



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

August 21, 2018

Mr. Matthew Marcou
Chair, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20004
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RE: Public Space Application to Install Bollards at the Front and Rear of the House at 1727 21st Street NW (DDOT #302095)

Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on August 8, 2018, 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 owners of a residential home located at 1727 21st Street NW, a contributing structure in the Dupont Circle Historic District which was built in 1906, have submitted a public space application for installation of bollards at the front and rear corners of the property,

WHEREAS, the proposed surface-mount bollards would be no more than 4 in. wide and placed 2 in. from the home in a 12 ft. wide public alley accessed by vehicles associated with residences on 21st Street NW as well as commercial properties on the west side of the 1700 block of Connecticut Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the homeowners have installed and repeatedly repaired concrete cladding along the front and rear corners of the home, which has been struck and damaged by vehicles multiple times since they purchased the home in 2014,

WHEREAS, residential property owners and residents of 21st Street NW generally support the application though they have expressed some concern about how the proposed rear bollard will affect vehicles turning,

WHEREAS, some commercial property tenants on Connecticut Avenue NW have expressed concern about a decreased alley width and its impact on their own vehicles as well as vehicles providing cleaning, delivery, and waste management services to their

establishments, while other commercial property representatives have no objections to the application,

WHEREAS, waste management vehicles servicing commercial properties do not and cannot currently turn into the portion of the alley parallel to Connecticut Avenue NW so the proposed bollards will not affect that access,

WHEREAS, there is a second entrance to this same alley located between 1707-1709 21st Street NW,

WHEREAS, there are public alleys in other locations of ANC 2B which are 10 ft., narrower than the proposed resulting width of the given alley, and which are effectively served by waste management companies,

WHEREAS, the basis for the application is to provide relief from vehicles that are accessing the alley who are hitting the home itself,

WHEREAS, bollards similar to those proposed currently exist in alleys throughout Dupont Circle, including adjacent to the second entrance to this same alley, and

WHEREAS, placement of the bollards could be achieved in such a manner in order to minimize a reduction in alley width while also providing the desired protection to a contributing historic structure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports this public space application and encourages installation of the bollards so that the usable public alley space is decreased by no more than 6 in. (preferably a maximum of 4 in.) and further encourages testing of bollard placement prior to permanent installation.

Commissioners Amy Johnson (2B01@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Warwick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel Warwick
Chair