



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

In-Person: Georgetown Visitation School, 35th Street and Volta Place NW, Second Floor

Heritage Room

Online via Zoom

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

Chair Lohse called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01), Topher Mathews (2E02), Paul Maysak (2E03), Joe Massaua (2E04), Mimsy Lindner (2E05), Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06), and Daniel Chao (2E07) were present.

### **Approval of the ANC's March 4th, 2024 Meeting Agenda - 6:35 pm**

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's January 8th, 2024 meeting agenda. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Approval of the ANC's January 29th, 2023 Meeting Minutes - 6:36 pm**

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's December 4th, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Administrative - 6:34 pm**

#### **Public Safety and Police Report - 6:34 pm**

Lieutenant Merzig from the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Second District, gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood.

### **Approval of the ANC's Updated FY Q1 Budget- 6:43 pm**

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's updated FY 2024 budget. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Approval of Meeting Expenditures- 6:45 pm**

Commissioner Lohse moved to approve expenditures for meeting equipment. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

Approval of New ANC Executive Director- 6:47 pm

Commissioner Lohse moved to approve the new ANC 2E Executive Director. Commissioner Lindner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed. (VOTES: 7-0-0).

**Community Comment - 6:50 pm**

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto- 6:50 pm

Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 Councilmember, gave an update on the SecureDC bill and her FY2025 budget priorities. Brooke Pinto answered questions after presenting.

Update from the Deputy Attorney General for the Public Safety Division, Elizabeth Wieser- 7:15 pm

Elizabeth Wieser, the Deputy Attorney General for the Public Safety Division, gave an update on delinquency prosecution from the Office of Attorney General for the District of Columbia. Elizabeth Wieser answered questions after presenting.

Update from the Mayor's Office - 8:20 pm

Grace Reeder, a Ward 2 representative for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), gave an update from the Mayor's Office.

Update from PTA President Regarding MacArthur High School 2024/2025 School Year Planning- 8:26 pm

The MacArthur PTA President was not able to attend. Commissioner Putta provided an update on his behalf.

Update on Public Service Commission Hearings on Pepco Rate Increases- 8:28 pm

Chair Lohse provided an update on the Public Service Commission Hearings on Pepco Rate Increases taking place March 27th, April 2nd, and April 3.

Update on [DC Council and DC Office of People's Council \(OPC\)](#) Request Public Service Commission Investigation of Washington Gas Light Company's System Leak Reduction Practices & Transparency including PROJECTPipes- 8:29 pm

Chair Lohse provided an update on DC's Office of People's Council request for the Public Service Commissions to investigate Washington Gas.

Update from Georgetown Main Street Regarding [Georgetown Spring Arts Walk](#) on March 23<sup>rd</sup> -8:30 pm

Rachel Shank, Executive Director of Georgetown Main Street, provided an update on the Georgetown Spring Arts Walk on March 23rd.

Update from Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG) May 19th Concert in The Park- 8:32 pm

Brittany Sawyer, Executive Director of the Citizens Association of Georgetown, provided an update on their May 19th Concert in Rose Park.

Update from Georgetown University Students - 8:34 pm

Commissioner Massaua gave an update regarding Georgetown University.

### **New Business - 8:35 pm**

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding ANC 2E's Request for FY Funding of WMATA and Need for Long-term Planning- 8:35 pm

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

On December 14, 2023, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("WMATA") announced a proposed fiscal year 2025 budget. Due to an unprecedented \$750 million budget shortfall, WMATA is proposing dramatic service cuts. These proposed service cuts are so severe that even WMATA describes its own proposal as a "worst-case scenario for the region's economy, quality of life, and environment."

Included in its proposed service cuts are bus lines that serve as critical modes of transportation for residents of ANC 2E. Specifically, the proposal calls for the total elimination (without substitution) of the D2, D6, and the G2. Moreover, the 30 Series bus lines along Wisconsin Ave. would also be significantly reduced. In short, the proposal would virtually destroy bus service to and through Georgetown and Burleith. This would significantly increase automobile-use and strand those without such an option. This would have a particularly negative impact on Georgetown University and patients and visitors to Georgetown University Hospital. It would be a disaster.

This situation would be replicated across the city, with dozens of bus lines being eliminated or greatly slashed. This change, if carried out, would be literally unprecedented for a city the size of Washington, DC. “Worst-case scenario” is far too optimistic for what this would actually produce.

ANC2E applauds the Mayor and Councilmembers for proposing additional funding to help avert these cuts. Furthermore, ANC 2E encourages WMATA to work with DC along with Virginia and Maryland to identify equitable funding increases to ensure that these devastating service cuts do not come to fruition. Finally, ANC2E asks DC and WMATA to develop long-term solutions to address the underlying causes for these funding shortfalls.

### **Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board – 8:40 pm**

#### **Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Application by Billy Hicks for a New Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License at 3277 M Street NW (ABRA-127289)- 8:40 pm**

The owner presented his application and answered questions. Commissioner Lindner moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E protests the application of Billy Hicks Georgetown LLC, Billy Hicks, for a Retailer’s Class “C” license at 3277 M Street NW. ANC 2E protests this application based on the adverse impact on peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood. The ANC 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.

### **Public Space Committee – 8:50 pm**

#### **Application Public Space Application by Douglas Development for the Installation of Two New Planters at 1023 31st Street NW (DDOT #439203) 8:50 pm**

Commissioner Lindner moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse seconded the motion, which passed (7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the application of Douglas Development to place 2 new planters at the Canal House Hotel 1023 31<sup>st</sup> Street. The planters will be placed against the hotel/building. Even though these planters are in public space, they will not project into the sidewalk and will not cause any disruption to pedestrian traffic.

ANC2E is happy that this project is moving forward.

**Zoning – 8:51 pm**

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for Special Exceptions from the Rear Yard Requirements and a Use Variance from the Accessory Building Requirements to Construct a One-Story, Accessory Garage with Roof Deck, to an Existing, Attached, Three-Story with Basement, Principal Dwelling Unit at 1921 37th Street NW (BZA #21054)- 8:51 pm

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

ANC 2E recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) should grant the relief requested by the applicants because this relief would not visibly intrude on the character and scale of the houses along this block and does not tend to affect the use of the neighboring properties.

Board of Zoning Modification Application To Permit An Accessory Apartment on the Second Floor of A Two-Story Attached Principal Dwelling in the R-3/GT Zone at 1963 39th Street NW (BZA #20905)- 9:01 pm

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

ANC 2E recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) should grant the relief requested by the applicants because this relief would not visibly intrude on the character and scale of the houses along this block and does not tend to affect the use of the neighboring properties.

**Adjournment**

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 9:58 pm.