



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 28th, 2025; 6:30 p.m.

In-Person: Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, Second Floor Heritage Room

Online via Zoom

### **Call to Order- 6:32 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.

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

#### **Approval of the ANC's April 28th, 2025 Meeting Agenda - 6:36 pm**

Chair Lohse to approve the ANC's April 28th, 2025 meeting agenda. Commissioner Lindner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

#### **Approval of the ANC's March 31st, 2025 Meeting Minutes - 6:37 pm**

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's March 31st, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lindner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-0).

### **Administrative- 6:38 pm**

#### **Public Safety and Police Report- 6:38 pm**

Lieutenant Danielle Vitatoe and Commander Savoy provided an update from the Metropolitan Police Department. Lieutenant Danielle Vitatoe answered questions from the community.

### **Community Comment - 6:55 pm**

#### **Update from the Mayor's Office- 6:55 pm**

Adriana Macedonio, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) Ward 2 Liaison, provided an update.

#### **Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office- 6:58 pm**

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

#### Ellington Field/Track Hours and Usage- 7:17 pm

Commissioner Putta provided an update on the Ellington Field track hours and usage. Commissioner Putta answered questions from the community.

#### Drag Racing on K Street NW- 7:35 pm

Commissioner Lindner provided an update on drag racing on K Street NW.

#### Announcement on Upcoming Events- 7:38 pm

Commissioner Lohse provided the following updates on upcoming events:

- Citizens Association of Georgetown's [Annual Meeting](#)- April 29th at 6 pm
- Georgetown Village's [Spring Gala](#)- May 8th at 6 pm
- Georgetown Garden Club's [95th Annual Georgetown Garden Tour](#)- May 10th at 10 am
- Tudor's Place [Spring Garden Party](#)- May 21st at 6 pm
- Georgetown Heritage, Georgetown BID, and the Embassy of France-Villa Albertine's [Fete de la Musique-World Music Day](#)- June 21st at 3 pm

#### Update from Georgetown University Students- 7:51 pm

Commissioner Graham provided an update on Georgetown University Students.

#### Open Comment Period- 7:55 pm

Commissioner Lindner provided an update.

#### **New Business- 8:02 pm**

##### Resolution Regarding NPS Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway Multimodal Safety and Operational Improvements Plan/Environmental Assessment- 8:02 pm

Commissioner Lohse moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-1). The resolution reads as follows:

The National Park Service (NPS) issued a 30-day public comment period (April 2 – May 2, extended to May 17th) for its proposed Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway Multimodal Safety and Operational Improvements Plan. Thousands of people use the Parkway every day. Given the Parkway's important role in vehicle, pedestrian, and multimodal transportation in Washington, DC, plus the many other related transportation projects underway by our city's transportation department (DDOT), ANC 2E found this to be a short comment period. Our community loves Rock Creek Park and supports NPS safety efforts; however, we also know the Parkway must play a key role in our city's transportation network.

**Context for Georgetown.** Georgetown is the 2nd most visited destination in DC and serves as a connector to many parts of DC, VA, and MD. We reviewed this proposal with the following context:

- Most of ANC 2E's main roads connecting Georgetown to the immediate neighborhoods to our east (West End and Dupont) plus downtown have a direct connector on/off Rock Creek Parkway.
- Georgetown has no metro stops, and neither do the DC neighborhoods to our immediate West and North.
- In the last few months, several of our WMATA bus routes were cut on the East-West roads (O, Dumbarton, P) that connect Georgetown to the neighborhoods to our east, and to downtown.
- Four months ago, the Circulator to downtown via Georgetown was also cut.
- Our community is in the process of urging DDOT that safety efforts on residential roads must be prioritized /funded as we work with the city on how best to aim to transform the usage of the main arterials for non-transportation purposes (e.g., streateries) given spill-over traffic from these main arterial efforts impacts our side residential streets.
- We are aware that Dupont is also undergoing a major transformation of its main road (Deckover project on Connecticut Ave); it is unclear how this may impact traffic into Georgetown.
- We have the 2nd highest number of multi-module trips (scooters, bikes) next to the National Mall (300,000 in 2023); we are pushing to ensure pedestrian safety is considered key to this growing multi module usage and related parking needs.
- Like other DC residents, many of our constituents work for the Federal government. Those who are employed as such are now required to work in the office on a full-time basis; how they get to work and back from work is evolving.

In all the above transformative discussions, the scarcity of resources is brought up as a key factor when we work with DDOT, the Council and the other agencies on implementation options. We want to ensure resources are available for safety for all, including our neighborhood.

