



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

January 22, 2020

Mr. Matthew Marcou
Chair, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
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RE: Public Space Application by the National Geographic Society for Streetscape Improvements at 1600 M Street NW (DDOT #343665)

Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on January 8, 2020, 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, the applicant at 1600 M Street NW proposes to occupy public space for the purpose of streetscape improvements, including:

M Street NW streetscape:

- Retain two (2) of the three (3) existing curb cuts along M Street NW (remove middle curb cut)
- Add four (4) new street trees along M Street NW (west end)
- New sidewalk pavers (District Department of Transportation (DDOT) standard)
- Replace recycling and trash cans along M Street NW (DDOT standard)
- Replace bike racks along M Street NW (total: 15 bike spaces / existing count: 11 bike spaces)
- Relocate two (2) streetlights and add one (1) new streetlight
- General integration of the new plaza (on National Geographic property) with the updated M Street NW streetscape (planters and paving)

16th Street NW streetscape:

- Re-lamp existing streetlights
- Strategic planting
- Widened existing path (north)

- Add ADA path (access to new handicap lift) (south of existing entry stairs)
- Add guardrails to the new education center entry stairs
- Coordinate with the DDOT's curbside management team to replace four (4) metered parking spaces with two (2) school/group bus parking spaces

17th Street NW streetscape:

- Re-lamp existing streetlights
- Strategic planting
- Recap existing stair sidewalls at the 17th Street NW entry / re-cladding of stairs

WHEREAS, the existing condition of the sidewalk would remain and there would be no loss of pedestrian passageway, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the plans are an improvement to the built environment at 1600 M Street NW.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT explores replacing the individual single-vehicle parking meters along M Street and 17th Street NW with a single multi-vehicle parking meter kiosk in order to provide more unimpeded sidewalk space for pedestrians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT also explores widening the sidewalk along 17th Street NW to provide additional pedestrian passageway in this narrow area.

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