



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

February 16, 2018

Marnique Heath, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
Office of Planning
1100 4th Street SW, Suite E650
Washington, DC 20024
historic.preservation@dc.gov

RE: 1625 P Street NW – Stead Park Recreation Center Project (HPRB #18-199)

Dear Chairwoman Heath:

At its regular meeting on February 14, 2018, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-1-0):

WHEREAS, the project intends to visually and functionally enhance the front courtyard and emulate the original open concept front entrance as it was first designed in the 1950s,

WHEREAS, the addition will be built in brick and at a size intended to harmonize with the historic building without detracting from it and will restore the windows,

WHEREAS, the project aims for Net Zero with features such as solar canopies, wind turbines, an agricultural green roof, and rainwater collection,

WHEREAS, the playground, with limited space, will feature vertical playground elements, which can accommodate more children,

WHEREAS, the applicant has worked to create a playful “playground” aesthetic for the building with features like the spiral staircase and rooftop fixtures,

WHEREAS, the site, as well as the building, will be 100% ADA accessible,

WHEREAS, the added vestibule in the back facing the field is in line with the historical context and serves a needed functional purpose, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B encourages modifications to address concerns related to the large open area between the building and the playing field and the occupied programming of the outdoor roof deck.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the overall project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC requests that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the project team continue to engage and consult with the ANC, park users, and community stakeholders on the continued development of the project until completion.

Commissioners Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Daniel Warwick
Chair