



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

August 21, 2023

Mr. Elliott Garrett
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 Panera for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 2 Tables, 8 Seats, and 1 Umbrella at 1528 Connecticut Avenue NW (DDOT #10997113)

Dear Chair Garrett,

At its regular meeting on August 9, 2023, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-1):

WHEREAS, Panera has applied for a public space permit for an un-enclosed sidewalk café in front of 1528 Connecticut Avenue NW, which is located in single member district 2B02 of ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, the sidewalk café will consist of 2 tables having 8 seats, an umbrella, and a trash can and tray return,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has public space guidelines that seek to maintain a minimum clearance of 10 feet between the exterior side of a sidewalk café and the nearer of the curb or fixed emplacements such as tree boxes, hydrants, parking meters, or bike racks,

WHEREAS, the sidewalk at this location may not provide the desired clearance; however, it may be compatible with ANC 2B’s guideline recognizing existing narrower clearance conditions, provided at least the ADA-minimum clearance of 3 feet exists between the nearest permanent emplacement or the curb and the proposed footprint of the seating area,

WHEREAS, the applicant submitted architectural drawings with the original application, depicting the seating area not extending beyond the stairway of the neighboring property without the distance to the curb or features, and has not yet submitted the requested revised drawings that include the curb line or other features, and

WHEREAS, the applicant was made aware of the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape and Deck-Over Project, expected to begin in late 2023/early 2024 and scheduled to last 27 months, which will prevent operation of the sidewalk seating area at various times during construction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B will support the application provided that the applicant promptly submits the requested architectural drawings to their application in TOPS that include the details of the distance to the curb and permanent emplacements in relation to the seating area, which should demonstrate that there is 4 feet or greater, but not less than the ADA minimum of 3 feet, of clearance.

Commissioners Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02@anc.dc.gov) and Meg Roggensack (2B01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meg Roggensack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "R".

Meg Roggensack
Chair