



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 3, 2025; 6:30 p.m.

In-Person: Georgetown Visitation

Online via Zoom

### Call to Order- 6:33 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.

### Consent Items- 6:33 pm

- Approval of the ANC's November 3rd, 2025 Meeting Agenda
- Approval of the ANC's [September 29th, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Approval of the ANC's [FY 25 Q4 Quarterly Financial Report](#)
- Corrected FY 25 [Q1](#) Quarterly Financial Report- Corrected to include checks 2312-1214
- Corrected FY24 Q4, FY 25 [Q2](#) and [Q3](#) Quarterly Financial Reports- Original reports did not include the savings account due to a software error

The consent agenda was passed unanimously.

### Administrative- 6:35 pm

#### Public Safety and Police Report- 6:35 pm

Lieutenant Vitatoc and Captain Haskis from the Metropolitan Police Department provided an update. MPD answered questions from the community and Commissioners.

#### ANC 2E 2026 Budget- 6:46 pm

Chair Lohse introduced the ANC 2E FY 26 budget. Chair Lohse asked if there were any questions or comments from community members or the Commission. ANC 2E 2026 Budget passed unanimously with a vote of (7-0-0).

### Community Comment - 6:47 pm

#### Update from the Mayor's Office- 6:47 pm

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

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office- 6:52 pm

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

Update from Georgetown University Students-6:58 pm

Commissioner Peter Sloniewsky provided an update on Georgetown University Students.

Open Comment Period- 7:00 pm

Chair Lohse provided an update on the bike trail meeting.

**New Business- 7:03 pm**

Trash collection and management in and around Rose Park and Volta Park- 7:03 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:

ANC 2E is urging you to help prioritize the trash management in and around Rose Park, and thus rodent control. The current situation is a concern for all those who use and live near Rose Park. Rose Park was established around 1922 and is one of the first integrated parks in the District. It is a critical part of our community.

**Issue:** For over a year, Rose Park has experienced significant problems with overflowing trash cans, mainly filled with restaurant carry-out containers, pizza boxes, plastic drinking cups, and aluminum cans from nearby restaurants, along with other litter. The Park stretches from M Street NW to P Street NW and borders Georgetown -- one of DC's busiest commercial and social districts. Our constituents are asking that prompt action be taken to address immediate public health and safety concerns resulting from overflowing, poorly designed trash cans and to restore Rose Park as a beautiful green space and source of community pride. Help is needed on both city and National Park Service (NPS) land in Rose Park.

Please see Attachment A for a letter the Friends of Rose Park (FRP) issued on October 20th, 2025 outlining their view that record-breaking tourism in Georgetown means that in and around Rose Park must have an increase in trash collection and removal, including on Saturdays and Sundays. FRP is 501c (3) dedicated to Rose Park and has active participation from residents of Georgetown. FRP has been supporting the park for decades. FRP is willing to spend private dollars it has raised to help with addressing this trash issue given it is a very real public health issue. Based on collaboration with FRP, dialog with residents adjacent to the park, discussions with the Georgetown Business Improvement District (GBID) and multiple requests over the last 12+ months to DPW/DPR/DGS/NPS to address trash issues, we are requesting the below.

## **REQUESTS**

- 1) Immediately allow FRP to pilot new double bucket, secure, metal cans in Rose Park that work with the use of a foot; these will be funded by private funds raised by FRP. See Attachment A for pictures.
  - a) These same types of cans are being used by Georgetown University, embassies on Georgetown waterfront and GBID among others. They are more rat proof, promote recycling and have a secure closing unlike the current trash cans that have open lids, thus not rodent deterrent.
  - b) FPR has identified where in the park these cans will have the most impact based on trash patterns and nearest to the commercial district.
- 2) Have DPW immediately adopt a more frequent trash collection schedule for Rose Park with additional collections on weekends and holidays, and an ability (resources) to ensure missed collections are immediately addressed.
- 3) Have the city - and NPS - develop a contract with experienced and available local help to increase timely collection from April–October. Specifically, the city and NPS or its ‘friends group’ for Rock Creek Park can contract with the GBID to help with collections given: a) GBID area is adjacent to Rose Park, b) GBID has an existing, competent 'clean team' that collects trash immediately adjacent to Rose Park, and c) the reality is many visitors in Rose Park come from commercial area. (We understand that as of FY26 the city may already be paying for the GBID ‘clean team’, and GBID also receives revenue from commercial taxes.) FPR or other private funds should not need to pay for a basic, daily service like very needed trash collection (except for large events) at our local parks.
  - a) Federal /NPS land: There is an existing and established route that can be applied so that GBID can help with needed trash collection. Specifically, NPS holds a Friends agreement with the Rock Creek Conservancy (RCC) for all of Rock Creek Park, including the parts of Rose Park that are NPS land. GBID and RCC partnership can be established around trash collection with NPS encouragement.

