

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

July 15, 2014

Dupont Festival DupontFestival@gmail.com

**RE:** Honoring Dupont Festival

Dear Dupont Festival,

At its regular meeting on July 9, 2014, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0). The Commission passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, thousands of spirited and well-mannered soccer fans gathered together in Dupont Circle to watch the USA and Germany compete in the World Cup and

WHEREAS, those fans respected the beauty of the Circle, and there was absolutely no damage reported and no rowdy behavior or arrests, and

WHEREAS, this celebration of soccer cost DC taxpayers not a single cent, and

WHEREAS, this event was broadcast live on CNN and ESPN as part of their World Cup coverage, showcasing our neighborhood to the entire world, and

WHEREAS, the German Embassy paid the cost of equipment rentals, including the two large video screens, and paid for security and clean-up, and transported busloads of German fans from the Embassy, the German Military Attache, and the Deutsche School, supplied Germany caps and German flags, and even purchased and handed out hundreds of American flags to the supporters of Team USA, and

WHEREAS, Dupont Festival spend many weeks working to secure the broadcast rights for the game from ESPN and FIFA, and to gain the necessary permits from the National Park Service, and worked to establish the partnership with the German Embassy, and Dupont Festival volunteers even placed plastic netting around the trees and flower beds in Dupont Circle to ensure they were protected from the huge crowds, and

WHEREAS, this highly successful event could not have taken place without the selfless efforts and cooperation of all these parties, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Dupont Circle ANC 2B offers its since thanks and congratulations to Dupont Festival and its volunteers, headed by Aaron DeNu, to the Embassy of Germany and their Ambassador, his excellency Peter Wittig, the National Park Service, DC DOT, and all those who helped make this event a great success, a joy, and a credit to our neighborhood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dupont Circle ANC 2B wishes the German team good luck in the World Cup championship match.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein (mike.silverstein@dupontcircleanc.net), Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net, Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net), and Noah Smith (noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

William J. Highens

Sincerely,

Will Stephens Chairman