



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, September 29, 2025; 6:30 p.m.

In-Person: Georgetown Visitation

Online via Zoom

### **Call to Order- 6:34 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), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), Daniel Chao (2E07), and Knox Graham (2E08) were present.

### **Approval of the Agenda - 6:34 pm**

#### **Approval of the ANC's September 29, 2025 Meeting Agenda - 6:33 pm**

Chair Lohse to approve the ANC's September 29, 2025 meeting agenda. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

#### **Approval of the ANC's September 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes - 6:34 pm**

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's September 2nd, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

### **Community Comment - 6:37 pm**

#### **Update from the Mayor's Office- 6:37 pm**

Ty Abilla, Ward 2 Liaison from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, provided an update.

#### **Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office- 6:41 pm**

Brian Romanowski, Councilmember Brooke Pintos' Community Relations Director, provided an update. Brian Romanowski answered questions from the community and Commissioners.

#### **Update from Allister Chang, Ward 2 State Board of Education Representative- 6:45 pm**

Allister Chang, Ward 2 State Board of Education Representative, provided an update. Allister Chang answered questions from the community.

#### **Update on the status of Multimodal Geofencing Pilot and Ongoing Concerns-6:55 pm**

Update from Ted Randell from the District Department of Transportation on the status of the Multimodal Geofencing pilot and ongoing concerns. Ted Randell answered questions from Commissioners and the audience.

Update from the Department of Parks and Recreation on Ellington, Jelleff, Volta, and Rose Park-7:30 pm

Tommie Jones, Chief of External Communications at the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, provided an update on Ellington, Jelleff, Volta, and Rose Park.

Update on [Georgetown Ministry Center Spirit of Georgetown](#) on October 14th- 8:14 pm

Paul Maysak provided an update on the Georgetown Ministry Center Spirit of Georgetown on October 14th.

Update from Georgetown University Students-8:17 pm

Commissioner's Knox Graham and Peter Sloniewsky provided an update on Georgetown University Students.

Open Comment Period- 8:01 pm

Micheal McDuffie presented on Medical Waste from MedStar Georgetown. Cory Peterson provided an update on the Georgetown utility project status.

**New Business- 8:35 pm**

Resolution regarding the Old Georgetown Board Public Posting of Meeting Recordings- 8:35 pm

Commissioner Mathews 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:

The Old Georgetown Board (OGB) holds a critically important role in the preservation of historic Georgetown. The Board weighs in on nearly every construction project that is proposed for the neighborhood, from massive new developments down to the replacement of a window or door. But it's very difficult for the ANC and the public to actually keep abreast of the Board's actions because the Board does not publish recordings nor substantive minutes of its meetings. ANC 2E respectfully requests that the OGB begin to regularly publish both.

Ever since the pandemic, the Board has held its meetings online via Zoom. This has made it easier for the public to observe the meetings, however the meetings take place during the workday and can last many, many hours. Most residents cannot set aside so much time on a Thursday to keep informed on the Board's deliberations and decisions. Despite the fact that the OGB meetings are broadcast over Zoom, no recordings of the meetings

are made public. You may request a copy of the recording afterwards but they are not made public as a matter of course.

Thus, if a member of the ANC or the public is interested in observing the OGB's decision about a particular project, they must spend hours of a work day watching a Zoom meeting waiting for the matter to come up or sign-in late and take their chances that they haven't missed it. It is unacceptable, and frankly rare, for a government body to operate like this in the year 2025. ANC 2E broadcasts our lengthy meetings over Zoom, and we make the recordings available to review promptly after the meeting. We respectfully request the OGB do the same. This would enable the ANC and the public to review the OGB's discussions about specific projects efficiently and at their leisure.

Moreover, the OBG does not publish substantive minutes of their meetings. This further limits the ability of the ANC or the public to learn of the decisions being taken by the Board. Therefore, ANC 2E requests that the OGB please regularly publish substantive minutes of their meetings.

ANC 2E greatly respects the role of the OGB, but the Board operates out in the view of the public. Taking these steps would greatly improve the public's awareness and faith in the Board.

#### Resolution regarding DPW 2025 Leaf Collection: Repeat of Three Request for Improvement- 8:42 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:

Due to both concerning on-the-ground results and numerous missed pick-ups along the 2024 leaf collection routes, plus follow-up dialog with Department of Public Works (DPW) and Ward 2 Council, ANC 2E identified three improvements to the city leaf collection process that are very much needed. ANC 2E outlined these three improvements in a January 2025 resolution to DPW: [ANC 2E DPW Leaf Collection Improvements Final](#). Each of the three improvements is straightforward to implement, and ANC 2E provided a detailed rationale for each.

