



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

March 23, 2015

Matthew Marcou, Chair
Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
Public Space Permit Branch Third Floor
1100 4th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: Public Space Permit application #10177129 for New Sidewalk Cafe Un-Enclosed at 1924 14th St NW – The Wydown (2B09)

Dear Chairperson Marcou,

At its regular meeting on March 11, 2015, 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 (6-3).

Whereas the Wydown at 1924 14th St NW has applied for a sidewalk cafe occupancy permit;

Whereas the street-scape on the sidewalk of the 1900 block of 14th St. NW, including very large tree boxes, does not provide substantial space for both a sidewalk café and pedestrian right-of-way;

Whereas ANC 2B’s published Public Space Guidelines call for at least ten feet of open pedestrian space on all sidewalks, but also that each application should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis;

Whereas the Wydown has proven to be a good neighbor, willing to find a solution that works for all parties, and there is significant public benefit in supporting outdoor seating on this block, where there is nearly none; and

There are several successful and not successful examples of sidewalk cafes on 14th St. that allow less than ten feet of pedestrian sidewalk space.

Therefore be it RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports this public space application if the plans are redesigned and resubmitted to allow at least ten (10) feet of pedestrian clearance on the sidewalk.

Commissioner Noah Smith (noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net) is the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noah Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Noah Smith
Chairman

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