



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

October 27, 2016

Keith Anderson
Director
Department of Parks and Recreation
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RE: Support for the Modernization and Expansion of Stead Park Recreation Center

Dear Director Anderson,

At its regular meeting on October 13, 2016, 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, the Stead Park Recreation Center building has not been renovated in over 15 years and has not been expanded in over 20 years,

WHEREAS, according to Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) staff, Stead Park is the most heavily used park in the city,

WHEREAS, the Stead Park Recreation Center was deemed by DPR as unsafe for holding a toddler play program and is not ADA accessible,

WHEREAS, in Ward 2, east of Rock Creek, there is no public indoor recreation space that can hold over 25 people for recreational uses or for community meetings,

WHEREAS, Ward 2 has growing numbers of individuals aging in place and young families who face challenges in accessing any quality public indoor recreation space within one mile of their home (one mile being the goal set by DPR),

WHEREAS, the board of the Friends of Stead Park has voted to support such a project that would better serve residents of all ages, with the understanding that DPR will first solicit input from park users and community groups, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is pleased by the support from both DPR and Councilmember Jack Evans regarding the need to further improve Stead Park.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B strongly supports the modernization and expansion of the Stead Park Recreation Center and urges the Department of Parks and Recreation to work with park users, community groups, and the Friends of Stead Park to design and implement such a project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the Department of Parks and Recreation, Mayor Bowser, and the Council of the District of Columbia to provide funding for such a project in the Mayor's FY 2018 budget cycle.

Commissioners Abigail Nichols (abigail.nichols@dupontcircleanc.net) and Nicole Mann (nicole.mann@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 Mann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann
Chair

CC:
Mayor Muriel Bowser
Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2