The three are:

1. DPW picking up environmentally-friendly brown paper bags filled with leaves — versus making residents needing to call 311 to ask for pick-up.
2. Training the collection team to vacuum all leaves on the curb, and leaves in the tree boxes.
3. Having tools and staff capable of covering/accounting for misses or delays in collection plans.

ANC 2E urges Ward 2 Council to ensure ANC 2E receives a response on whether DPW will incorporate these three improvements in the 2025 leaf collection. Our city sewers cannot absorb pounds of leaves, and our sidewalks must be safe and accessible.

If DPW is not making these improvements for 2025, we ask Ward 2 Council to (1) ensure DPW explains why and (2) have Council staff take the lead in addressing missed or concerning ANC 2E on-the-ground leaf collection issues.

Resolution regarding Jelleff Recreation Center: Repeat of [Previous Requests in 2025](#)- 8:46 pm

Commissioner Chao 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:

Having DC agencies that are transparent, accountable, and collaborative with communities are fundamental to the legislated role the Advisory Neighbor Commissions (ANCs) play in the District government to bring government closer to its communities. ANC 2E is concerned that the District Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) no longer understands such, and we are seeking support from the city, Ward 2 Council member, and DPR leadership to change that.

***Why the concern?*** Throughout the last year, there have been numerous lapses in DPR sharing what-should-be public information with our ANC and our residents in relation to the Jelleff Community Center status; this is a \$28M dollar project. The design and construction of the new Jelleff building is a once in multi-generations project. The quality of life of our community - and that of all the city's youth who use the Center from other Wards - will be impacted by the new Center design for decades to come. ANC 2E has been, and continues to be, committed to working with DPR in the coming years through design, construction, and maintenance post re-opening. Therefore, ANC 2E is compelled to publicly write asking for a stronger partnership that respects District practices on ANC collaboration.

Since May of 2024, ANC 2E has issued formally voted on resolutions, held numerous calls, and sent numerous emails to request DPR share altered final concept plans for Jelleff with ANC 2E once DPR was ready to show the proposed plans to US Commission on Fine Art's Old Georgetown Board (OGB). This final building concept approval must occur with any building in Georgetown, a fact DPR understands, given we are the only Federal historic district in DC.

*DPR did not share the proposed plans. DPR did not update its public website for Jelleff - it sat untouched for over a year. Subsequently our [February](#) and [March 2025](#) ANC 2E resolutions seeking status on Jelleff went unanswered beyond an email from DPR stating they would share status shortly. Ironically, the federal government employees from the OGB were the ones who alerted ANC 2E of DPR's newly submitted renderings in mid-September. The OGB staff was also the ones to share the proposed new plans with ANC2E, while DPR declined doing so. DPR then announced it would hold a last-minute public meeting scheduled on a religious observance day where not everyone, including the SMD commissioner could attend. (The notice went out late Thursday September 18th, and the meeting was for the evening of the 24th; five days' notice, which DPR's team knows ANC would not have the proper time to review the revised plans and submit*

*comments to the OGB. Please refer to emails attached below).* At the meeting, DPR announced key changes to the previous plans, e.g. removal of an entire gym, due to changes in price of market materials; no information was given on options to address this new news of a necessary cost cut.

**It is incredibly disheartening to any ANC public servant that DPR would choose to share information with the Federal Fine Arts Commission staff while simultaneously not informing and then rebuking DC’s own neighborhood commissioners’ request for that identical information, even after ANC 2E called and submitted written requests for them to do so. As disheartening is the lack of any substantive response of over a year - including to our Councilmember. Then finally, as disheartening, DPR is not seeking any community input or providing any ANC awareness on the need for cuts in the design plan due to changes in materials cost.**

ANC 2E and DPR are continuously “working together” on this and additional DPR properties. Specifically, for the Jelleff project, the coming months will bring significant need for informational sharing and community comments as we move towards construction, and then operation and maintenance of the campus for generations to come.

***Our request.*** We MUST have better rapport and respect in our local government - and it is in the hands of DPR to pursue such as ANC 2E stands ready to be a good partner. ANC 2E has asked our Councilmember Brooke Pinto of Ward 2, where Jelleff is located, to organize a meeting with DPR leadership to agree upon transparency expectations of DPR moving forward. Our constituents are the taxpayers funding this project.

