



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

November 14, 2020

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 by Banneker for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café at 1315 16th Street NW (DDOT #10821373)

Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on November 12, 2020, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

WHEREAS, the Banneker Hotel has submitted a public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables, 56 seats, and 11 umbrellas at 1315 16th Street NW,

WHEREAS, the proposed location is within single-member district 2B05,

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 area for the sidewalk cafe currently contains landscaping, statues, and a Pepco vault,

WHEREAS, in May of 2018, ANC 2B supported a similar public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café at 1315 16th Street NW, and

WHEREAS, while the proposed sidewalk cafe does not meet the ANC’s published Public Space Guidelines, which state that sidewalk cafes should allow for a minimum of ten feet of sidewalk clearance, the proposed sidewalk cafe would continue to maintain the current eight feet of pedestrian passageway without worsening the pedestrian passageway.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Banneker Hotel's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk cafe at 1315 16th Street NW, provided that there is no loss of existing pedestrian passageway.

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