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RE: Georgetown Business Improvement District Application for Block Permit (#479606)

Dear Chair Garrett and Director Kershbaum,

On September 29, 2025 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

Public space is a very limited asset in Georgetown's commercial area, especially given our narrow historic streets, millions of visitors, role in DMV transportation network, and daily neighborhood functions. ANC 2E continues to be committed to working in collaboration with the Georgetown Business Improvement District (GBID) on ways to improve and evolve our public space usage.

Who and Where: The GBID has applied for a block permit that would allow for curb management along several parts of the following streets in Georgetown:

- Grace Street
- K Street
- M Street
- Wisconsin Ave
- Water Street
- 31st Street

What: This public space permit would allow the GBID to designate the curb lane for various uses, such as those below, and as noted, sometimes using signs and sometimes using 'temporary materials. Uses and materials include:

- *Loading/unloading for packages* (not people at this point): Would be done with signage.
- *Micromobility parking:* Would be done on the existing street/road and on 'temporary' wider sidewalks/jersey barriers /cement planter boxes.
- *'Daylighting' safety areas:* Would be done with 'temporary' wider sidewalks/jersey barriers/cement planters, or micromobility daylighting parking areas.
- *Sitting areas and some outside dining:* Would be done with 'temporary wider sidewalks and planters that meet city design/safety guidelines passed in December 2024. (NOTE: City

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regulations now state restaurants must apply individually for streateries, thus clarification is needed on why the BID permit application includes the 'streatery' use.)

ANC Position: ANC 2E asks that GBID adjust its permit in the following ways:

1. *Change the permit request to a two or three year request versus a 'forever' permit.* The past few years have clearly demonstrated to ANC 2E that both commercial and residential perspectives in Georgetown are valuable to maintaining the aesthetics of our Historic District, readjusting uses given the evolving needs for our shared public space, and collaborating on potential jointly shared budget requests to the DC Council. Moreover, transportation modes are in constant evolution as Georgetown adds thousands of more hotel rooms/ apartments/condos, and environmentally friendly transportation options are embraced. Finally, there is an ongoing discussion on materials that deserves a formal permit review cycle.
2. *Commit to seeking Old Georgetown Board (OGB) formal feedback related to the aesthetics of permanent structures.* The DC Federal Register regarding streateries recognizes that the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) and the Georgetown Act play a role in streateries in Old Georgetown. Currently, the GBID is proposing to use the same city-approved materials as streateries in many places (e.g. jersey barriers, cement planters) and thus should be aligned with any permanent materials in the streatery arena as appropriate.
3. *State in its permit that commercial trash will not be stored on BID-managed permit areas.* Commercial trash needs to be picked up and removed; however, some entities are using the extra public space to store their trash beyond pick up and drop off.
4. *Commitment to working with ANC 2E and DDOT on micromobility parking that ensures accessible sidewalks for all.* Too often, especially on weekends, our sidewalks are blocked by parked micromobility vehicles, thus making use of the sidewalks a challenge for pedestrians, those in wheelchairs, and those using strollers. Any designated micromobility parking hubs, including geofenced ones, must ensure equal treatment for users.

ANC 2E designates Commissioners Lindner, Maysak, and Lohse to represent ANC 2E at the Public Space hearing and submit comments given that these commissioners represent the areas for which this permit was sought. Should the Georgetown BID readjust its permit application, ANC 2E looks forward to receiving an update at its November meeting and developing a new set of ANC 2E comments thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,



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