### **Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board – 8:48 pm**

#### **Application by Cottage House Ethiopian Cuisine for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 1529 Wisconsin Avenue NW (ABRA-133399) (2E03)- 8:48 pm**

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

ANC 2E protests Cottage House Ethiopian Cuisine application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant liquor license at 1529 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 Paul Maysak 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.

#### **Application by Baku Caviar for a renewal of their Class “C” Tavern license at 1855 Wisconsin Avenue NW (ABRA-12986) (2E07)- 9:02 pm**

*The Commission took no action.*

Application by City Tavern Events for a renewal of their Class “C” Tavern license at 3206 M Street NW (ABRA-130529) (2E05)- 9:02 pm

*The Commission took no action.*

**Zoning- 9:03 pm**

Board of Zoning Application by Ehsan Jazini for a special exception to construct a three-story with cellar rear addition, and a detached, two-story accessory garage with accessory apartment, to an existing, attached, three-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the R-3/GT Zone at 3546 Whitehaven Parkway NW (BZA #21326) (2E01)- 9:03 pm

Commissioner Putta 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 does not support this application as written. We do note that the applicant has reached an agreement with the immediate neighbor on the side where relief is required.

Board of Zoning Application by the Burleith Citizens Association to appeal the decision made on March 7, 2025, by the District of Columbia Department of Buildings Zoning Administrator to issue Building Permit Number B2308807 at 1700 38th Street NW (BZA #21314) (2E01)- 9:51 pm

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

ANC 2E notes that neighbors have a wide range of views on the lights: some support them, some oppose them, some support them but want them off by 9 PM every night. On the more relevant legal question at issue, ANC 2E will defer to the BZA. We note the proposed text amendment clarifies that future lights posts like this are allowed at fields like this in DC. Lastly, we have attached a list of questions our ANC has asked DPR as well as their responses. We have asked for more details.

Board of Zoning Application by Aceleap Partners, LLC to construct a detached, two-story accessory garage with accessory apartment, to an existing, attached, two-story, principal dwelling unit in the R-3/GT zone at 3805 T Street, NW (BZA# 21357) (2E01)- 10:10 pm

*The commission took no action.*

Board of Zoning Application by M & Potomac Street Associates to construct a two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the R-3/GT zone at Prospect Street, NW (Square 1206, Lot 832) (BZA #21360) (2E05)-10:22 pm

Commissioner Maysak 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:

There has been much discussion regarding this application to build a house on a small lot on Prospect Street, between 33<sup>rd</sup> and Potomac Streets in Georgetown. The architect has worked hard to design a house that (according to OGB) is in keeping with the historic neighborhood. With OGB a design has been satisfied, this design however requires Four Zoning relief approvals.

The exceptions being sought are:

- Rear Yard Requirement
- Side Yard Requirement
- Lot dimension requirement
- Lot occupancy requirement

ANC 2E hears many requests to support zoning exceptions and each time the ANC must determine whether supporting is the best for the neighborhood. This is one of those cases. ANC 2E asks for BZA to hear neighbors' concerns and evaluate impact on this neighborhood. *This is not the first time that development on this space has been discussed. There is a long history here. ANC 2E asks BZA to research the history of this lot and make a decision based on points learned in the past and present zoning climates.*

The ANC acknowledges strong and near universal objection to this project and all variances.

The shared concerns relate mainly to the overall massing of the project along with the use of the left side of the lot to access Eaton Court. From what we have seen there may be an easement, and regardless the residents have been able to use the left side for nearly 45 years. We strongly believe that this use should be allowed to continue - if - any variance is given, we request that this access be continued.

As far as each Variance:

**SIDE YARD:** We do not oppose the side yard variance since it appears access for the rear neighbors and neighbors to the West is retained. We fully expect the easement offered by Mr. Kearley if the project is approved to be offered to Eaton Court condominium owners.

**REAR YARD:** We have strong concerns on this variance and the removal of the trees to the rear and space, but do not oppose this variance request.

**LOT DIMENSION:** As best we understand there have been changes over the past 45 years to this land along with several BZA applications. We understand M and Potomac Partnership, which owns the lot in question, was the developer of Eaton Place condos and created this lot at the time that Eaton Place condos were built back around 1980. This

lot has been a 45 year challenge to develop. This variance of 64% remains too much. We do NOT SUPPORT the lot dimension variance.

