

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 31st, 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), Peter Sloniewsky (2E04), 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 31st, 2025 Meeting Agenda - 6:36 pm

Chair Lohse to approve the ANC's March 31st, 2025 meeting agenda. Commissioner Chao seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Approval of the ANC's March 3rd, 2025 Meeting Minutes - 6:37 pm

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's March 3rd, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lindner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0).

Administrative- 6:37 pm

Public Safety and Police Report- 6:37 pm

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

Community Comment - 6:51 pm

Update from the Mayor's Office- 6:51 pm

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

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office- 7:03 pm

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

Update on DDOT's Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study-7:19 pm

Commissioner Lohse provided an update regarding DDOT's Georgetown Transportation Access and Circulation Study.

<u>Update on National Park Service Rock Creek Parkway NOI for an Environmental Assessment-7:27 pm</u>

Commissioner Lohse provided an update on National Park Service Rock Creek Parkway NOI for an Environmental Assessment.

Update on ABCA Cannabis Closures- 7:40 pm

Commissioner Lohse provided an update regarding the ABCA Cannabis closures.

Update on DDOT Pilot for Scooter Parking in Georgetown- 7:43 pm

Commissioner Lindner provided an update regarding the DDOT Pilot for Scooter Parking in Georgetown.

<u>Update from Georgetown University Students- 7:45 pm</u>

Commissioner Graham provided an update on Georgetown University Students.

Open Comment Period- 7:47 pm

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

New Business- 7:50 pm

Resolution in support of DC continuing funding for preschool and early childhood education-7:50 nm

Commissioner Putta moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse asked to add a line to the resolution to urge the council to continue to provide enough space for all of our students. Commissioner Lohse moved to adopt the amended resolution. Commissioner Topher seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports retaining the current levels of funding for the Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Program (PKEEP).

In a region where childcare and preschool are extraordinarily expensive, universal Pre-K has set DC apart from Maryland and Virginia, drawing and keeping families in the District.

While we understand that DC's budget may be tighter this year, the \$20 Million PKEEP program is a small percentage of DC's current operating budget. As many studies have shown, including a 20-year study by DC's own Georgetown University, there is a significant economic value as well: they estimate \$2.65 to every \$1.00 spent.

Most relevantly, many families in our community currently benefit from this program. In our area, demand for public Pre-K greatly exceeds supply and there are long waitlists at the public schools. The PKEEP program has helped so many to attend quality Pre-K programs in our community.

We understand that you must make difficult decisions that balance the public interest across the full range of the District's agencies and government functions. But - given its fundamental importance to families and children in ANC 2E and across the District - we strongly urge you to maintain universal access to free pre-kindergarten education by retaining funding for PKEEP in the FY2026 budget.

We also urge you to try to open more public school Pre-K seats in areas where demand is exceeding supply.

Resolution in support of new Georgetown Community Partnership (GCP) Co-Chair- 8:22 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:

Georgetown University is a fundamental and wonderful part of our community. In 2012, the Georgetown Community Partnership (GCP) was formed as part of the University's city-approved Campus Plan. The GCP provides a forum for community collaboration regarding the University's master planning and neighborhood quality of life initiatives. Ron Lewis - previous ANC Chair, nearly 50-year Georgetown resident, and experienced attorney- was instrumental to the formation of the GCP. Ron did so in close partnership with the University's president emeritus, John DeGioia, among others.

The GCP is led by a Steering Committee and has representation from two ANCs, the university's executive offices, three citizen associations, student leadership, and hospital management. Under the University's Campus Plan, adopted by the District's Zoning Commission, ANC 2E appoints the community's co-chair of the GCP. Ron has served as the community's GCP co-chair since the GCP's formation. Ron's leadership has been stellar. The GCP is strong, vibrant, and well-positioned to continue its work. This month, Ron formally announced his resignation from the GCP. ANC 2E applauds Ron's work on the GCP and looks forward to formally celebrating his service.

With Ron's departure, ANC 2E appoints Rick Murphy as the community's co-chair of the GCP Steering Committee effective June 1 or at such earlier date as may be agreed to by the

GCP Steering Committee. Rick is well positioned to serve in the role given that he has worked with the GCP, served as ANC Chair, participated in the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG), and held a leadership role at a local law firm. Rick and his wife have lived in Georgetown for over 20 years. ANC 2E appreciates Rick's willingness to serve our community. The ANC looks forward to collaborating with Rick. We will have Rick provide updates to ANC 2E Commissioners quarterly or as needed.

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board – 8:40 pm

Application for significant change by Green Almond Pantry LLC and Grace Street Coffee Roasters LLC at 3210 Grace Street NW for extending their interior hours from 9 pm to 12 am-8:40 pm

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

Green Almond Pantry is mostly a carryout and food pick up establishment at 3210 Grace Street, NW. Its owner has recently opened a second concept, My Little Chamomile, a full-service restaurant within the same suite. Previously, at this same location, Green Almond was mostly a carry out and food pickup establishment with hours that ended at 9:00 pm. A new space at this same location (now known as My Little Chamomile) has been created to accommodate seating of 63, for a total combined occupancy load of 99 between both locations. It is understood that no one will be seated after 10:30 pm.

