



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

February 22, 2019

Mr. Matthew Marcou
Chair, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
1100 4th Street SW, Third Floor
Washington, DC 20004
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RE: Public Space Application by Tokyo Pearl for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café at 1301 Connecticut Avenue NW (DDOT #10698803)

Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on February 13, 2019, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, Tokyo Pearl has submitted a public space application requesting a new, un-enclosed sidewalk cafe with 23 tables, 43 seats, planters, and a retractable awning at 1301 Connecticut Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the proposed location is in ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that sidewalk cafes are an important element in the urban ambiance and charm of the Dupont Circle community, while also promoting safety and economic development,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that public space use is a privilege, not a right,

WHEREAS, the proposed closing hours of the sidewalk cafe are 1:00 am on Sunday through Thursday and 2:00 am on Friday through Saturday,

WHEREAS, the proposed hours for the public space application do not align with ANC 2B’s Public Space Guidelines, which suggest closing hours for sidewalk cafes and outdoor restaurants across the street from or proximate to residential housing of 11:00 pm on Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 am on Friday through Saturday, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has offered to take measures to mitigate the smoke emanating from hookah, which shall be offered at this location.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Tokyo Pearls' public space application for a new un-enclosed sidewalk cafe at 1301 Connecticut Avenue NW, provided that the hours of the sidewalk cafe reflect ANC 2B's Public Space Guidelines of closing at 11:00 pm on Sunday through Thursday and at 12:00 am on Friday through Saturday, and that the applicant takes reasonable measures to mitigate smoke in and around the sidewalk cafe.

Commissioners Kari Cunningham (2B07@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