LOT OCCUPANCY: We do NOT SUPPORT the lot occupancy

Proposed Text Amendment (ZC 25-11) Rear Addition Zoning- 10:55 pm

Commissioner Mathews 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:

The Rear Addition proposal would increase the matter-of-right rear addition standard for semi-detached and row buildings in the R and RF zones from ten (10) feet to sixteen (16) feet beyond an adjoining rear facade as a matter of right. ANC 2E is concerned about the impact such a change could have upon the adjoining neighbors' access to light and privacy and requests that the Zoning Commission reject this request. ANC 2E is confident that the existing requirement to obtain a special exception for such extensions is an appropriate balance of relevant interests.

Separately, we continue to support the Old Georgetown Board's role in reviewing any proposed additions in Georgetown given its designation as a Federal Historic District.

Proposed Omnibus Text Amendments to Subtitles A-I, U, & Y (ZC 25-12)- 11:05 pm

Commissioner Lohse provided an update.

**Public Space Committee- 11:09 pm**

Public Space Permit application for Permanent Streatery Design Permits in a non-RPP Zone- 11:09 pm

Commissioner Lohse provided an update on the applications for permanent streatery design permits in a non-RPP zone.

Georgetown Business Improvement District application for block permit (#479606)- 11:25 pm

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

Public space is a very limited asset in Georgetown's commercial area, especially given our narrow historic streets, millions of visitors, role in DMV transportation network, and daily neighborhood functions. ANC 2E continues to be committed to working in collaboration with the Georgetown Business Improvement District (GBID) on ways to improve and evolve our public space usage.

**Who and Where:** The GBID has applied for a block permit that would allow for curb management along several parts of the following streets in Georgetown:

- Grace Street
- K Street
- M Street
- Wisconsin Ave
- Water Street
- 31st Street

**What:** This public space permit would allow the GBID to designate the curb lane for various uses, such as those below, and as noted, sometimes using signs and sometimes using ‘temporary materials. Uses and materials include:

- *Loading/unloading for packages* (not people at this point): Would be done with signage.
- *Micromobility parking:* Would be done on the existing street/road and on ‘temporary’ wider sidewalks/jersey barriers /cement planter boxes.
- *‘Daylighting’ safety areas:* Would be done with ‘temporary’ wider sidewalks/jersey barriers/cement planters, or micromobility daylighting parking areas.
- *Sitting areas and some outside dining:* Would be done with ‘temporary wider sidewalks and planters that meet city design/safety guidelines passed in December 2024. (NOTE: City regulations now state restaurants must apply individually for streateries, thus clarification is needed on why the BID permit application includes the ‘streatery’ use.)

**ANC Position:** ANC 2E asks that GBID adjust its permit in the following ways:

1. *Change the permit request to a two or three year request versus a ‘forever’ permit.* The past few years have clearly demonstrated to ANC 2E that both commercial and residential perspectives in Georgetown are valuable to maintaining the aesthetics of our Historic District, readjusting uses given the evolving needs for our shared public space, and collaborating on potential jointly shared budget requests to the DC Council. Moreover, transportation modes are in constant evolution as Georgetown adds thousands of more hotel rooms/ apartments/condos, and environmentally friendly transportation options are embraced. Finally, there is an ongoing discussion on materials that deserves a formal permit review cycle.
2. *Commit to seeking Old Georgetown Board (OGB) formal feedback related to the aesthetics of permanent structures.* The DC Federal Register regarding streateries recognizes that the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) and the Georgetown Act play a role in streateries in Old Georgetown. Currently, the GBID is proposing to use the same city-approved materials as streateries in many places (e.g. jersey barriers, cement planters) and thus should be aligned with any permanent materials in the streatery arena as appropriate.
3. *State in its permit that commercial trash will not be stored on BID-managed permit areas.* Commercial trash needs to be picked up and removed; however, some entities are using the extra public space to store their trash beyond pick up and drop off.

4. *Commitment to working with ANC 2E and DDOT on micromobility parking that ensures accessible sidewalks for all.* Too often, especially on weekends, our sidewalks are blocked by parked micromobility vehicles, thus making use of the sidewalks a challenge for pedestrians, those in wheelchairs, and those using strollers. Any designated micromobility parking hubs, including geofenced ones, must ensure equal treatment for users.

**Old Georgetown Board– 11:55 pm**

**OG 25-336 (HPA 25-410) 1101 and 1115 30th Street, NW (Square 1196, Lot 191)- 11:55 pm**

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

ANC 2E fully supports this application. ANC 2E appreciates that the necessary functions for this larger residential building, such as loading/unloading, do not rely on public space, but rather are integrated into the private property.

