



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

October 25, 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 the Golden Triangle BID for the Installation of Six Temporary Sculptures (DDOT #221532)

Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on October 11, 2017, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 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 Golden Triangle BID has submitted a public space application that proposes to install six temporary sculptures located in the Golden Triangle BID and ANC 2B neighborhood,

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2018, “No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man” will open at the Smithsonian Renwick Gallery. Taking over the entire building, this is the first major exhibition to present the large-scale, participatory work that is the hallmark of Burning Man, the annual gathering in Nevada’s Black Rock Desert and one of the most influential events in contemporary art and culture,

WHEREAS, to accommodate more artworks, an outdoor extension of “No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man” is planned. Through a collaboration with the Golden Triangle BID, additional sculptures will be on display along the streets and parks. For the very first time, a Renwick Gallery exhibition will move beyond its walls and into the surrounding neighborhood,

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID is working with the artists and will facilitate and manage the outdoor installations. The Renwick Gallery and the Golden Triangle BID also will present related programming in the neighborhood to further highlight the ingenuity and creative spirit of this cultural movement. The outdoor portion of the exhibition will be on view to the public for nine months, through the end of 2018,

WHEREAS, the six proposed sculpture locations in the Golden Triangle BID neighborhood are:

- Corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and I Street NW
- Murrow Park (Pennsylvania Avenue and 19th Street NW)
- 900 Block of 19th Street NW
- Corner of 18th Street and I Street NW
- Connecticut Avenue median at K Street NW
- 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that public space use is a privilege, not a right, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that public art is an important element of the urban ambiance and charm of the Dupont Circle community and welcomes the collaborative efforts of the Golden Triangle BID and the Smithsonian Renwick Gallery on the “No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man” project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Golden Triangle BID’s public space application.

Commissioners Randy Downs (randy.downs@dupontcircleanc.net), Mike Silverstein (mike.silverstein@dupontcircleanc.net), and Daniel Warwick (daniel.warwick@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

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

Nicole Mann
Chair