## **VOLTA PARK**

We request that once the renovations in Volta Park are completed, Volta also receive increased trash collection during peak periods, perhaps by local GBID staff if the Rose Park contracting with GBID works. Moreover, should the secure cans piloted in Rose Park reduce the rodent population, we ask that the city consider using the same types of cans in Volta Park.

### **Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board – 7:20 pm**

**Application by citizenM for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Hotel license at 3401-3403 K Street NW (ABCA-134047) (2E05)- 7:22 pm**

Commissioner Lohse 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 the application of Citizen M Hotel located at 3401 K Street NW. ANC 2E protests this application based on the adverse impact on peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood. ANC 2E agrees to withdraw the protest if, and when a satisfactory settlement agreement is executed by the ANC and the applicant and presented to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board for approval.

ANC 2E looks forward to the hotel opening and to the vibrancy it will bring to that area in Georgetown.

Application by Filomena Emporium for a new retailers to their Retailer’s Class “B” Grocery license at 1063 Wisconsin Avenue NW (ABCA-134142) (2E05)- 7:25 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 the application of Filomena Emporium to establish a class “B” Beer and Wine Grocery Store. Filomena Emporium will be located at 1063 Wisconsin Avenue, NW (next door to the Restaurant Filomena’s) ANC 2E protests this application based on the adverse impact on peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood. ANC 2E agrees to withdraw the protest if, and when a satisfactory settlement agreement is executed by the ANC and the applicant and presented to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board for approval.

This grocery will be a welcomed addition to the area.

Application by Koryouri Urara for a substantial change Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant license at 1608 Wisconsin Avenue NW (ABCA-131188) (2E02)- 7:29 pm

*The commission took no action.*

Application by The Lobby for a renewal of a Class “C” Tavern license at 1660 33rd Street NW (ABCA-128670) (2E02)

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:

ANC 2E protests the Lobby Bar’s application for renewal of the establishments class “CT” Tavern License at 1660 33rd Street NW based on the impact of peace, order, quiet

and property values. ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Mathews and Executive Director Anna Noakes to represent the ANC at all hearings.

Application by Arcay Chocolates for a renewal of a Class “C” Tavern license at 3211 O Street NW (ABCA-129115) (2E03)

*The commission took no action.*

Application by The Sovereign for a renewal of a Class “C” Tavern license at 1206 Wisconsin Avenue NW (ABCA-095913) (2E05)

*The commission took no action.*

Application by Georgetown Piano Bar for a renewal of a Class “C” Tavern license at 3287 M Street NW (ABCA-095632) (2E05)

*The commission took no action.*

Application by Mr. Smith’s of Georgetown for a renewal of a Class “C” Tavern license at 3205 K Street NW (ABCA-0000927) (2E05)

*The commission took no action.*

Application by Sandlot Georgetown for a renewal of a Class “C” Tavern license at 2715 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (ABCA-123640) (2E06)

*The commission took no action.*

Application by The Poppy for a renewal of a Class “C” Tavern license at 2616 P Street NW (ABCA-121441) (2E06)

*The commission took no action.*

**Zoning- 7:45 pm**

Board of Zoning Application by FC, LLC for a special exception to construct a fast-food establishment in an existing, attached, two-story with basement, commercial building in the MU-4 Zone at 3287 ½ M Street NW (BZA #21394)- 7:46 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 understands that the applicant is applying for an exception to allow a fast-food establishment in an existing two-story building with a basement. This building is in a commercial MU-4 zone. The restaurant is on the basement level.

This restaurant will not be serving alcohol and will be replacing a restaurant that has been in this space for years.

ANC 2E is happy to endorse this exception to allow Flavor Hive at 3287 ½ M Street NW in Georgetown.

[Proposed Text Amendment \(ZC 25-06\) Amend the Zoning Regulations Governing Alley Lots-7:56 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:

In reference to Zoning Commission case 25-06, which proposed to change the Zoning Regulations Governing Alley Lots, ANC 2E appreciates the steps taken by the Office of Zoning to clarify the alley lot regulations and to make adjustments to facilitate the use, development and improvement of underutilized alley lots. The proposed changes would be by-right, thus no review required.

We understand that last week (on the day of our ANC meeting) you postponed the hearing on these proposed amendments from November 13, 2025 to January 12, 2026. Thus, this resolution addresses our current concerns regarding the proposed regulations, but our position may be updated prior to the hearing based on input from you, Office of Planning or feedback from constituents.

According to the Office of Zoning, Georgetown has 180 alley lots, roughly 50 of which are vacant. ANC 2E requested a copy of the alley lots for ANC 2E (see [Attachment A](#)). It is unclear from this map how many of these lots would or would not be impacted by the proposed language change given their size, current usage and ability for adjoining alley lots to be merged to meet the newly proposed alley size requirements. Thus, the scale of lots impacted within ANC 2E is not clear, including for the federal historic area of ANC 2E. This said, some of the existing alley lots are in poor condition, while others are not. The relatively modest changes proposed by the Zoning Commission would make it easier for the owners of these lots to take steps to improve the property by constructing new housing.

