



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

July 20, 2021

Ms. Haley Peckett
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District Department of Transportation
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RE: Proposed Creation of a Parking Space in Treto Way NW

Dear Ms. Peckett:

At its regular meeting on July 14, 2021, 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 (6-1-2):

WHEREAS, parking in alleys is illegal under District of Columbia law, with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) granting exceptions in only “very rare cases,”

WHEREAS, these parking laws are in place to prioritize public safety and the movement of people and goods, and DDOT therefore only approves parking where there is no risk to safety and where there is overwhelming community support,

WHEREAS, alleys play a critical role in dense urban neighborhoods such as Dupont Circle by providing reliable access to residences and businesses, and for access by trash haulers and most critically emergency responders,

WHEREAS, illegal parking in Treto Way NW has for many years generated community objections to blocked trash collections, blocked access, and the potential of impeding emergency responders,

WHEREAS these concerns have been brought on multiple occasions to the attention of DDOT, the Mayor’s Office, and Councilmembers by residents asking for parking enforcement since at least 2009,

WHEREAS, Treto Way NW provides emergency access to the rear of the nine-story Louis apartments with approximately 300 residents, Trader Joe’s, multiple food service businesses, the

Nolando condominiums with approximately 40 residents, and sole access to two alley dwellings with approximately six residents,

WHEREAS, in the past year DDOT has three times reviewed a request to install a parking space at 1910 Treto Way NW that would reduce the width of the public alleyway in order to install a single parking space for reserved private use,

WHEREAS, DDOT has turned down all three requests with detailed explanations based on the safety assessments by DDOT's professional staff that parking would compromise safety,

WHEREAS, multiple residents and businesses that depend on reliable access in Treto Way NW have also conveyed their opposition to the installation of parking, and

WHEREAS, DDOT's last determination was labeled a "final" order and was reviewed and approved by the Director of DDOT and the Deputy Mayor for Operations and Infrastructure, Lucinda Babers, in March of 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the "final" decision that was made by DDOT and ratified by Deputy Mayor Babers in March of 2021 disapproving the installation of parking in Treto Way NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B believes that the history of community objections and DDOT's own concerns about access for emergency responders should disqualify Treto Way NW from future consideration for the installation of parking spaces that would reduce the public right of way.

Commissioners Kyle Mulhall (2B09@anc.dc.gov) and Matthew Holden (2B08@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 "Matthew Holden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Holden".

Matthew Holden
Chair