



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, March 3rd, 2025; 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), Mimsy Lindner (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), Daniel Chao (2E07), and Knox Graham (2E08) were present.

### **Approval of the Agenda - 6:35 pm**

#### **Approval of the ANC's March 3rd, 2025 Meeting Agenda - 6:36 pm**

Chair Lohse to approve the ANC's March 3rd, 2025 meeting agenda. Commissioner Chao seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

#### **Approval of the ANC's February 3rd, 2025 Meeting Minutes - 6:36 pm**

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's February 3rd, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lindner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Administrative- 6:48 pm**

#### **Public Safety and Police Report- 6:48 pm**

Lieutenant Danielle Vitatoe provided an update from the Metropolitan Police Department. Lieutenant Danielle Vitatoe answered questions from the community.

### **Community Comment - 6:52 pm**

#### **Update from the Mayors Office- 6:52 pm**

Adriana Macedonio, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services Ward 2 Liaison, provided an update.

#### **Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office- 6:59 pm**

Brian Romanowski, Councilmember Brooke Pintos' Community Relations Director, provided an update.

Update Regarding NOI to Permanently Remove Rush Hour Parking Restrictions on M St and Wisconsin Ave NW (see under New Business)- 7:04 pm

Commissioner Lohse provided an update regarding the NOI to permanently remove rush hour parking restrictions on M St and Wisconsin Avenue NW.

Update Concerning the French Market- 7:05 pm

Debbie Young, Events Director at the Georgetown Business Improvement District, provided an update concerning the French Market.

Update from DC Water concerning the [Potomac River Tunnel Project](#)- 7:20 pm

Hadijah Jordan, Senior Public Outreach Manager for DC Water, provided an update concerning the Potomac River Tunnel Project.

Update from Georgetown Mainstreet on [Upcoming Community Events](#)- 7:34 pm

Rachel Shank, Executive Director of Georgetown Mainstreet, provided an update on upcoming community events.

Update on Upcoming Closure and Renovation of Duke Ellington Field- 7:37 pm

Commissioner Putta provided an update on the upcoming closure and renovation of Duke Ellington Field.

Update from Georgetown University Students- 7:40 pm

Commissioner Graham provided an update on Georgetown University Students.

Open Comment Period- 7:42 pm

Edward Dent, acting president of the Georgetown Business Association, provided an update.

**New Business- 7:48 pm**

Resolution Regarding Status of Jelleff Requests Made to DPR in January 2025- 7:48 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:

At our last meeting, ANC 2E invited the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to provide an update on the status of the Jelleff Recreation Center renovation given shifting timelines, evolving next steps, and concerns over public communications. At our meeting, DPR committed to follow up on a few key items. Given the size and importance

of this project to our community, ANC 2E urges DPR/DGS to follow up on the items promised, including:

1. Post the updated draft design plans on the [DGS /DPR webpage devoted solely to updating the public on the project](#); the most recent updates to this webpage are from May 2024, yet the proposed design was updated by DPR/DGS in the Fall of 2025 and no public link is available to the revised design.
2. Schedule a public meeting to discuss the updated Jelleff design plans and general status. DPR stated on a public call that the project is in the “Design” Phase, yet DPR also stated construction will start this summer, or later, said this Fall. Jelleff is a large public facility. We must be well-coordinated on shut-down and construction.
3. Before setting a date to present the final proposed plans to the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) for its final design review, consider community comments on the design, especially regarding the façade and entrances; adjust as appropriate.

You can go [here](#) to find ANC 2E’s January 2025 resolution on our request for

- More Accountability on Community Engagement and Transparency
- Specific Asks Related to the Proposed Jelleff Design

ANC 2E looks forward to partnering with DPR/DGS, and we hope this resolution is a valuable tool to encourage timely collaboration on this once-in-a-century project.

Resolution Regarding Notice of Intent for to Permanently Remove Rush Hour Parking Restrictions on M St and Wisconsin Ave NW ([NOI #25-56-TPA](#))- 7:52 pm

Commissioner Graham 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:

Whereas: the temporary removal of rush-hour parking restrictions during the COVID-19 Pandemic has enabled the proliferation of alternative uses for parking spaces in Georgetown in the context of improving pedestrian friendliness and safety on M Street and Wisconsin Ave NW in Georgetown. A notice of intent (NOI) was forwarded to ANC 2E for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on DDOT’s intent to permanently remove the rush-hour parking restrictions on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW in Georgetown.

