



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

October 25, 2021

Mr. Matthew Marcou
Chair, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
1100 4th Street SW, Third Floor
Washington, DC 20004
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RE: Public Space Application by the Department of General Services for Streetscape Improvements for the Stead Park Recreation Center Project at 1625 P Street NW (DDOT #373431)

Dear Chair Marcou:

At its regular meeting on October 13, 2021, 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, the Department of General Services (DGS) is seeking support for updated plans for the Stead Park Recreation Center and related public space improvements,

WHEREAS, plans previously supported by ANC 2B had to be reconsidered in response to budget overruns and global supply chain challenges,

WHEREAS, the updated project plan largely accommodates all previous programmatic elements, with the exception of a dedicated area for outdoor adult fitness,

WHEREAS, the updated project will continue to be the first net zero building constructed by the Department of General Services and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR),

WHEREAS, questions were raised regarding the general design of the new building, particularly in regard to the quality of the outdoor space beneath the solar canopy covering the children's play area, the loss of the outdoor programmable area with the proposed entry plaza, and the loss of existing trees and mature tree canopy between the building and P Street NW,

WHEREAS, suggestions were made to explore alternatives to chain link fencing surrounding the basketball court; consider opportunities for an outdoor programmable space at the new entry plaza and seating for companions of children; preserve to the greatest extent possible existing

trees since the entry plaza will remain at its existing grade, and examine how to improve the quality and character of the outdoor space below the eastern-most solar canopy,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's Land Use Committee felt that further design revisions might satisfactorily address the issues raised, and

WHEREAS, the project could benefit from continued community outreach and engagement led by the applicant team.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B generally supports the revised project plans, with specific considerations listed above herein to be considered and incorporated in further consideration and development, and requests that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the project team continue to engage and consult with the ANC, park users, and community stakeholders on the continued development of the project until completion.

Commissioners William Herbig (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Matthew Holden (2B08@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Holden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew Holden
Chair