

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

November 20, 2017

Matthew Marcou Chair, Public Space Committee District Department of Transportation 1100 4th Street SW, Third Floor Washington, DC 20004 PublicSpace.Committee@dc.gov

RE: Public Space Application by Five Guys for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café at 1140 19th Street NW (DDOT #10488041)

## Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on November 8, 2017, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0):

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that there are two major construction projects pending on the west side of the 1100 block of 19th Street NW, one involving the demolition of the corner office building at 1900 M Street NW and one involving the construction of a boutique hotel on the former site of Smith and Wollensky's at 1112 19th Street NW. Both of these projects will have major impacts on the current pedestrian passageways on this heavily traveled block,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that the pedestrian passageway in front of 1140 19th Street NW does not meet the ANC's Public Space Guidelines, as there is only eight feet of passageway between the treebox and the planters, but Five Guys' sidewalk cafe application is for a relatively small area that does not abut the planters, and

WHEREAS, the major construction work already underway on the block provides both the need and opportunity to revisit the issues of pedestrian passage along the entire block in order to allow for both sidewalk cafes and orderly pedestrian passage. ANC 2B intends to work with property owners and the Public Space Committee to make necessary adjustments to ensure public safety.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Five Guys' public space application for 1140 19th Street NW as submitted.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein (<u>mike.silverstein@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) and Nicole McEntee (<u>nicole.mcentee@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Nicole McEntee

Chair