

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Mr. H. Alan Brangman, Chairman, and Members of the Board Old Georgetown Board 401 F Street NW, Suite 312 Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Brangman and Members of the Board:

On November 4, 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 November 7, 2024:

With regard to 2E02- OG 24-293 (HPA 24-370) 3246 S Street, NW:

ANC 2E appreciates the modifications that were made to this project addressing the impact on the S Street neighbors and encourages the OGB to consider the impact the changes would have on the neighbors as the plans get further refined. Additionally, ANC 2E requests that OGB reconsider its decision for the proposed demolition for the brick wall along S Street. ANC 2E would like to see the (non historic) brick wall removed if possible.

With regard to 2E03- OG 24-255 (HPA 24-320) 3306 O Street, NW:

ANC 2E supports the updated plans for the project. ANC 2E notes that we intentionally did not review the earlier OGB submission two months ago at our ANC meeting because we supported it then. ANC 2E has spoken with several neighbors supporting this project and have received emails also confirming support. ANC 2E has heard only positive support from neighbors. ANC 2E thinks this well thought out design will enhance the alley behind the home.

With regards to 2E05- TBD (HPA TBD) 3700 Water Street, NW:

ANC 2E is among many who are happy to hear that the Washington Canoe Club (WCC) located at 3700 Water Street NW is working with the National Park Service (NPS) to rehabilitate its historic Boathouse. The Boathouse is iconic on the Georgetown waterfront and symbolizes the importance that recreation on the Potomac River has had for Washingtonians for over a century. The Boathouse is listed on the National

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Registry of Historic Places.

This historic Boathouse is on NPS land is in desperate need of repair. The building dates to 1904 but since 2012 WCC has had restricted access to most of the building because of structural deterioration. WCC and NPS expect to do the work in stages.

The rehabilitated Boathouse will maintain its historic appearance while meeting modern standards for access, flood resilience, and safety. ANC 2E is in full support of this project and glad that the Washington Canoe Club and the NPS are committed to working together to move forward on this.

With regards to 2E05- OG 24-361 (HPA 24-462) 3233 - 3235 M Street, NW:

Typically, ANC 2E isn't concerned with interior renovations of retail, residential, or other commercial buildings. ANC 2E does however pay attention when there is outdoor space involved. In the case of 3235 M Street, there is a second-floor terrace to be renovated for use by this new tenant.

ANC 2E has asked for and received confirmation that this space will be used only during retail hours and not for special events. This terrace is at the rear of the building so not seen from the street but is directly adjacent to an apartment building. Currently, there has been very limited use of the terrace, and certainly not on a regular basis.

ANC 2E supports The Google Store renovations since the concerns around use of terrace have been addressed. ANC 2E welcomes them to Georgetown.

With regards to 2E05- OG 25-022 (HPA 25-023) 1032, 1034, & 1036 33rd Street, NW:

The 1000 block of 33rd Street is between the C & O Canal and M Street. The two current addresses are bordering Cady's Alley but sitting on 33rd, and the third proposed address, 1036, would be behind these joined townhouse/commercial locations. The rear would be a new three story structure facing Cady's Alley with a side alley opening up on 33rd, thus allowing the 1036 33rd Street address as well as the 3330 Cady's Alley address.

ANC 2E supports this subdivision proposal to add the 1036 33rd Street NW/3330 Cady's Alley St NW address from the current 1032-1034 33rd Street NW as well as the new construction and the renovation of existing townhouses. The improvements will be in line with the existing atmosphere of Cady's Alley.

With regards to 2E06- OG 25-031 (HPA 25-032) 2915 - 2917 Dumbarton Street, NW:

This is a new, first-time design concept. The applicant, who is a developer planning to sell the finished product(s), has presented two different options for the two homes on the single lot (both homes were built in the 1800s): One concept keeps two homes on the lot, and the other concept has one home on the lot. (Interior demolition on the lot has already begun.)

Both sets of plans call for additions that will impact the neighboring homes, and one of the plans calls for a second story (julliette-like) balcony that will overlook the gardens of the neighboring homes. Heritage trees are also on the lot according to neighbors. Until a day ago, the impacted neighbors were not given a set of the plans and no dialog has occurred between the neighbors and the developer regarding the proposals. ANC 2E asks OGB to have the Applicant submit a proposed concept for either one or two homes on this lot and - based on that proposed design - conduct a light study on the impact on the neighboring homes, study the impact of the lot's Heritage trees, and consider removing any second-floor

balconies that compromise neighbor privacy.

With regards to 2E06- OG 25-009 (HPA 25-010) 2814 Dumbarton Street, NW:

This is a new, first-time concept proposal with an addition. The home was built in the 1800s. Until yesterday the neighbors were not provided copies of plans for this proposed addition and thus were not aware that the proposal included a second floor. ANC 2E asks OGB to consider if the proposed mass is appropriate, and if the applicants proposed materials for the new proposed exterior walls (paneling) facing the neighbor would be more in keeping with surrounding character if the material was brick.

With regards to 2E07- OG 25-033 (HPA 25-034) 3114 R Street, NW:

ANC 2E wishes to acknowledge and thank the applicant's efforts to engage with all abutting neighbors to the south and west of their property at 3114 R Street NW. The applicant held a very productive meeting with neighbors who reside in 3120 R Street NW, The Dumbarton Condominium, this past Friday afternoon (November 1) to discuss an unresolved issue.

After that productive meeting, all parties strongly support a newly agreed upon plan (see here) that maintains the height of the new fence on top of the repaired/replaced brick wall at the existing fence's height. The Dumbarton Condominium residents also support the proposed extension of the brick wall with a fence on top for an additional 12 linear feet, as illustrated in the photo.

ANC 2E wishes to voice our support for the newly submitted plans agreed by all parties and respectfully requests OGB's consideration and support of the new plans as well.

With regards to 2E08- OG 25-037 (HPA 25-038) 3700 O Street, NW:

ANC 2E wholeheartedly supports this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, ANC 2E