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

Dear Chair Garrett and Director Kershbaum,

On November 3, 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 main streets in Georgetown including M St, Wisconsin Ave, 30th St, 3st St and 34th Streets. This permit is separate from the individual streaterly permits that restaurants are applying for on these and other streets in Georgetown; ANC 2E does not yet know the cross over and relation of the BID Block Permits and the streateries.

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

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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. Do not remove formal public comment at this stage.
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 streaterie 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.
5. *Reduce use of jersey barriers for bike corral parking wherever possible.* As noted above, jersey barriers are not aesthetically aligned with materials used in our federal historic area. We ask that as few jersey barriers be used for bike corral parking as possible.
6. *Placement of bike corral parking.* These corrals should not block corner traffic turns for both the safety of bikers and pedestrians, and to keep vehicle traffic moving.
7. *Move streaterie seating next to the buildings.* In some cases, it may make sense to move the streateries next to the buildings for the safety of the diners; pedestrians would walk on the 'extended' plastic sidewalk. (Note: How to handle streaterie fees in this case would need to be discussed given the 'extended' sidewalks - barriers and plastic - would still need to be maintained, inspected, etc thus the traditional no-fee for sidewalk cafes for dining next to buildings may not be applicable.)

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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