**Support.** ANC 2E is supportive of the overwhelming number of safety efforts proposed by NPS, including the much-needed expansion of the multi-module trail. We want to call out our support including for: the proposed new intersections, the proposed signal changes, the proposed new medians, and the proposed new left-hand turns.

**Non Support.** At this time, we are not supportive of the removal of the reversible rush hour lanes given the NPS analysis and resource planning regarding the impact to the local roads and neighborhood immediately connected to Rock Creek Parkway – including Georgetown - is not amply outlined. Our concerns include a lack of consideration for the interconnected aspects of transportation efforts going on throughout DC currently and the lack of resources available/planned for ensuring safety for our impacted neighborhoods. Our neighborhoods may or may not ultimately serve as an alternative to Rock Creek for many commuters. Our constituents have asked for a specific review of how the proposals to change signals and the addition of new intersections will ensure commuter traffic isn't pushed into Georgetown, where there are several on/off ramps to Rock Creek. There also is a specific concern for non-arterial roads given M and Wisconsin (arterials) have other efforts occurring.

Separately, We also want to ensure our constituents who need to get to work downtown can, *so closing off ramps like the P Street Ramp is a questionable option given the contextual issues outlined above such as bus cuts.*

The ANC 2E Commissioners representing the East Side of Georgetown (side that connects to the Parkway) had a call with NPS staff /study experts and requested to speak with those who conducted the analysis. We asked to work through Georgetown-specific traffic routing and potential additional local safety measures including on immediate adjacent District land; efforts that DDOT would likely need to fund, not NPS. NPS agreed to do so, and we are following up with NPS, but time does not allow for that dialog before this comment period ends.

***Asks- Automation and Technology.*** We fully appreciate the risk to NPS/MPD team members to manually place wooden barriers up each day for rush hour; NPS staff should not be at-risk. We ask NPS to consider outlining the cost of how technology can be applied to support the reservable lanes (e.g. signage, non-manual gates on on/off ramps). Such methods would be useful no matter what given city-wide events that call for the full closure of the Park do occur, and such events may get more frequent as our city becomes greener.

In sum, per our dialog with NPS team, we request (1) the above technology analysis, (2) direct access to study experts that can demonstrate traffic pattern changes to Georgetown, with volumes, and how NPS is ensuring the multitude of vehicles that could use Georgetown for commuting needs if Rock Creek is too congested will not do so, and, (3) that NPS has DDOT commitment that city budget allocations are being made and experts applied to safeguard our local neighborhoods roads, and thus pedestrians, bikers, and others. We look forward to collaborating with NPS on this request.

#### Resolution Regarding Support for Rose Park Farmers Market- 8:15 pm

Commissioner Lohse moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 8-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

ANC 2E supports the Friends of Rose Park’s application to stage the 2025 Rose Park Farmers Market in Rose Park, located at 2609 Dumbarton Street NW, every Wednesday from May 7, 2025 to October 29, 2025 from 3pm-7pm. The market serves as a wonderful community-based gathering spot, while also providing residents with a place to shop for locally grown produce, buy pre-prepared food, purchase items from small local businesses, and enjoy special events like holiday celebrations and pup parades. ANC 2E fully supports this fantastic community building effort.

#### Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board – 8:17 pm

##### Renewals- 8:18 pm

Application by Aperio DC for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 2622 P Street NW (2E06)- 8: 22 pm

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

ANC 2E protests Apero's application for renewal of the establishments class "C" Restaurant License at 2622 P Street NW based on the impact of peace, order, and quiet. ANC 2E agrees to drop the protest when the current settlement agreement is revised to better clarify some terms being discussed with the applicant and the settlement parties, and the new settlement agreement is signed by the applicant. ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Lohse to sign the settlement, and authorizes Commissioner Lohse and Executive Director Anna Noakes to represent the ANC at all hearings. The ANC supports the applicants operating during this public comment period.

*No action was taken on the below renewal applications.*

May 12th Deadline:

1. Application by Bistro Lepic for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 1736 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E02)
2. Application by Fountain Inn for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 1659 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E03)
3. Application by Herbivor Indian Cuisine for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 1639 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E03)
4. Application by La Chaumiere for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 2813 M Street NW (2E06)
5. Application by Leopold's Kafe for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3315 Cady's Alley NW (2E05)

May 19th Deadline:

1. Application by Cafe Divan for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 1834 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E02)
2. Application by Villa Yara for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 2815 M Street NW (2E06)
3. Application by Georgetown Inn/1310 Kitchen and Bar for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Hotel License at 1310 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E03)
4. Application by Georgetown club at Suter Tavern for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Club License at 1530 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E03)
5. Application by Farmers Fishers Bakers for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3000 K Street NW (2B05)
6. Application by Pizza Paradiso for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3282 M Street NW (2E05)
7. Application by Clyde's for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3236 M Street NW (2E05)
8. Application by El Centro for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 1218 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E05)
9. Application by Ritz Carlton Georgetown for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Hotel License at 3100 South Street NW (2E05)
10. Application by Rintang DC for Renewal of Establishments Class "C" Restaurant

