



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
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Dear Chairwoman Lanzillotta and Members of the Board:

On December 8, 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 positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on December 11, 2025:

Old Georgetown Board Design Guidelines - Georgetown Streateries

ANC 2E is pleased to receive a very clear draft set of OGB Design Guidelines for Outdoor Dining Facilities (Streateries). In 2020, streateries were introduced into our streetscape during COVID as a temporary measure. Given ongoing community support, in 2025, streateries in the Federal historic district will be expected to follow both permanent OGB and District guidelines.

ANC 2E has the following comments on the proposed OGB guidelines:

1. *Conformance*: The number and location of streateries will change over time.
 - Request: Clarify that OGB will apply the Design Guidelines comprehensively to all applications, with exceptions being rare and justified by exemplary designs.
2. *Barriers vs Planters*: ANC 2E appreciates that streateries currently need to be modular given that restaurants open/close, roadway needs evolve, and design/funding for a permanent hardscape is TBD. Therefore, ANC 2E is pleased that OGB listed planters as an alternative to Jersey Barriers. Planters used at religious facilities in our historic district provide the same level of safety as Jersey Barriers per DDOT, plus a range of planter styles serve offer security in Federal and city buildings across the District.
 - Request: State that OGB encourages more use of well-maintained planters – that meet city safety standards – rather than use of Jersey Barriers.
3. *Applications and Next Steps*: ANC 2E understands the OGB guidelines will work in sync with District guidelines and associated regulations that address areas such as ADA compliance. After multiple delays, the District guidelines and regulations remain temporary. Clear OGB Guidelines, paired with clear District regulations/guidelines, will

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allow streateries to flourish in our Federal historic district while other community expectations are also maintained.

- Request: Clarify that OGB will periodically reevaluate its Guidelines as different design elements and hardscape options are proposed under D.C. regulations, understanding that any such modifications must be compatible with the historic fabric and character of Georgetown.
- Request: OGB will request that the District guidelines reference that OGB Design Guidelines; District regulations already recognize OGB's role. This cross-reference of OGB Design Guidelines will help guide Applicants applying for streateries in the Federal historic district.

ANC 2E stands ready to discuss the above with OGB.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gwendolyn Lohse", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Gwendolyn Lohse
Chair, ANC 2E