

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

June 15, 2017

Mr. Arthur Espinoza, Jr.
Executive Director
DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities
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RE: Downtown BID's DCCAH Application for the Public Art Building Communities Project-Based Grant Program to Install Public Art in the Vermont Avenue NW Entrance to the McPherson Square Metro Station

Dear Executive Director Espinoza:

At its regular meeting on June 14, 2017, 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 (7-0-0):

WHEREAS, the Downtown BID is applying for a grant from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities' Public Art Building Communities Project-Based Grant Program to install a mural in the Vermont Avenue NW exit of the McPherson Square Metro Station beneath the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Building,

WHEREAS, the Downtown BID is partnering with a DC nonprofit arts organization, Words Beats & Life (WBL), to create the mural,

WHEREAS, the three memorials represented in the designs of the mural are the Air Force Memorial, the World War II Memorial, and the African American Civil War Memorial,

WHEREAS, the project has the support of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the General Services Administration, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA),

WHEREAS, if selected as a recipient of the Commission grant in October 2017, the anticipated completion date of the mural will be early 2018, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that this mural would be a contributing element in the urban ambiance and charm of the Dupont Circle community as well memorialize the contribution of military service members to the District and the United States.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the mural for the McPherson Square Metro Station's Vermont Avenue NW entrance as proposed by the Downtown BID in their grant application to the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

Commissioners Randy Downs (<u>randy.downs@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) and Nicole Mann (<u>nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Nicole Mann Chair