Whereas: the policy change referenced in the NOI corresponds with a policy recommendation made as a result of the Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study (GTACS) traffic and safety analysis of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue in Georgetown. Commissioners on ANC 2E have reservations about the methods under which the GTACS was conducted, namely that the period in 2023 during which the traffic and safety analysis was conducted is unidentified and public comment on the GTACS was limited before its policy recommendation was released.

Whereas: ANC 2E recognizes that collected data indicates that from the time of the suspension of the rush hour parking restrictions through the end of 2022, automobile crashes, crashes with injuries, pedestrian crashes and bicycle crashes have dropped substantially along M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW.

Whereas: traffic in Georgetown is subject to fluctuations in volume throughout the year given that the student population at Georgetown University is present and absent during different periods of the year. Commissioners on ANC 2E are concerned that the period in 2023 during which the GTACS was conducted may not accurately reflect the volume and intensity of traffic during peak periods, resulting in a knowledge gap about how the policy recommendation will impact Georgetown during peak periods.

Whereas: return-to-office expectations in the post-pandemic period are also increasing traffic volumes through Georgetown. GTACS information does not reflect the additional load capacity faced by M St and Wisconsin Ave NW as a result of this change. Commissioners on ANC 2E feel that the knowledge gap posed by this changing circumstance should be clarified while temporary removal of rush hour parking restrictions is maintained in the meantime.

Whereas: ANC 2E is also unaware of NOIs being sent to nearby Glover Park and Foggy Bottom to permanently remove rush-hour parking restrictions on Wisconsin Avenue NW and M Street in those neighborhoods, respectively. Should rush-hour parking restrictions in Georgetown be permanently removed, the maintenance of rush-hour parking restrictions in these neighborhoods may result in yet-to-be-considered impacts on congestion and pollution in Georgetown, particularly on minor collector roads north of M Street and east of Wisconsin Avenue NW.

Whereas: ANC 2E is also aware of the to-be-introduced proposal to remove rush-hour one-way access on Rock Creek Parkway. Should rush-hour parking restrictions in Georgetown be removed, the proposal to remove one-way access on Rock Creek Parkway may result in yet-to-be-considered impacts on congestion and pollution in Georgetown, particularly on minor collector roads north of M Street and east of Wisconsin Avenue NW.

Whereas: ANC 2E is also unaware of any steps taken to mitigate the potential impact of permanent removal of rush-hour parking restrictions on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW on these minor collector roads. Commissioners on ANC 2E desire a plan with means of preventing the permanent removal of rush-hour parking restrictions on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW from impacting these roads, including but not limited to speed bumps and other methods of reducing traffic flow on these roads.

Whereas: ANC 2E is also unaware of a plan to address the functional impacts permanent removal of rush-hour parking restrictions will have on loading and unloading activities on traffic lanes on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW, seeing as some parking and rush-hour restricted space is now being utilized for alternative uses. Commissioners on

ANC 2E desire a plan preventing these activities from impeding the flow of traffic within these lanes.

Whereas: these concerns are not necessarily a consequence of any attitudes against or in favor of alternative uses of parking spaces on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW in Georgetown resulting from the temporary removal of parking restrictions on these streets. These concerns are a consequence of attitudes that present information from the GTACS is insufficient to provide an accurate picture of the impacts of cross-neighborhood and inter-neighborhood policy differences on conditions in Georgetown. ANC 2E therefore believes additional study is necessary.

Now, therefore be it resolved:

ANC 2E recommends DDOT extend temporary removal of rush-hour parking restrictions, withdrawing, and resubmitting the NOI. The NOI should address a study of the conditions included below considering the impact returned rush-hour parking restrictions in adjacent neighborhoods on roads connecting to M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW would have on congestion and pollution levels of Georgetown's minor collector streets and additional plans for mitigating impacts to minor collector roads and functional impacts on loading and unloading activities on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW. Furthermore, the study should compile crash data leading up to the present for the same area analyzed for the GTACS.

For this study, ANC 2E recommends DDOT analyze the congestion and pollution impacts on:

- 28th through 35th Streets NW extending northbound from M Street;
- N through S Streets NW extending eastbound from Wisconsin Ave NW;

Given the conditions of:

- Permanent removal of rush-hour parking restrictions on M Street and Wisconsin Ave NW in Georgetown; and
- Reintroduced rush-hour parking restrictions on M Street in Foggy Bottom; and
- Reintroduced rush-hour parking restrictions on Wisconsin Ave NW in Glover Park;
- Removed rush-hour parking restrictions on Rock Creek Parkway.

