



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

November 11, 2010

Neil Goradia
Office of Planning and Economic Development
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Dear Mr. Goradia:

At its November 10, 2010 public meeting, the Dupont Circle ANC considered the triangular garden on the West side of the Circle, between Massachusetts Avenue NW and P Street NW. With all 9 Commissioners in attendance, the Commission passed the following resolution by a vote of 8-0-1 (one abstention):

Whereas: The public space triangle park east of Dupont Circle and bordered by Massachusetts Avenue NW, P Street NW and Dupont Circle park is a central location to our Dupont neighborhood with thousands walking and driving by each day;

Whereas: The triangle park for many years was in a legal limbo dispute between the bankrupt Dupont Down Under and the DC government and had become a visual blight on our neighborhood with trash and weeds;

Whereas: Neighborhood resident and volunteer Phil Carney began cleaning up the neglected triangle park by removing trash and weeds and was later joined by landscape company owner Steve Aupperle who brought his professional expertise and recycled plants to begin the transformation into a welcoming year around garden;

Whereas: Steve and Phil's garden is beautiful and attractive throughout all the seasons and is a valued green and blooming treasure that impresses both residents and visitors and improves the quality of life in our neighborhood;

Whereas: The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Development hopes to develop the Dupont underground old trolley space which has one of its entrances in the middle of Steve and Phil's garden;

Be It Resolved that ANC2B urges all parties involved with the eventual development of the Dupont underground old trolley space to publicly commit to preserve Steve and Phil's garden as a valued neighborhood resource and to help them maintain our neighborhood garden for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for your consideration of these views. Commissioner Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net), Chair of our Zoning, Preservation, and Development Committee, and Commissioner Phil Carney (phil.carney@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives on this issue.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Will Stephens

cc:

Department of Parks & Recreation

Department of Public Works

Office of Jack Evans