



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

February 20, 2014

To: Department of Parks and Recreation

RE: Support of Stead Park Toddler Care Program

To Whom It May Concern,

At its regular meeting on February 17, 2014, 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 (7-0):

Whereas ANC 2B recognizes that parents of toddlers in our community struggle to find available and affordable toddler care and education programs near our neighborhood;

Whereas providing affordable toddler options plays an important role in helping to keep families of toddlers in our community;

Whereas the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) runs a successful system of toddler programs called the Cooperative Play (CO-OP) program – for children over 18 months of age – and has expressed interest in starting a new program at Stead Park’s recreation center this September;

Whereas over 75 families have submitted their strong interest in enrolling their toddlers at a potential CO-OP program in Stead Park, even though the program will likely only fit about a dozen children;

Be it resolved that ANC 2B recommends DPR start a CO-OP program at Stead Park to benefit our community’s families, and make any necessary improvements to the recreation center to make it more toddler-friendly and to accommodate such a program.

Commissioners Kishan Putta (kishan.putta@dupontcircleanc.net), Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net), Abigail Nichols (abigail.nichols@dupontcircleanc.net), and Noah Smith (noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Will Stephens
Chairman