



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, June 2nd, 2025; 6:30 p.m.

In-Person: The Georgetown Club

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), and Knox Graham (2E08) were present.

### **Approval of the Agenda - 6:33 pm**

#### **Approval of the ANC's June 2nd, 2025 Meeting Agenda - 6:34 pm**

Chair Lohse to approve the ANC's June 2nd, 2025 meeting agenda. Commissioner Lindner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

#### **Approval of the ANC's April 28th, 2025 Meeting Minutes - 6:35 pm**

Chair Lohse moved to approve the ANC's April 28th, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lindner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Administrative- 6:36 pm**

#### **Public Safety and Police Report- 6:36 pm**

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

#### **Consent Agenda- OANC format/language change to FY24 Q4 financial report**

Chair Lohse moved to approve the OANC format/language change to FY24 Q4 financial report. Commissioner Maysak seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0).

### **Community Comment - 6:50 pm**

#### **Update from the Mayor's Office on Proposed Budget- 6:52 pm**

Theenie Freeman, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, provided an update on the Mayor's Proposed Budget. Director Freeman answered questions from the community and Commissioners.

Update from Councilmember Brooke Pinto's Office- 7:17 pm

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

Update from Georgetown University Community Engagement Office Regarding Short-Term Streets Closures/Traffic Pattern Changes due to Construction- 7:31 pm

Kevin Turner, Alex Berley, Alex Pavelka, and Cory Peterson from Georgetown University shared an update on short-term street closures and traffic patterns.

Written Communication to DPR/DGS Regarding Management Plans for Renovated Ellington Field- 7:42 pm

Commissioner Putta discussed written communication to DPR/DGS regarding management plans for renovated Ellington field.

Update regarding [NPS Special-Use Permit for Demolition of the Foundry Branch Trestle, Glover Archbold Park](#)- 7:56 pm

Commissioners Graham and Sloniewsky provided an update regarding NPS special-use permit on the demolition of the Foundry Branch Trestle.

Update on Pre Hearing Filing for [Proposed Text Amendment \(ZC 25-06\) Amend the Zoning Regulations Governing Alley Lots](#)- 8:02 pm

Commissioner Lohse provided an update on the pre hearing filing for a proposed text amendment to amend the zoning regulations for government alley lots.

Update [Friends of Volta Park Fundraiser](#) on Saturday, June 7th- 8:07 pm

Commissioner Mathews provided an update on the Friends of Volta Park fundraiser on Saturday, June 7th.

Office to Residential Conversions (see OGB)- 8:11 pm

Commissioner Lindner provided an update on office to residential conversion.

Open Comment Period- 8:11 pm

Residents provided comments.

**New Business- 8:12 pm**

*Resolution Regarding WMATA Proposed Bus Stop and Bus Route Elimination-8:02 pm*

Commissioner Mathews moved to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Lohse moved to add “moreover ANC 2E wants to remind WMATA that the cutting of these major bus stops are happening simultaneously etc etc etc.” Commissioner Lindner seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0-0). The resolution reads as follows:

As part of its proposal to consolidate bus stops in coordination with its Better Bus Network, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has announced that it will eliminate four bus stops through the heart of commercial Georgetown (Four include three stops on M Street - one of the city's most visited commercial corridors - two of the three are on the east side, and one on Wisconsin Ave). While ANC 2E acknowledges the benefits to a more speedy bus service, cutting stops in the heart of one of the District's most vibrant and successful commercial districts is the wrong decision. Without a Metrorail station, Georgetown is heavily reliant on bus service to encourage residents and visitors to travel to and from the neighborhood by transit. Eliminating stops forces these potential riders to walk further to reach their destination, and as a result discourages them from using the bus in the first place and thus further crowding our already overburdened roads.

Moreover, ANC 2E wants to remind WMATA that the cutting of these four major bus stops is happening simultaneously with WMATA cutting several major bus routes through Georgetown and the Circulator through Georgetown being cut. In 2025, the total bus service for Georgetown is being reduced and degraded with the Better Bus Network. There simply will be fewer buses available to residents, visitors and workers at key points through the day and week - and yet Georgetown has no Metrorail stop, over 13+ million visitors annually/second most visited area beyond the Mall, a disproportionately large percentage of the city's employees, a large university, and a dense and growing residential population reliant on public transit. ANC 2E has issued several [resolutions](#) to city leadership and WMATA urging them to not make such drastic changes and has highlighted our concerns during all budget and transportation discussions.