During a yearly period of average traffic volume in Georgetown either:

- In the spring before the Georgetown University academic calendar releases students for the summer vacation period; or
- In the fall after the Georgetown University academic calendar returns students for the fall

**Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board – 8:55 pm**

**Application by Oki Shoten for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant at 1614 Wisconsin Avenue NW (ABRA- 131280) (2E02)- 8:55 pm**

Commissioner Matthews 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:

ANC 2E protests Oki Shoten's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant liquor license at 1614 Wisconsin Avenue 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 Tophers 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

The ANC has no objection to the issuance of a stipulated license during the public comment period.

Application by Koryouri Urana for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant at 1608 Wisconsin Avenue NW (ABRA-131188) (2E02)- 8:59 pm

Commissioner Matthews 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:

ANC 2E protests Koryouri Urara's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant liquor license at 1608 Wisconsin Avenue 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 Tophers 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.

### **Zoning- 9:00 pm**

Board of Zoning Application by Ian Packman and Ellen Carlson To construct a two-story rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit in the R-3/GT zone at 2728 O Street NW (BZA# 21262) (2E06) 9:00 pm

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

This applicant is seeking two special exceptions to the zoning code: an exception to the rear yard requirements and an exception to the lot occupancy requirements. They are requesting such in order to widen their home and then build on top of the new width, which includes building over another homes' window if the special exceptions are

granted. All neighbors are opposed. Neighbors are clear that special exceptions should be granted very infrequently, thus, for example, why it is called “special exception” in which the lot occupancy is 60% so light and air can flow. Neighbors strongly support the lot occupancy and rear yard requirements, which were created to prohibit relatively large houses on relatively small lots, and to maintain character versus a slow chipping away of uniqueness. ANC 2E concurs with the opposition. ANC 2E hopes the applicant will resubmit its application to reduce it to the footprint to what exists today (which is already over lot occupancy).

**Request for a One-Year Extension to Commence Construction of Planned Unit Development at 2715 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (Square 1194, Lot 15) (ZC #15-18C) (2E06)- 9:23 pm**

Commissioner 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:

The design of this mixed use building was approved by the Old Georgetown Board several years ago. ANC 2E supports this one-year extension to commence construction of this mixed-use building, which is on a small triangular lot at the gateway of Georgetown. The demolition phase of the project is to begin soon, and the applicant and the ANC 2E have met regarding a Traffic Flow plan for this phase given the unique location of the triangular lot directly between two main arterial roads; in this plan, none of traffic lanes on our two main arteries should be closed down due to any phase of this project. As part of its zoning relief, the applicant will have an agreement with National Park Service (NPS) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to improve and maintain the park east of the property. ANC 2E looks forward to having this building complete and thus this Gateway to Georgetown looking well managed.

**Old Georgetown Board– 9:32 pm**

**Single Member District Projects**

**2E03- OG 25-098 (HPA 25-116) 3126 O Street, NW (Square 1243, Lot 72)- 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 recognizes that the improvements are very important to add usefulness to the home. Specifically, the reordering of the interior spaces at the Master bed and bath that require raising of that section of the roof by less than 18 inches as explained. This increase in height seems reasonable.

As far as widening of the driveway to make the driveway more useful and accessible, we see the value to the owners of 3216 O Street. Our primary concern relates to the existing older brick wall to the left and how it ties into the stone wall along O Street. We ask that OGB and the owners take special care to rebuild this area using the existing bricks that

are there now AND use similar aged bricks and mortar to create a similar look with the relocated wall.

2E03- OG 25-143 (HPA 25-165) 1523 34th Street, NW (Square 1254, Lot 891)- 9:44 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 sees this as a “bold” project and substantial change to the current structure and character of this home. We have heard from several neighbors and ask that the OGB take their directly submitted comments into serious consideration. We also ask that no final determination be made at the March 6th meeting. Several of the affected neighbors just received plans late last week and regrettably this project was on the “consent” section of our published agenda so neighbors have not been afforded sufficient time to review.

Specific concerns from our ANC in no specific order include and relate to the addition would project substantially beyond the rear of the neighboring buildings to the south, and significantly impact the views of the block's open space as seen from those properties. The addition would also project beyond the rear of buildings to the north, and would block those properties' views of the open space within the block AND their windows. The scale and mass of the addition would likely be the dominant element of the building, significantly over-shadowing the current structure.

