



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

May 22, 2016

Matthew Marcou
Chair, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20004
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RE: Request by Surfside at 1800 N Street NW for a public space permit for an enclosed sidewalk cafe (DDOT #10235344)

Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on May 11, 2016, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0):

WHEREAS, the Surfside taco stand at 1800 N Street NW is within the confines of the Dupont Circle Historic District,

WHEREAS, the applicant has requested a change to their public space permit to allow for an enclosure on public space,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is very concerned with the viewshed down N Street NW considering that the enclosure would jut out past the overhang of the neighboring buildings,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is significantly concerned with pedestrian throughput along the respective block of N Street NW and believes that the current public space permit does not conform with the actual use of the sidewalk public space, which feels like it has significantly less than ten feet of usable public space between the curb and the end of tables in front of the taco stand,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has a long-standing policy for public space applications which, without specific and special circumstances, requires ten feet of unimpeded walkway on a sidewalk within the ANC, above and beyond the six feet required by the Public Space Committee, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the enclosure as proposed is not compatible with the historic district.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B opposes the public space permit request for 1800 N Street NW.

Commissioners John Kupcinski (anc2b07@gmail.com) and Nicole Mann (nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Mann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann
Chair