



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

September 24, 2018

Mr. Matthew Marcou
Chair, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
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RE: The DC Government's Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines

Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on September 12, 2018, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0):

WHEREAS, ANC 2B supports the DC Government as a strong advocate for broadband infrastructure deployment and the goals of ensuring that residents, businesses, and public safety operations in DC have reliable access to wireless telecommunications network technology and state-of-the-art mobile broadband communication services,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B agrees that coverage and connectivity are drivers of the economic growth of the District, the innovation of businesses, and the education of District residents,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates and supports the DC Government's convening of multiple agencies, including the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Office of Planning (OP), and the Historic Preservation Office (HPO), along with the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), to draft guidelines governing the method, location, and appearance of small cell infrastructure in public space in DC,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B supports the DC Government's development of efficient and streamlined processes for wireless providers to install wireless communications facilities (small cells) on poles throughout the District,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B agrees that these small cells will improve the quality of wireless service throughout the District with faster data coverage and capacity,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the proposed requirements for providers to file applications through the DDOT's Transportation Online Permitting System (TOPS) for permits that will consider the aesthetic and safety impacts of small cells, as well as the District's technical specifications for such devices, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B appreciates the following specific language in the Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines that is of particular interest and relevance to the unique characteristics of the Dupont Circle community:

- 3 Purpose
- 4.1 Master License Agreement
- 5.3 General Limits: Appearance
- 5.5 General Parameters on Installations: Types, Locations, and Frequency
- 6 Guidelines Regarding Historic Districts and Landmarked Properties
- 8 Guidelines Regarding New Standalone Poles

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines and the use of the "Master License Agreement for Use of District of Columbia Public Right of Way" (MLA).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the District Department of Transportation require each small cell provider to present, at a publicly-noticed ANC meeting, the proposed plan for the type of cell to be installed before each initial installation within the boundaries of ANC 2B. This will allow the ANC to establish a precedent and standard with each small cell provider.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the District Department of Transportation establish a quarterly or bi-yearly small cell review process rhythm the gives each ANC the ability to better manage its review process.

Commissioners Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Daniel Warwick
Chair