



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

November 11, 2010

Valerie-Joy Santos
Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development
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Re: Development of the former Dupont Trolley Station

Dear Deputy Mayor Santos,

At its November 2010 public meeting, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2B) considered submitting comments on the development plans for the former trolley station underneath Dupont Circle. With nine of nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of 7-0-1:

Resolution relating to Dupont Underground

Whereas an open and competitive bidding process was put in place and implemented by the government of the District of Columbia for the use of the space under Dupont Circle, herein referred to as Dupont Underground.

Whereas the Deputy Mayor's Office, and especially Neil Goradia, undertook an extensive community outreach effort to incorporate community priorities in putting together the request for proposals.

Whereas the Deputy Mayor's Office, and especially Neil Goradia, undertook an extensive efforts to fully brief the community on the leading bid received to use Dupont Underground as a showcase for art in the District.

Whereas it is anticipated that in the near future a final decision will be made regarding whether to move ahead and undertake a contract with the arts group for the use of Dupont Underground.

Therefore it be resolved that:

- The Dupont ANC compliments the open competitive process undertaken by the Deputy Mayor's Office and especially the extensive efforts of Neil Goradia to promote community involvement in this process.

- Final approval by the District of any plans to use Dupont Underground should assure that 1) the use is not a drain on scarce City resources and fully self-financing, 2) the long-term plans remain flexible for potential future use, in whole or in part, as a transit 3) the plans complement community efforts to enliven Dupont Circle through a range of above-ground activities such as music, arts, and entertainment 4) the public space triangle park east of Dupont Circle should be fully encouraged to continue the garden beautification efforts and not abridged in anyway.

We appreciate the work of your office on this matter and look forward to further development of the plans and project.

Mike Feldstein is the Commission's representative in this matter, as the Chair of our Zoning, Preservation, and Development Committee. You can reach him at mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net or by telephone at 202-462-0647 for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Will Stephens, Chair

cc:

Jack Evans (jackevans@dccouncil.us)

Neil Goradia (neil.goradia@dc.gov)