The addition and its dramatic over-hanging roofline is not in keeping with the historic character of the surrounding buildings, and will impinge on the view of the block's open space as seen from 34th Street.

We also seek clarification on fencing and the "gazebo" structure in the rear corner.

2E03- OG 25-144 (HPA 25-167) 3208 Rear Volta Place, NW (Square 1255, Lot 210)- 10:00 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 notes that this project creates a massing issue and privacy concerns for the neighbors surrounding this area. We ask that the OGB give thought and considerations as to how the extension of this roof at this height impacts the area as a whole and how these concerns could be mitigated.

2E05- OG 25-140 (HPA 25-162) 1065 31st Street, NW (Square 1198, Lot 819)-10:32 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:



Il Canale, located at 1065 31<sup>st</sup> Street NW, is one of the most popular restaurants in Georgetown. Currently, Il Canale has seating for approximately 300 people including a small 2<sup>nd</sup> floor deck on 31<sup>st</sup> Street. This proposed project is to enhance a rear outdoor /second floor area on an existing 1<sup>st</sup> floor rooftop. This upgrade will provide an opportunity for a seating capacity of 40. ANC 2E understands that the use of this outdoor space would adhere to the current practices of the restaurant. ANC 2E typically does not support any outdoor space as noise can travel and there is always worry that this will disrupt residents nearby. ANC 2E asks that OGB work with the applicant to assist in suggestions on how to best add noise absorption and privacy panels/techniques.

2E05- OG 25-133 (HPA 25-155) 3601-3607 M Street, NW (Square 1202, Lot 64- 10:39 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 is delighted that there is potential movement on the 3601 M Street NW site that has been idle for years. ANC 2E understands that the submission to OGB is the same plan that was submitted and approved by OGB in 2018. At that time, ANC did not have comments, and there were concerns from neighbors regarding their properties on Prospect Street (mostly concerns about stability of the retaining wall).

Currently, ANC 2E believes that it is important to re-engage neighbors and meet with them to discuss concerns that are not new and still very relevant to the neighbors on Prospect Street. Perhaps there are new neighbors and more up to date engineering practices that may satisfy worry from those living on Prospect Street.

ANC 2E cannot support this project until there are productive meetings with neighbors and the developer.

2E06- OG 25-046 (HPA 25-050) 1410 29th Street, NW (Square 1258, Lot 807)- 11:00 pm

Commissioner 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:

ANC 2E is pleased to see this applicant wants to do repairs to this historic home. Beyond the repairs, the Applicant is seeking to enlarge the existing structure on the back of the home. ANC requests OGB to ensure that the proposing massing of this addition does not overpower the neighboring properties including the proposed movement of the south, east, and north walls from a recessed state to be parallel to the existing second floor.

2E06- OG 25-152 (HPA 25-174) 2715 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (Square 1194, Lot 15)- 11:07 pm

Commissioner 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:

ANC 2E continues to support this unique project at the Gateway to Georgetown on what is a triangular lot. The plan shows that there is a trash pick-up area and a driveway on the small lot, which we are pleased to see given there is no ability for the property to use public roads for these necessary functions. We appreciate the work the Applicant has done with ANC on a Traffic Plan for the demo phase of the project.

2E07- OG 25-147 (HPA 25-169) 2457 P Street, NW (Square 852, Lot 1264E)- 11:12 pm

Commissioner Chao 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:

ANC 2E wishes to express our appreciation for the Old Georgetown Board's work to preserve the historical integrity of row houses on this 2400-2500 block of P Street NW, most recently with its thoughtful approach to another home (2447 P Street NW; OG 21-073). The homes on this block, as we are well aware, define the first and last visual impressions of Georgetown for those traveling east-west on P Street or arriving and leaving to and from the Rock Creek Parkway.

ANC 2E asks the OGB to work with the applicant to ensure that the rear staircase is ultimately designed and constructed in a style, footprint, and with materials consistent with the date when these homes were established in the late 1800s.

ANC 2E wishes to ask the OGB to ensure appropriate drainage standards are included and that the specific height of the rear extension adheres to the standards that were previously established by this OGB for other homes of this block.

**Adjournment- 11:23 pm**

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 11:23 pm.

*Prepared by: Commissioner Knox Graham (2E08) , Secretary*

*Approved on:*     **March 31, 2025**

*Attested by:*

  
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