License at 1039 33rd Street NW (2E05)

11. Application by Tombs for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1224 36th Street NW (2E08)

May 27th Deadline:

1. Application by Los Cuates Restaurant for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1564 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E02)
2. Application by Shanghai Lounge for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1734 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E02)
3. Application by Maman for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1353 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E03)
4. Application by Yellow for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1524 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E03)
5. Application by Billy Martin's Tavern for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1264 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E03)
6. Application by Chez Billy Sud for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1035 31st Street NW (2E05)
7. Application by Curry & Pie for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1204 34th Street NW (2E05)
8. Application by Filomena for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1063 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E05)
9. Application by Georgetown Seafood for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1211 Potomac Avenue NW (2E05)
10. Application by Guapos of Georgetown for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 3050 K Street NW (2E05)
11. Application by Nick’s Riverside Grill for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 3050 K Street NW (2E05)
12. Application by The Escape Room for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Multipurpose License at 3345 M Street NW (2E05)
13. Application by Tony & Joe’s Seafood Place for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 3000 K Street NW (2E05)
14. Application by Bozzelli’s Italian Deli for Renewal of Establishments Class “D” Restaurant License at 3000 K Street NW (2E05)
15. Application by AMC Theatres Georgetown 14 for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 3111 K Street NW (2E05)
16. Application by Blues Alley Jazz for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1069 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E05)
17. Application by BluFin Sushi to Go for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 3073 Canal Street NW (2E05)

June 2nd Deadline:

1. Application by Han Palace Georgetown for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1728 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E02) (Deadline: June 2nd)
2. Application by Cafe Bonaparte/Lutece for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1522 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E03)
3. Application by Peacock Cafe for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant

- License at 3251 Prospect Street NW (2E03)
4. Application by Billy Hicks for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 3277 M Street NW (2E05)
  5. Application by L’Avant Garde for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 2915 M Street NW (2E06)
  6. Application by Das Ethiopian Cuisine for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1201 28th Street NW (2E06)

### **Zoning- 8:33 pm**

Board of Zoning Application by Harvard University for the review and renewal of the University Campus Plan for the University’s Center for Hellenic Studies at 3100 Whitehaven Street NW (BZA # tbd) (2E07)- 8:33 pm

No action was taken.

### **Public Space Committee- 8:55 pm**

Public Space Application for an above ground pole-mounted electronic pressure recorder at 1210 Potomac Street NW (DDOT #467542); Public Space Application for an above ground pole-mounted electronic pressure recorder at 1600-1699 block of 28th Street NW (DDOT #467548)

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

ANC 2E asked that these Washington Gas boxes/towers located go to OGB for review and some level of effort is made by Washington Gas to make the towers more aesthetically pleasing given they are located in a historic district. Moreover, the ownership and safety aspects of these boxes/towers must be addressed on the boxes/towers (currently there are no consistent markings).

### **Old Georgetown Board– 9:15 pm**

#### **Single Member District Projects**

OG 25-193 (HPA 25-227) 3116 O Street, NW (Square 1243, Lot 823)- 9:16 pm

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

ANC 2E supports these efforts to minimize the sound disruption at this project and asks that all work be performed with great effort given to minimizing disruption to the immediate neighbors.

OG 25-196 (HPA 25-230) 1510 31st Street, NW (Square 1270, Lot 57)- 9:22 pm

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

The building was constructed in 1909 by a florist who lived in the neighborhood. It has operated as a flower shop or salon for most of its 116-year history. This application proposes to add a second floor on top of the square footage of the existing building, which means several at-risk windows of the immediate property will be covered. The building was recently renovated with OGB-approval in 2020. ANC 2E was told by the owner at that time:

- The city informed the owner that any 2nd floor addition must adhere to a street facing set-back.
- The CFA/OGB required the street facing facade be restored to as close as possible as the original structure, which was done by removing the old bay window and adding back in the transom windows (see Attachment A of the original property from 1908).

At this time, ANC 2E does not support this application; the applicant has not spoken with the impacted neighbor immediately to the North about the applications. The neighbor would have a loss of light on its south facing wall. A dialog needs to occur among the parties. With regard to the proposed façade changes in the application and the massing, ANC 2E looks to the Old Georgetown Board to determine if the new façade and massing speak to earlier OGB guidance on this historic property.

#### **Adjournment- 10:01 pm**

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 10:01 pm.