ANC 2E requests that WMATA reconsider some or all of these stop eliminations and—if they go forward nonetheless—to monitor their impact on ridership going forward. Our streets cannot accommodate more single occupancy vehicles.

*Resolution Regarding the [Army Ten-Miler](#) on Sunday, October 12, 2025- 8:23 pm*

Commissioner Lindner 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 is happy to support the running of the Army 10 Miler on October 12, 2025. Celebrating its 41<sup>st</sup> year, this race travels through Georgetown by way of Key Bridge and the Whitehurst freeway so there is little disruption to the main roads. At the end of

Whitehurst, the race continues along 27<sup>th</sup> Street to the Rock Creek Parkway and Ohio Drive eventually ending at The Pentagon.

Residents and visitors can expect Key Bridge and the Whitehurst Freeway to be closed starting at 5:00 am until approximately 12:00 noon.

ANC 2E welcomes the approximate 28,000 runners in this well thought-out and important race.

ANC 2E congratulates the organization on this 41<sup>st</sup> year anniversary.

*Resolution Requesting Repaving of Reservoir Road- 8:28 pm*

Commissioner Mathews 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 requests that the District Department of Transportation prioritize the repaving of the 3300 block of Reservoir Road NW. The roadway is in significantly poor shape. The uneven surface causes the large trucks that frequently use this corridor to shake the ground dramatically. This shaking has the potential to damage the foundations and other elements of the homes on this street. District records incorrectly indicate that this block was resurfaced in the fiscal year 2020 and is not scheduled to be resurfaced in the next several years. Evidence indicates that the block has not been repaved since at least 2009. ANC 2E requests that DDOT prioritize this block for resurfacing this year.

*The District Department of Transportation and Department of Building Joint Rulemaking for Permanent Streatory Guidelines- 8:35 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 as follows:

In December 2024, ANC 2E commented on the proposed Department of Transportation (DDOT) **Permanent Streatory Guidelines**. The guidelines impact many areas of ANC 2E, both in the commercial area and mixed use areas, in the Federal Historic District (which will have additional Old Georgetown Board review), and in parts of ANC 2E that are not a Federal Historic District. ANC 2E's comments can be found [here](#) and focused on key issues, including:

- **Overhead Structures:** ANC 2E strongly opposed the use of any overhead structures beyond umbrellas. Washington's historic streetscapes, including that of Georgetown's Federally Historic District, are a national treasure. Our city guidelines should be honoring our streetscapes, not obstruction.
- **Maintenance and Enforcement:** Key among expectations of a well-managed program should be public health considerations, given the rodent issue in many commercial areas, and the safety of pedestrians who walk in and around streateries. This program must complement other programs, and thus enforcement needs to occur. We especially urged that the space under any

platforms have strict cleaning schedules given rodents, and streateries are located – per city regulations – multiple feet away from signaled intersections, crosswalks, bus stops, or driveway/alleys. Currently, violations are occurring, and no enforcement is being conducted.

- **Vacant Streateries.** The guidelines were created for active, busy streateries at which people are enjoying socialization, food and the outdoors. The city should be clear that if a streatory is not used and is left vacant for months due to a closure, building sale, etc., the streatory should be removed. A new tenant can re-apply for the streatory and have it replaced.

After a full day of hearing public testimony and review of community comments such as those from ANC 2E, DDOT's Public Space Committee made no substantive changes to the Guidelines noting city rulemaking would address streatory enforcement. Therefore, the above concerns remain, and ANC 2E urges DDOT/DOB to incorporate ANC 2E's comments on the currently **proposed DDOT and Department of Building (DOB) joint rule making in the DC Federal Register for permanent streateries**. *Self-enforcement does not work. Without city enforcement of the rules, the rules are meaningless.*

1. **Chapter 43: Newly proposed section 4315 STREATORY INFRACTIONS.**

This section lacks detail on the who, how, and when the city will address a streatory infraction when such occurs. Communities must have clarity on the enforcement process of this Public Space program.

