



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. H. Alan Brangman, Chairman, and Members of the Board
Old Georgetown Board
401 F Street NW, Suite 312
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Dear Chairman Brangman and Members of the Board:

On May 1, 2024 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on May 2, 2024:

With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 24- 180 (HPA 24-218) 1048 29th Street, NW:

Built around 1926, 1048 29th Street NW is one of the few remaining original commercial buildings in Georgetown, and as such is an important landmark. It sits on 29th Street next to the C & O canal with the James Place Condominium Building to its South, and across from the Four Seasons Power Plant Project. The James Place Condominiums were built in 1980 with a design that took advantage of being next to this low historic building. James Place Condominium has 77 units; some will be impacted by loss of light and air with this proposed addition to the historic building.

ANC 2E understands that the developer and residents of James Place have had some conversations. Still, the residents feel like the timing was such that they were unable to comment on this second set of plans that had already been completed and submitted to OGB. They wish to have an opportunity for dialogue around their concerns.

Out of the conversations that have occurred, it is clear that the James Place residents do not wish to have any additional mass added to this historic building. The Developer, however, would like to add a partial level and reconfigure the interior to create nine

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residences. The proposal is for eight 2BR apartments and one 5BR apartment, with a gym and common room, as well as a trash room and a potential restaurant on the ground floor. The residents of James Place Condominiums would like to understand better plans to address mechanical, trash, parking, loading/unloading, light and sound issues.

ANC 2E appreciates the rights of building owners to make changes to properties within this historic district. It appears the developer has attempted to address the massing concerns but we ask them to look to OGB for further guidance. ANC 2E asks OGB to give this developer guidance as to what will be acceptable changes for this historic building. This knowledge will allow the developer to then better address neighbor concerns.

ANC 2E would like to support this project but, once again cannot until there are appropriate meetings with the neighbors in James Place Condominiums as well as those on 29th Street. These sit-downs, along with conversations with OGB, should give much needed information to the developer as to the possibilities this project has.

With regard to SMD 2E05 - TBD (HPA TBD) Lock 4 Between 31st Street, NW and Thomas Jefferson Street, NW:

The National Park Service (NPS) through a cooperative agreement with Georgetown Heritage has been conducting hour-long boat tours of the C & O Canal for school groups. In the fall of 2023, the Canal was dewatered. Without water in the canal there will obviously not be any boat tours, but the school groups will continue with walking tours. This opportunity for the children will include the chance to board the boat while it is drydocked at Lock 4. This is between 31st Street and Thomas Jefferson along the towpath. ANC 2E supports NPS as they seek approval from OGB to build a temporary dry dock and ramp. During this process NPS will work to permanently relocate the ramp for easier and safer access to the boat for now and in the future.

ANC 2E supports this project and the positive and creative usage of the boat.

With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 24-219 (HPA 24-269) 3401 K (Water) Street, NW:

ANC 2E is glad to see the corner of 34th and Water Streets come alive with the building of the CitizenM Hotel. It is particularly exciting to see the proposed Exterior Art Project. The artist, JD Deardourff, a native of Washington DC and a resident of Adams Morgan, sums it up by saying, “My goal for this mural was not only for it to look cool but also to reinforce DC’s connection to nature, specifically the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers.” With the use of his bold colors, exceptional techniques, and landscape interpretations he did just that. The wall is fun and celebrates the Potomac River which is often filled with

owers and flows just feet away from this artwork. This mural brings life to this corner of Georgetown.

ANC 2E applauds this project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gwendolyn Lohse". The signature is written in a cursive style and ends with a long horizontal flourish.

Gwendolyn Lohse
Chair, ANC 2E