



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Chairwoman, and Members of the Board
Old Georgetown Board
401 F Street NW, Suite 312
Washington, DC 20001

RE: The Old Georgetown Board Public Posting of Meeting Recordings

Dear Chairwoman Lanzillotta and Members of the Board:

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:

The Old Georgetown Board (OGB) holds a critically important role in the preservation of historic Georgetown. The Board weighs in on nearly every construction project that is proposed for the neighborhood, from massive new developments down to the replacement of a window or door. But it's very difficult for the ANC and the public to actually keep abreast of the Board's actions because the Board does not publish recordings nor substantive minutes of its meetings. ANC 2E respectfully requests that the OGB begin to regularly publish both.

Ever since the pandemic, the Board has held its meetings online via Zoom. This has made it easier for the public to observe the meetings, however the meetings take place during the workday and can last many, many hours. Most residents cannot set aside so much time on a Thursday to keep informed on the Board's deliberations and decisions. Despite the fact that the OGB meetings are broadcast over Zoom, no recordings of the meetings are made public. You may request a copy of the recording afterwards but they are not made public as a matter of course.

Thus, if a member of the ANC or the public is interested in observing the OGB's decision about a particular project, they must spend hours of a work day watching a Zoom meeting waiting for the matter to come up or sign-in late and take their chances that they haven't missed it. It is unacceptable, and frankly rare, for a government body to operate like this in the year 2025. ANC 2E broadcasts our lengthy meetings over Zoom, and we make the

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recordings available to review promptly after the meeting. We respectfully request the OGB do the same. This would enable the ANC and the public to review the OGB's discussions about specific projects efficiently and at their leisure.

Moreover, the OGB does not publish substantive minutes of their meetings. This further limits the ability of the ANC or the public to learn of the decisions being taken by the Board. Therefore, ANC 2E requests that the OGB please regularly publish substantive minutes of their meetings.

ANC 2E greatly respects the role of the OGB, but the Board operates out in the view of the public. Taking these steps would greatly improve the public's awareness and faith in the Board.

Commissioners Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@anc.dc.gov) and Topher Mathews (2E02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gwendolyn Lohse", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Gwendolyn Lohse
Chair, ANC 2E

CC: Brittany Sawyer, Executive Director, Citizens Association of Georgetown
Amy Titus, President, Citizens Association of Georgetown