- **Request: Change 4315.2:** Clarify how a Class 2 infraction is handled for streateries. The what (fee level?), how (process?) and who (agency?) is not defined anywhere specific to the Streateries, and existing infractions processes do not translate to streateries. For example, should ANC 2E/the city assume a restaurant operating an unpermitted streatory will have multiple times to fix the lack of a permit, and can continue to operate unpermitted for many months?
- **Request: Change 4315.3:** Clarify what a Class 3 infraction will mean for streateries. Define the what, how and who will be responsible for addressing the infraction. The proposed rules that DDOT/DOB decided to include in the list of Class 3 infractions are significant in nature for a local community. Therefore, there will be a significant negative impact on our community should Class 3 infractions not actually get enforced, e.g., streateries can be used to store trash, signage/advertising/lights can be placed on streateries, loud music can be played on streateries, food prep and bars can be set-up on streateries, trash enclosures can be built on streateries. *Enforcement needs to occur, not just warnings.*

2. **Chapter 45: STREATORY TYPES AND LOCATION CRITERIA**

- **Request: Section 4501.6:** Clarify what type of exceptions and what exception process exists for Streateries that want to be located on roads that are classified as Primary Arterials. The majority of streateries in our ANC are on Primary Arterials, and we understand from our Business

Improvement District that these Streateries can stay. Do these restaurants need to apply for an exception from Public Space?

- **Request: Section 4501.9:** Clarify that an Alley streaterie cannot make an alley no longer operational for 24/7 transportation needs should the alley be narrow and/or one-lane; if applicants can file for exceptions to this, clarify the what public comment process used to fully close down a public right of way like an alley.
- **Request: Section 4506.3:** Require all streateries, including those in alleys, file a building permit. If a structure is not built, the applicant would not be operating a streaterie but a Sidewalk Café. Alley streateries must have the same documentation and thus enforcement requirements as other streateries.

### 3. Chapter 45. Section 4507. STREATERY PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS

- **Request: Section 4507.2:** Clarify that streateries in the Federal Historic District *will comply with Streaterie Guidelines issued by the Old Georgetown Board (OGB)*. For several years, our ANC has been working with the Georgetown BID and the Old Georgetown Board towards having a set of OGB-design guidelines specific to the Federal Historic District, e.g. no overheads, no umbrellas with advertising, use of specific materials. Moreover, given ongoing concerns among all our community organizations about forever use of Jersey Barriers for streateries, these OGB guidelines will evolve as new materials and design options develop for the Federal District. The reality of such an agreement among our community and the OGB should be acknowledged and incorporated into this joint rule making for the Federal Historic District.

ANC 2E welcomes a dialog with DDOT/DOB on any of the above.

#### **FY 2026 ANC 2E Comment on Draft Mayor's Budget- 9:18 pm**

Commissioner Lohse moved to 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 appoints Commissioners Lohse and Mathews to be the ANCs representatives on this matter.

#### **Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board – 9:20 pm**

Application by JINYA Ramen Bar for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant at 1525 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2E03)- 9:20 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 protests JINYA Ramen Bar's application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant liquor license at 1525 Wisconsin Avenue NW based on the adverse impact on the real property values, peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

The ANC agrees to drop the protest if and when an acceptable settlement agreement is signed by the applicant and ANC 2E. ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Paul Maysak to sign the settlement agreement with the applicant. The ANC also authorizes Anna Noakes, the ANC's Executive Director, to represent the ANC at all related hearings regarding the application.

*Request by Green Almond Pantry/My Little Chamomile for a Stipulated License at 3210 Grace Street NW (2E05)- 9:45 pm*

Commissioner Lindner 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 has been through many discussions with the applicant and immediate neighbors and there has been agreement regarding hours and relevant operations. ANC 2E supports Green Almond Pantry/Little Camomile operating with a Stipulated License.

New proposed hours are:

Inside: Sunday – Thursday 7 am – 11 pm, Friday and Saturday 7 am – 12 am

There are no changes to the Summer Garden hours.

ANC 2E supports this stipulated license and is happy that all parties came together and are in support of the success of this restaurant.