Of the 180 alley lots in Georgetown, 75 are less than 450 square feet. Under existing regulations, that will be unchanged by the proposal lots smaller than this threshold are not eligible to be used for residential purposes. Thus to convert these to alley dwellings, the lots would need to be joined with adjacent lots to meet the lot size minimum, which is possible in several spots. The proposed rule changes would make such subdivisions easier (subdivision is merging two lots).

We support this move to facilitate improvements to alley lots, understanding that any subdivisions in Georgetown will continue to be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Review Board and any proposed building designs in the federal historic district must be reviewed by the Old Georgetown Board (OGB). ANC 2E also requests the Commission ask for Office of Planning to adjust the proposed Alley Lot zoning regulation language to ensure the proposed changes address:

- Airbnb: The proposed amended Section U.600.1 appears to enable the use of alley dwellings for short term rentals as an accessory use. It is unclear to ANC 2E whether this change would enable free-standing AirBnB style rental homes on alley lots, which we object to and request the language is clear that freestanding Airbnb that are not part of a primary residence of a DC taxpayer are not allowed. All too often ANC 2E is seeing free standing residential homes and condos used as full time Airbnbs, and not permanent housing. Airbnb rules in DC are to help owners with mortgages, thus per DC law any AirBnB must be on the tax record of an individual (not an LLC) and that individual's home where the Airbnb is must be the individual's primary residence per their filed taxes. Given the semi-private nature of alleys and experiences to date with illegal Airbnbs, we do not believe a steady stream of short term visitors would be a positive addition, plus it would not meet the goals of increased permanent housing. Moreover, hundreds of new hotel rooms have been built in Georgetown in the last few years. These hotels employ a significant number of people. Clarify what is and is not proposed.
- Height: Confirm that the newly proposed language is allowing for no more than two stories with no penthouse option, including special exceptions.
- Parking: Parking minimums can dramatically increase the cost of housing construction and make the smaller dwellings contemplated by these changes economically unfeasible. The changes are unclear on the requirements to construct parking in any new alley dwelling. All of ANC 2E has no metro and reduced bus service as of June of this year. ANC 2E certainly supports the ability of alley lot owners to construct parking along with new housing or solely parking, but it also supports giving the owners flexibility to not construct expensive parking if they do not wish to do so. Confirm parking or no parking is allowable.

Alleys can be a vibrant part of an urban neighborhood. Georgetown has a rich history of alley dwellings and maintains many of those vintage dwellings to this day on streets like Pomander Walk and Poplar Street. Steps taken to enable this history to continue would be consistent with the historic fabric of the neighborhood. It is understood, of course, that any such construction would continue to be reviewed by the Old Georgetown Board to ensure the impacts are consistent with the principles of historic preservation.

#### Proposed Text Amendment (ZC 25-11) Rear Addition Zoning

Commissioner Lohse provided an update.

#### Proposed Omnibus Text Amendments to Subtitles A-I, U, & Y (ZC 25-12)

Commissioner Lohse provided an update.

**Public Space Committee- 8:16 pm**

Notice of Intent to install a striped curb extension on the east side of 35<sup>th</sup> Street and T Street and expand the existing bus stop (NOI-25-236-PSD) (2E01)-8:16 pm

*The commission took no action.*

Notice of Intent to restrict left turns from Bank Alley to M Street NW (NOI-25-234-PSD) (2E03)- 8:27 pm

*The commission took no action.*

Notice of Intent to adjust the pavement markings at P Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW (NOI-25-235-PSD) (2E05)- 8:29 pm

*The commission took no action.*

Public Space Construction Permit at 1805 Wisconsin Avenue NW (#468607)- 8:32 pm

*The commission took no action.*

Georgetown Business Improvement District: Three permits for street usage- 8:50 pm

Deb Bilek, Executive Director of the Georgetown Business Improvement District, presented.

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 District Department of Transportation’s (DDOT) Public Space Committee on ways to improve and evolve our public space usage.

***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 streaterie 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. *Move streaterie seating next to the buildings and walking next to street.* Moving the seating next to the restaurant would allow for more convenience for residents and visitors walking and increase safety for individuals dining.

### **Old Georgetown Board - 9:15 pm**

Georgetown is a Federal historic district. All proposed building plans for Georgetown are reviewed by the Old Georgetown Board/Commission of Fine Arts in addition to going through proper city building permit processes. (Note: Burleith, also a part of ANC 2E, is NOT a federal historic district, thus OGB does not apply to Burleith.)

*October OGB Applications: The Old Georgetown Board is currently not meeting due to the Federal Government shut down. The OGB applications ANC 2E placed in comment/reviewed at its October meeting still need to be heard by OGB. ANC 2E's resolution on these plans can be found [HERE](#).*

*November OGB Applications: ANC 2E did not do a formal / final review of the November OGB proposed plans until the OGB is re-opened.*

### **Adjournment- 9:45 am**

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

*/s/ Knox Graham*

Prepared by: Anna Noakes

Approved on: 12/8/2025

Attested by: */s/ Knox Graham*