



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

February 23, 2015

Dr. Sharia Shanklin, Director
Department of Parks & Recreation
1250 U Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Letter of Support for Stonewall Kickball events in Stead Park 4/26/15

Director Shanklin,

At its regular meeting on February 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 (9-0):

Whereas the DC Department of Parks and Recreation has requested a review of a request by Stonewall Kickball to increase its Sunday permitting hours from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. beginning with its spring season in March 2015,

Whereas, there is not expected to be any negative effect on the peace of surrounding neighbors in their homes because

a)The change is a change in structure and not in the actual use of the park by Stonewall Kickball; Stonewall Kickball in the past and as planned under this permit schedules its regular season games to end by 6 p.m. and then occasionally uses additional time to complete a game when, for some reason – rain delay, etc., a game can not be played or completed as scheduled. This change “pre-permits” for occasional use that is now governed by a more complicated permitting process that results in the same park use. Most Sundays the park will be available for general use after 6:30 p.m.

b)Any noise during games will be reduced because Stonewall Kickball will be playing only one game at a time this season and home plate has been moved to a location in the northwest corner of the park where residents are less likely to be bothered by any noise.

c)Stonewall Kickball will inform the community of the days and times of its regular and rescheduled games.

d)Stonewall Kickball will continue to work with the community on any issues that may arise.

Whereas, besides the recreational benefits to its participants, Stonewall Kickball has a long standing relationship with Stead Park and the Dupont Circle Community that improves the neighborhood through park maintenance, bringing revenue to local businesses, and donations to a variety of DC charities.

Therefore, ANC 2B supports this permitting request by Stonewall Kickball.

Commissioners Abigail Nichols (abigail.nichols@dupontcircleanc.net), Michael Upright (michael.upright@dupontcircleanc.net), and Noah Smith (noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net) are 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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