*ABCA Renewals- 9:50 pm:*

*The Commission had no comment on the below applications*

June 16th Deadline:

1. Application by Leavy Center for Renewal of the Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3800 Reservoir Road NW (2B01)
2. Application by La Bonne Vache for Renewal of the Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3265 Prospect Street NW (2B03)
3. Application by Liberte/L'Annexe for Renewal of the Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 2917 M Street NW (2B06)
4. Application by Epicurean and Company for Renewal of the Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3700 O Street NW (2B08)

June 23rd Deadline:

1. Application by Mai Thai of Georgetown for Renewal of the Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3251 Prospect Street NW (2B03)
2. Application by Reverie for Renewal of the Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3210 Grace Street NW (2B05)
3. Application by Kyojin Sushi for Renewal of the Establishments Class "C" Restaurant License at 3315 Cady's Alley NW (2B05)

4. Application by Afghanistan for Renewal of the Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 2811 M Street NW (2B06)

June 30th Deadline:

1. Application by Beautea/Reren for Renewal of Establishments Class “C” Restaurant License at 1073 Wisconsin Avenue NW (2B05)

Resolution Regarding Application by UpnSmoke at 3289 M Street NW for substantial change of hours (2E05)- 9:52 pm

Commissioner Lindner 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 has had a positive working relationship with the ownership and management of UpnSmoke since the original Settlement Agreement in February 2024. This was the first Medical Cannabis store in 2E05 and as such the agreed upon hours in the agreement were earlier than the applicant had desired. ANC 2E recognizes that since this first Settlement Agreement other Medical Cannabis shops have been granted later hours. ANC 2E feels that out of fairness and to make all things equitable the closing hours for UpnSmoke should be extended from 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

ANC 2E supports this substantial change and asks ABCA to proceed with next steps.

**Zoning- 9:58 pm**

Zoning Commission 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 (ZC # 25-05) (2E07)- 9:58 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 as follows:

ANC 2E had the opportunity to host the applicant at our April 28th monthly public meeting and appreciated learning about the Center for Hellenic Studies' history, mission, and their request for the Campus Plan renewal. Although a 20-year renewal request is considerably longer than their last renewal term of ten years, the location of the campus (between two Embassies in a quiet block of Whitehaven), coupled with the Executive Director's enthusiastic and firm commitment to secure future opportunities of partnership with ANC 2E residents allows our ANC to support this campus renewal request.

**Public Space Committee- 10:05 pm**

Public Space Application for leadwalk repair/replace existing projections: bay windows at 3554 T Street NW (DDOT #471305) (2E01)- 10:05 pm

The application was removed from DDOT’s Public Space Committee so the Commission took no action.



Public Space Application for new sidewalk cafe un-enclosed at 3277 M Street NW (DDOT #11121578) (2E05)- 10:06 pm

Commissioner Lindner 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:

Billy Hicks (3277 M St NW) is a relatively new restaurant on the corner of Potomac and M Streets in Georgetown. The renovation of the space has yielded a positive addition to the neighborhood with popularity amongst residents and visitors alike. The restaurant has less than 70 seats inside including a small raised and covered outdoor café. Billy Hicks has asked for the ability to add outdoor sidewalk seating along Potomac Street. This would be 5 tables of 2 each with a total of 10 seats along Potomac Street.

ANC 2E supports this request with the understanding that the bike racks that are currently on Potomac Street will be removed by the Georgetown BID. Furthermore, ANC 2E understands that there will NOT be an ask for a Streatery on Potomac Street. ANC understands that Billy Hicks will direct any delivery trucks to use the commercial parking spots that are currently designated for loading and unloading and are adjacent to this new outdoor seating on Potomac Street.

**Old Georgetown Board– 10:11 pm**

Single Member District Projects

2E03- OG 25-234 (HPA 25-274) 1420 Wisconsin Avenue, NW (Square 1244, Lot 852) 10:11 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 has visited and reviewed the front and rear of this project and spoke with applicants, their architect, and neighbors. We recognize that permitted interior work has been begun that will provide access to apartments that will be developed above the retail first floor which the city and neighborhood support in principle. The goal is to now have 1 or 2 NEW doors added to the existing double doors (one for store and two for apartments). We have concerns about breaking up this storefront with too many doors and limiting the storefront area. We respect the applicant's desire to improve and lease the building and will rely on the OGB to protect the architectural integrity of our Main Street of Wisconsin Avenue. We ask that OGB carefully review and work with the applicant to find the option that best suits the historical heritage of the building.

