8:48 pm

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

ANC 2E fully supports this medically-driven request for use of Public Space by our residents.

Zoning- 8:48 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)- 8:49 PM

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

For several years this Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) case has been in process and there is still no definitive BZA ruling and Call Your Mother has been able to operate without a final determination that is desired by all. ANC 2E has spent considerable time, thought, and energy on the case, to the detriment of other areas of focus and community relations. With regard to the most recent BZA request on how best to accommodate this application:

On its October 23rd BZA hearing, the BZA suggested a new idea: an outside, removable, standing -only bar to accommodate dining by Call Your Mother's customers.

- Based on original community input from 4 plus years ago, the initial Order for this case states: “The Applicant (Call Your Mother) shall not provide any outdoor

seating.” ANC 2E does not think that this idea of a removable table or even any "sidewalk seating" is a solution to address the current situation.

- With regard to the “standing bar,” the BZA gave the ANC *two working days* to review the proposed “bar” plan prior to the scheduled ANC meeting. This timing is unacceptable to ANC 2E no matter the topic or case.
- Should the Applicant and the BZA decide a “standing bar” will be formally proposed, ANC 2E will review the proposed Application when it is submitted to Public Space and the BZA.

On its October 23rd BZA hearing, the BZA also asked the applicant to address its trash storage as required by corner store trash management regulations.

- ANC 2E looks to the BZA to review, interpret and determine if Call Your Mother’s trash "storage" meets legal guidelines and requirements. If the "storage" does not, the BZA must be clear on the exception being made to continue to operate as Call Your Mother has for the past 4 plus years given ANC 2E has other Corner Stores that could apply for the same exception and we are not interested in "loosening" regulations for trash storage at this or other similarly suited locations in ANC 2E

We also note that as of last week there is a new Owner of the property at 3428 O Street NW. ANC 2E expects the new owner to follow BZA filing requirements regarding this Application.

If the variance and special exception are granted, ANC 2E looks to the BZA to clarify the full set of conditions that Call Your Mother must operate under. There are two sets: the initial from June 2020 and the proposed from March 2024.

Old Georgetown Board- 9:14 pm

Individual Single Member District Projects

2E02- OG 24-293 (HPA 24-370) 3246 S Street, NW (Square 2154, Lot 848)- 9:14 PM

Commissioner Mathews moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter.

Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E appreciates the modifications that were made to this project addressing the impact on the S Street neighbors and encourages the OGB to consider the impact the changes would have on the neighbors as the plans get further refined. Additionally, ANC 2E requests that OGB reconsider its decision for the proposed demolition for the brick wall along S Street. ANC 2E would like to see the (non historic) brick wall removed if

possible.

2E03- OG 24-255 (HPA 24-320) 3306 O Street, NW (Square 1229, Lot 135)-9:32 PM

Commissioner Maysak 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 updated plans for the project. ANC 2E notes that we intentionally did not review the earlier OGB submission two months ago at our ANC meeting because we supported it then. ANC 2E has spoken with several neighbors supporting this project and have received emails also confirming support. ANC 2E has heard only positive support from neighbors. ANC 2E thinks this well thought out design will enhance the alley behind the home.

2E05- TBD (HPA TBD) 3700 Water Street, NW- 9:37 PM

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

ANC 2E is among many who are happy to hear that the Washington Canoe Club (WCC) located at 3700 Water Street NW is working with the National Park Service (NPS) to rehabilitate its historic Boathouse. The Boathouse is iconic on the Georgetown waterfront and symbolizes the importance that recreation on the Potomac River has had for Washingtonians for over a century. The Boathouse is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

This historic Boathouse is on NPS land is in desperate need of repair. The building dates to 1904 but since 2012 WCC has had restricted access to most of the building because of structural deterioration. WCC and NPS expect to do the work in stages.

The rehabilitated Boathouse will maintain its historic appearance while meeting modern standards for access, flood resilience, and safety. ANC 2E is in full support of this project and glad that the Washington Canoe Club and the NPS are committed to working together to move forward on this.

