



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

June 25, 2021

Ms. Heran Sereke-Brhan
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DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities
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RE: Dupont Underground's Public Art Building Communities Grant Application for the Re-Think Dupont Circle Installation

Dear Ms. Sereke-Brhan,

At its regular meeting on June 9, 2021, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 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, Dupont Underground seeks to fabricate and install "The Portal," a permanent work of art, in 2021 at their main entrance near the corner of 19th Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the proposed location of the "The Portal" is located within single-member district 2B03,

WHEREAS, Dupont Underground has successfully activated the former streetcar tunnels beneath Dupont Circle through a series of permanent and temporary works of art and arts-related programming,

WHEREAS, Dupont Underground organized the Re-Think Dupont Circle Competition to focus on the redesign of Dupont Underground's main entrance and Dupont Circle as a whole,

WHEREAS, the committee of experts assembled by Dupont Underground chose "Illume" by Gensler, composed of "The Ring" and "The Portal," as the competition winner,

WHEREAS, "The Portal," also known as "The Illume Arch," is designed as a subtle neighborhood wayfinding feature to highlight entry to Dupont Underground and would mark the first phase of this winning design,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B looks forward to learning more about the second component of the winning design, “The Ring,” at subsequent meetings, and

WHEREAS, Dupont Underground is applying for the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities’ FY 2022 Public Art Building Communities Grant to fund the proposed public artwork.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Dupont Underground’s application to install “The Portal,” a permanent work of art, in 2021.

Commissioners William Herbig (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Robin Nunn (2B03@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Nunn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robin Nunn
Vice Chair