**OG 25-340 (HPA 25-414) 1413 28th Street, NW (Square 1260, Lot 810)- 12:10 am**

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 free-standing two-story home is in public view from both 28th street and Popular Street. The application requests the addition of a third story, a larger sized deck on the third floor, and other less visible modifications.

With regard to the third story, ANC 2E notes support from numerous surrounding neighbors on this block. We also note that on the east side of this block, where this application is, the streetscape consists of a range of building heights. The proposal is in scale from the 28th Street east side public view. We look to the OGB to decide if the design of the proposed addition is in keeping with the architectural look of the block. We also ask that OGB consider any impact to historic Popular Street character. ANC 2E receives many applications and inquiries requesting to add third-floor additions to two story homes, and each must be taken into their unique context rather than setting precedent.

With regard to the deck on the 3rd story. This deck would be the only third floor deck overlooking the gardens on Popular south, gardens on O street between 28th and 27th, and some gardens off 28th. Such decks are not in keeping with historic character, and do challenge privacy. As discussed with the applicant, we hope they revisit the scale of this deck. We also look to OGB to determine the appropriateness of the spiral stairs, especially if it is in public view from historic Poplar Street.

ANC 2E reminds the OGB of the level of care needed to maintain homes in the federal historic district. We appreciate the applicants' efforts for full transparency with their neighbors and the ANC.

**OG 25-270 (HPA 25-334) 1600 Block of 28th Street, Northwest (Square 1284)- 12:25 am**

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 relay numerous comments associated with this proposed, one-of-its kind project, which is planned on a quiet, long, sloped stretch of a residential block on the west side of the 1600 block of 28th Street NW. ANC 2E does not support the current application as submitted.

This block of 28th Street spans 530 feet. The proposed length of the new sidewalk and retaining wall (145 feet) amid this scenic and serene block with numerous trees appears abrupt and disruptive.

The purpose of the project is to use a pipeline inspection gauge once every seven years, for a short period of one to two weeks.

The proposed materials and massing are not in keeping with the historic district. The new retaining wall will yield a significant presence on 28th Street and the proposed materials for the wall appear to be precast concrete panels similar to those installed next to freeways and highways. These materials would be in jarring contrast with the nearby brick homes, including the historically significant Evermay Estate.

The proposed structure is not in keeping with the historic streetscape. Residents on and adjacent to this block know that there is an ongoing problem with littering and have had to call 311 and the ANC to help with trash pickup. Bulk trash is dumped on this block once every two weeks. Human waste -- pee in bottles and feces in bags -- is discarded frequently. Fellow neighbors frequently pick up where and when we can. We are concerned that any kind of flat surface proposed, whether a stretch of grass or a sidewalk, would result in even more discarded trash and create additional sanitation issues.

This application does not include the ample details to help us understand the full scope such as the footprint of the disturbance, the name and specs of the precast concrete for the retaining wall, the landscaping plan and materials, the grading and drainage plan, and the plan for longer term maintenance. The renderings do not properly show the incline of the slope where trees will be cut and soil regraded to make a retaining wall. Residents have a legitimate concern that water runoff and drainage studies have not been done to determine whether the proposed retaining wall is of proper length and whether storms would push soil around the wall and onto the street; nor is there information on which materials would best alleviate these concerns.

We are aware that the applicant will seek a construction easement on private property. Therefore, we are flagging the possibility of additional legal issues relating to the existing land where work will be done as we believe construction staging would happen on land that was entered into a historic preservation easement and the proposed sound wall is immediately adjacent to that easement.

We understand the applicant has a planned deadline and budget for this project. The current proposal will subject this project to a lengthier, and more burdensome planning process and potential legal delays. If built as proposed, further costs will be associated with trash and debris cleanup and maintenance of the wall and stretch of sidewalk. Given the numerous issues and obstacles identified, we urge the applicant to change its application, and resubmit a proposal that outlines an approach to simply install the entire or a substantial portion of the project under the existing road or as much as possible underneath an existing sidewalk on the east side of the block. It would be optimal if Washington Gas could find a way to put this new equipment, and its existing very visible equipment on this same block, in the same underground location.

Finally, the OGB should know that ANC 2E has had to remind Washington Gas of its contractual, legal commitment to the District regarding work on District public space: In 8-10 weeks after any work, Washington Gas is responsible for returning the public space in the condition Washington Gas found it.