2E05- OG 24-361 (HPA 24-462) 3233 - 3235 M Street, NW (Square 1207, Lot 108)- 9:50 PM

Commissioner Lindner 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:

Typically, ANC 2E isn't concerned with interior renovations of retail, residential, or other commercial buildings. ANC 2E does however pay attention when there is outdoor space

involved. In the case of 3235 M Street, there is a second-floor terrace to be renovated for use by this new tenant.

ANC 2E has asked for and received confirmation that this space will be used only during retail hours and not for special events. This terrace is at the rear of the building so not seen from the street but is directly adjacent to an apartment building. Currently, there has been very limited use of the terrace, and certainly not on a regular basis.

ANC 2E supports The Google Store renovations since the concerns around use of terrace have been addressed. ANC 2E welcomes them to Georgetown.

2E06- OG 25-031 (HPA 25-032) 2915 - 2917 Dumbarton Street, NW (Square 1241, Lot 139)- 9:52 PM

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

Both sets of plans call for additions that will impact the neighboring homes, and one of the plans calls for a second story (julliette-like) balcony that will overlook the gardens of the neighboring homes. Heritage trees are also on the lot according to neighbors. Until a day ago, the impacted neighbors were not given a set of the plans and no dialog has occurred between the neighbors and the developer regarding the proposals. ANC 2E asks OGB to have the Applicant submit a proposed concept for either one or two homes on this lot and - based on that proposed design - conduct a light study on the impact on the neighboring homes, study the impact of the lot's Heritage trees, and consider removing any second-floor balconies that compromise neighbor privacy.

2E05- OG 25-022 (HPA 25-023) 1032, 1034, & 1036 33rd Street, NW (Square 1184, Lot 832, 833)- 10:20 PM

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

The 1000 block of 33rd Street is between the C & O Canal and M Street. The two current addresses are bordering Cady's Alley but sitting on 33rd, and the third proposed address, 1036, would be behind these joined townhouse/commercial locations. The rear would be a new three story structure facing Cady's Alley with a side alley opening up on 33rd, thus allowing the 1036 33rd Street address as well as the 3330 Cady's Alley address.

ANC 2E supports this subdivision proposal to add the 1036 33rd Street NW/3330 Cady's Alley St NW address from the current 1032-1034 33rd Street NW as well as the new construction and the renovation of existing townhouses. The improvements will be in line

with the existing atmosphere of Cady's Alley.

2E06- OG 25-009 (HPA 25-010) 2814 Dumbarton Street, NW (Square 1235, Lot 817)- 10:25 PM

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

This is a new, first-time concept proposal with an addition. The home was built in the 1800s. Until yesterday the neighbors were not provided copies of plans for this proposed addition and thus were not aware that the proposal included a second floor. ANC 2E asks OGB to consider if the proposed mass is appropriate, and if the applicants proposed materials for the new proposed exterior walls (paneling) facing the neighbor would be more in keeping with surrounding character if the material was brick.

2E07- OG 25-033 (HPA 25-034) 3114 R Street, NW (Square 1281, Lot 36)- 10:37 PM

Commissioner Chao 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 wishes to acknowledge and thank the applicant's efforts to engage with all abutting neighbors to the south and west of their property at 3114 R Street NW. The applicant held a very productive meeting with neighbors who reside in 3120 R Street NW, The Dumbarton Condominium, this past Friday afternoon (November 1) to discuss an unresolved issue.

After that productive meeting, all parties strongly support a newly agreed upon plan (see [here](#)) that maintains the height of the new fence on top of the repaired/replaced brick wall at the existing fence's height. The Dumbarton Condominium residents also support the proposed extension of the brick wall with a fence on top for an additional 12 linear feet, as illustrated in the [photo](#).

ANC 2E wishes to voice our support for the newly submitted plans agreed by all parties and respectfully requests OGB's consideration and support of the new plans as well.

2E08- OG 25-037 (HPA 25-038) 3700 O Street, NW- 10:44 PM

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

ANC 2E wholeheartedly supports this application.

Adjournment- 10:53 pm

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 10:53 pm.