



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

June 16, 2020

Mr. Matthew Marcou
Chair, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
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RE: Public Space Application by Skanska for Streetscape Improvements at 1700 M Street NW (DDOT #348648)

Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on June 10, 2020, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0):

WHEREAS, the applicant Skanska proposes to occupy public space for the purpose of streetscape work at 1700 M Street NW,

WHEREAS, the location is within ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, the project proposes streetscape improvements, including alley and driveway paving; the installation of bike racks, trash receptacles, and streetlights; tree planting; and vault abandonment,

WHEREAS, the proposed public space application meets the ANC’s published Public Space Guidelines, which state that the sidewalk should allow for a minimum of ten feet of sidewalk clearance,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the overall plans are an improvement to the built environment,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is concerned with the height of the streetscape amenity zone and transformer vault nearest to the public alley facing 17th Street NW as the projection obstructs sight-lines of exiting vehicular drivers of pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicular traffic, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that in order to accommodate the innovative massing of the project, the project requires a vault and façade projections.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the facade projections and the vault projections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages the applicant to pursue a streetscape design that does not obstruct the view of drivers exiting the public alley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the applicant explores the installation of rain gardens or rainwater bioswales connected to the proposed placement of tree boxes in order to provide additional support for rainwater mitigation and sustainability practices.

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