Throughout the historic district of Georgetown, Washington Gas has ripped up roads and brick sidewalks. We have asked these be repaired as many are past the 8-10 week timeframe. The Old Georgetown Board should take that into consideration when working with the applicant on finalizing the plan.

**District of Columbia Government (Department of General Services) (HPA TBD) Jelleff Recreation Center, 3265 S Street, NW (Square 1299, Lot 1010, 964)- 1:04 am**

Commissioner Maysak 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, our immediate community members and users of the existing Jelleff Community Center have rightfully been actively engaged in the design phase, as it is very impactful to our residents and our youth's quality of life. This concept design phase therefore should not be rushed, and ANC 2E comments on the external design, as outlined below, should be addressed in an updated set of final concept design.

We want to express our gratitude to the attentive staff of the Old Georgetown Board for providing the updated renderings, which DC's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) declined to do, even after months of asking per our [February 2025](#) and [March 2025](#) resolutions. For over a year, DPR has decided to not share information that they submit to the OGB, despite ANC 2E's repeated efforts to inform DPR of the very unique review process ANC 2E has to follow with all OGB applicants, and the acknowledgement of ANC 2E's active engagement in

the project for years.

As you know, OGB applicants range from various non-profits, houses of worship, universities, local and national retailers, and restaurants from residents who aim to replace windows, fences, or expand their home's footprint. Unlike everyone else, regrettably, DC's DPR has chosen for the past year to bypass the ANC when submitting changes, as well as not sharing their updated applications in DC's own HPO Public Project Plans website.

The DPR team presented their renderings to the public at a September 24th meeting that was announced with under a week's notice, thus not everyone had enough time to prepare to attend. It also happened to coincide with a religious holiday.

Despite these challenges, our ANC 2E studied the application closely and respectfully submits our observations for your concept approval phase.

#### Auxiliary Gym

The September 2025 design now excludes an auxiliary gym space that the community overwhelmingly supported. This structure was most recently in the concept design that the OGB considered in November of 2024. DPR announced it was removed for budget purposes - which is totally new news to ANC 2E and the community.

#### S Street Entrance and Landscaping (South)

ANC 2E wishes to encourage a thoughtful discussion about S Street entrance as it pertains to not only those who arrive in automobiles but also, those who arrive on foot. The public cannot easily see Jelleff's buildings or facilities from S Street and motorists often miss the turn into Jelleff's site. Please do not overlook signage options at the S Street entrance. Lighting should make the sign and entrance visible. Appropriate and consistent fencing should be present, and we recommend enhancing the welcome edge to both sides of the turning circle. Front entrance plantings should screen the parking lot from S Street.

#### Wisconsin / (West) – Exclusion of New Townhomes in Renderings

We once again reiterate that OGB approved a residential project with numerous townhomes immediately to the west side of the proposed engineered wood fence. The townhomes at 1805 Wisconsin NW, should be included in DPR's renderings to give an accurate reflection of how the wood fence would look against a row of townhomes situated just a few feet west. Costs and exterior aesthetics associated with long term maintenance of the fence (e.g., graffiti and vandalism) should raise concerns about this approach. Therefore, alternatives such as more plantings, and trees should be considered in lieu of the engineered wood fencing.

#### Parking Lot

More consistent shade should be incorporated in a robust tree plan to allow visitors to walk under them across what will otherwise be a very hot paved area from S Street to the front entrance. More bump outs for trees on the Wisconsin side and one more group of shade trees on the interior should be incorporated into the shade tree bump out on the Wisconsin Side of the parking lot and the three shade trees at the center of the lot.

### Building Front Entrance

The entrance should provide more shelter from sun and rain, and the pickup/waiting area should offer protection from sun and rain at the turning circle. Benches for the elderly or disabled to sit should be installed.

### Significance of North Façade as Most Public Facing

Although the north side of the building functions as the rear of the community center, we urge the OGB to consider that this façade facing the Safeway building should be treated as visually significant as the building's main entrance, if not more! The north side is viewed by thousands of residents and visitors who walk and drive to the grocery store weekly. More windows and signage should be designed to celebrate this important public facility.

ANC 2E remains committed to working with both the OGB and DPR on this design process and are eager to provide critical guidance and feedback from the members of our community. This is a once in multi-generations project and we support your guidance to help with finalizing a sustainable space for our community members to last another three to four generations and beyond.

### **Adjournment- 1:15 am**

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 1:15 am.

*/s/ Knox Graham*

Prepared by: Anna Noakes

Approved on: 11/3/2025

Attested by: */s/ Knox Graham*