



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

October 14, 2012

Friends of Stead Park

RE: Stead Park

Dear Friends of Stead Park,

At its regular meeting on October 10, 2012, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the proposed improvements to Stead Park. With eight of the nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0).

Whereas, ANC 2B applauds the initiative of the Friends of Stead Park (FOSP) to design and propose improvements to the Stead Park athletic field; and

Whereas, the ANC appreciates FOSP’s efforts to launch community discussion of Stead Park improvements during a Community Meeting on October 3rd; and

Whereas, the ANC also appreciates FOSP’s efforts and willingness to further engage community stakeholders over the next 2-3 months — including the ANC, the sports leagues who utilize the field, parent groups, and others — to improve upon the designs and plans before presenting any final proposal to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR);

Whereas, the ANC shares FOSP’s stated goal of arriving at a final proposed plan that reaches consensus or near-consensus among stakeholders;

Therefore be it resolved, that the ANC would like to see further discussion, development, and detail on the following issues, which would create greater community support:

1. the dimensions of the playing field, so as to allow at least two simultaneous sports activities (e.g., two kickball games, or two soccer matches);
2. the look and nature of the perimeter fencing, lighting, trees, and benches;
3. the look and nature of the viewing area benches;
4. the location of the softball/kickball/baseball backstop(s);
5. where the locked fencing would be placed for securing the field after-hours;
6. the practicalities of a water feature;
7. whether certain improvements could be implemented in the parts of the park south of the building, facing P Street NW;
8. the proposed sources of funding.

Be it further resolved, that the ANC requests to be kept in touch regarding these suggested items and others as we move to a final resolution and proposal for DPR in late 2012 or early 2013.

Commissioners Victor Wexler (victor.wexler@dupontcircleanc.net), Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net), and Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Will Stephens, Chair

Cc:

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