There is a small garden at the new location that will primarily be used for guests waiting for tables. It is understood that no one will be served in either garden after 8:00 pm.

The "ask" is for an Amendment to the Settlement Agreement that allows indoor serving hours be changed from 9:00 pm until 12:00 am with additional occupancy so that, after ABCA approves the Amendment, the Licensee may apply for permission from the ABCA to modify its hours and increase its capacity in line with the amended Agreement.

ANC 2E has no objection to this change and will work with the applicant to adjust the current settlement agreement to address noise, trash and any neighbor concerns.

Renewals- 8:45 pm

No action was taken.

- 1. Application by Thunder Burger Bar for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3056 M Street NW (Deadline: April 14th)
- 2. Application by Bodega for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at

- 3116 M Street NW (Deadline: April 14th)
- 3. Application by Osteria Mozza for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3276 M Street NW (Deadline: April 21st)
- 4. Application by Alara for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 1303 Wisconsin Avenue NW (Deadline: April 28th)
- 5. Application by Taichi Bubble Tea for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 1357 Wisconsin Avenue NW (Deadline: April 28th)
- 6. Application by Flavio for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 1069 31st Street NW (Deadline: April 28th)
- 7. Application by Taj of India for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 2807 M Street NW (Deadline: April 28th)
- 8. Application by River Club for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3000 K Street NW (Deadline: May 5th)
- 9. Application by The Graham Hotel for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Hotel License at 1075 Thomas Jefferson Street NW (Deadline: May 5th)
- 10. Application by Brasserie Liberte for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3251 Prospect Street NW (Deadline: May 5th)
- 11. Application by Angolo Ristorante Italiano for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 2934 M Street NW (Deadline: May 5th)
- 12. Application by Cafe Georgetown for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3141 N Street NW (Deadline: May 5th)
- 13. Application by Sequoia Grill for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3000 K Street NW (Deadline: May 5th)
- 14. Application by Fiola Mare for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3050 K Street NW (Deadline: May 5th)
- 15. Application by Cafe Milano for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3251 Prospect Street NW (Deadline: May 5th)
- 16. Application by The Four Seasons Hotel for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Hotel License at 2800-2810 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (Deadline: May 5th)

Old Georgetown Board-8:46 pm

Single Member District Projects

2E03- OG 25-174 (HPA 25-201) (TBD) 3327 P Street, NW (Square 1254, Lot 224- 8:48 pm

Commissioner Maysak 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:

Whereas this is a second story addition on a very visible location on P street. Whereas this project was reviewed and approved by the Old Georgetown Board 8 years ago and building permits were issued. Whereas a light study was conducted with no negative results. Whereas the presenting architect notified all affected neighbors with no

objections noted. Whereas the design is in keeping with the style and historical character of the current home,

ANC 2E supports the building plans as submitted.

2E03- OG 25-163 (HPA 25-190) (TBD) 3143 Dumbarton Street, NW (Square 1243, Lot 842)-8:54 pm

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

Whereas this is a third story addition in the rear of 3143 Dumbarton Street NW with partial visibility from the public way including Dumbarton Street NW and the Bank of America parking lot. Whereas this project was reviewed and approved by OGB 10 years ago and building permits were issued. Whereas we expect no zoning change requests. Whereas the presenting homeowner notified all affected neighbors with no objections noted and letters of support.

ANC 2E supports the building plans as submitted.

2E05- OG 25-111 (HPA 25-129) Prospect Street between Potomac and 33rd streets, NW (Square 1206, Lot 832)- 9:03 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 acknowledges the effort of the applicant to work with the Old Georgetown Board to design a home on this open space on Prospect Street NW between 33rd Street NW and Potomac Street NW. ANC 2E supports this application and appreciates the added interesting details. We look forward to seeing the final product.

2E06- OG 25-159 (HPA 25-186) 2801-2805 M Street, NW (Square 1212, Lot 201)- 9:15 pm

Commissioner Lohse 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 welcomes an Old Georgetown Board-approved signage plan for this multi-tenant, commercially focused building. We understand that the applicant has carefully reviewed the OGB signage requirements for size, etc. ANC 2E expects once the signage is done there will be no more use of illegal sandwich boards that block the public way or use of neon signs that are visible from public view (see Attachment A).

OG 24-166 (HPA N/A) Curb lane of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue, NW- 9:26 pm

Faith Broderick, Vice President of Planning, Economic Development, and Destination Marketing for the Georgetown BID, provided an update.

Adjournment- 10:01 pm

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 10:01 pm.

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

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Approved on: April 28, 2025

Attested by: Knox Braham

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