



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

October 23, 2019

Mr. Matthew Marcou
Chair, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20004
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RE: Public Space Application by Truno for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café at 1600 Rhode Island Avenue NW (DDOT #10747783)

Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on October 10, 2019, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 9 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, Truno has filed a public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 38 seats and surrounding area landscape changes at 1600 Rhode Island Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the proposed location is within ANC 2B and single member district 2B05,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that sidewalk cafes are an important element in the urban ambiance and charm of the Dupont Circle community, while also promoting safety and economic development,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that public space use is a privilege, not a right,

WHEREAS, much of the existing landscaping shall be removed and replaced with porcelain pavers with sub-base for water drainage, planters, moveable outdoor furniture, a trellis, additional lighting features, new signage, bike racks, and additional native and non-native landscaping,

WHEREAS, the existing condition of the sidewalk and tree boxes would remain and there would be no loss of pedestrian passageway, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the current plans are an improvement to the built environment along 16th Street NW.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Truno's public space application for a new, un-enclosed sidewalk cafe and surrounding area landscape changes at 1600 Rhode Island Avenue NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the applicant explores expanding and/or improving, with permeable flex paving, the existing tree box opening on Rhode Island Avenue NW in order to relieve tree root bunching and promote the continued healthy growth of the existing tree.

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