As far as the rear of the building it appears that there had been construction work done in the rear that was not done within the formal review process and this is a problem. We request and expect the applicants to follow regulations and processes in all their work. We are pleased to see the applicants working with their architect and engaging all to

follow the formal approval process. We ask that OGB and the applicant continue to work together regarding fence type and height and closely confirm property lines before doing work here. We also ask that the applicant keep the neighbors and ANC 2E updated on materials used for fencing.

2E03- OG 25-214 (HPA 25-254) 3253 P Street, NW (Square 1255, Lot 206)- 10:24 pm

Commissioner Maysak 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:

Firstly, we note that there are two zoning exceptions that the ANC will hear in our July meeting at which time we will write a resolution in advance of the BZA hearing on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

ANC 2E notes that there are strong objections from multiple neighbors to this request to change the two car garage into a two floor accessory unit (with no garages). These objections are related but not limited to the height, size, and massing along with parking changes that will fall more under zoning. ANC 2E is concerned how the proposed second floor will change the current symmetry, appearance, and character of the 4 adjacent matching garages to the West as viewed from the P Street Neighbors and P Street.

We also have strong concerns as to how this height increase will affect the neighbors view and light from the rear properties with Volta addresses. Presently, there are trees in the immediate rear neighbor's lot that overhang the current structure and we do not want to see them harmed and especially killed in the process.

We ask that the OGB pay close attention to the multiple letters from neighbors opposing this project who have eloquently and with great detail and passion expressed their concerns directly to the OGB and took much time to attend our ANC meeting to express their concerns.

2E03- OG 25-231 (HPA 25-271) 3310 P Street, NW (Square 1245, Lot 841)- 11:10 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:

After meetings with the architect and neighbors ANC 2E has concerns related to this "large" 220 plus square foot elevated deck and how this will affect privacy concerns both visual and audible to the neighbors. ANC 2E does not support any roof decks and similarly seeks to avoid elevated decks that look over neighbors fences into yards as this one would. We are pleased to see that the applicant plans to retain the bamboo "fencing" to the east providing a barrier to the East side. We ask that the applicant and OGB consider reducing the overall size of this deck and be sure that it does not intrude on the shared walls of the neighbor to the West. If there were any ability to lower the deck that

would be best. Finally, we ask that the applicant continue to work with all neighbors and ANC Commissioner if helpful to develop a screening system that all neighbors can agree with to maintain visual privacy and limit noise outside the property in the rear yard.

2E05- OG 25-229 (HPA 25-269) 1000 Potomac Street, NW (Square 1185, Lot 81)- 11:37 pm

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

ANC 2E is happy to learn of the thoughtful plans for this historic site. The Flour Mill is an interesting collection of adjacent properties that serve as office space south of M Street. Due to the changing climate of office and residential needs, it is nice to learn of the positive plans by the developer to convert this site into 135 residential dwellings. The developer has reached out to neighbors and has received full support for this project. ANC 2E is glad that the massing of the buildings will remain basically unchanged and will bring amenities to the area for the current and future residents.

ANC 2E supports this project.

2E05- OG 25-235 (HPA 25-275) 3333 K Street, NW (Square 1184, Lot 49)- 11:48 pm

Commissioner Lindner 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:

Located on K/Water Street this building has been home to offices. The plans to convert this 69,000-office building to a mixed-use building is underway. The end result will yield 30 condo units and a building with amenities including a rooftop pool and garden for residents, and retail on the ground level. There is ample parking in the underground garage and there will be one floor, and a penthouse level added to this 5-story building making a total of 6 floors with a mechanical penthouse.

ANC 2E supports this conversion and welcomes activity at this end of K/Water Street. ANC 2E commends the developer for engaging the neighbors who all seem to be in support.

ANC 2E looks forward to seeing final plans for this site.

**Adjournment- 12:05 am**

Chair Lohse adjourned the meeting at 12:05 am.