

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

June 25, 2018

Mr. 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 to Install Additional Rain Gardens Along 19th Street Between K Street and M Street NW (DDOT #301719)

Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on June 13, 2018, 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 (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID seeks to improve the streetscape along 19th Street NW between K Street and M Street NW by installing additional rain gardens,

WHEREAS, the rain gardens will be 10 feet wide and will maintain at least 20 feet of pedestrian walkway along 19th Street, providing space for other users of the heavily-trafficked sidewalk.

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID received a grant from the Department of Energy and Environment to install the rain gardens,

WHEREAS, a rain garden is a shallow depression landscaped with plants and designed to catch rainwater runoff from impervious surfaces such as roadways, sidewalks, and driveways, and

WHEREAS, if appropriately designed, some benefits of rain gardens include:

- Keeping pollutants from reaching local waterways,
- Reducing flooding problems,
- Providing habitat for beneficial birds and insects,
- Refreshing local groundwater,

- Using low-maintenance landscaping with no need for chemicals, and
- Creating an attractive and creative landscaping piece.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Golden Triangle BID's public space application to install additional rain gardens along 19th Street between K Street and M Street NW.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein (<u>2B06@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Daniel Warwick (<u>2B02@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

James Warnick

Sincerely,

Daniel Warwick

Chair