



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

October 21, 2023

Ms. Haley Peckett
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District Department of Transportation
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RE: Parking on the 1700 Block of Church Street NW

Dear Ms. Peckett,

At its regular meeting on October 11, 2023, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-1):

WHEREAS, the 1700 block of Church Street NW, located in single member district 2B07, has parking on the north side of the street at all times except 9:30 am to 11:30 am on Tuesdays during street sweeping season; parking is allowed on the south side 7:00 am to 7:00 pm only on street cleaning days, in addition to north side only on Sundays between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm,

WHEREAS, a request was made to ANC 2B by a group of merchants on 17th Street NW and residents to provide more parking by converting the 1700 block of Church Street NW to parking on both sides of the street at all times,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B actively works for improved curbside management to better serve the needs of our community’s residents, businesses, and visitors,

WHEREAS, the current conditions of the 1500 and 1600 blocks of 17th Street NW are suboptimal, confusing for many, and not consistent with previously agreed upon plans for a protected two-way cycletrack, one-side only commercial loading zones, and flex parking space pilots,

WHEREAS, residents have raised concerns about the width of the 1700 block of Church Street NW and whether there is sufficient clearance for emergency vehicles to safely negotiate the block were there to be vehicles parked on both sides,

WHEREAS, the 1700 block of Church Street NW is recorded by the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Transportation Online Permitting System (TOPS) database as having a width of 25 feet, which is the minimum required for both-sides parking; however, another dataset states the width as 24 feet and measurements taken by residents as well as photographs of the street with vehicles parked on either or both sides supports the position that the street is not wide enough and of thru traffic being impeded or fully obstructed,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B hosted three listening sessions for residents and businesses to share their views about this request, all of which yielded predominant opposition by residents to the request,

WHEREAS, the supporters of the change have not presented adequate justification for more parking such as customers or workers being prevented from parking on a frequent basis resulting in detrimental effects upon business, and

WHEREAS, it is the official policy of the DC Government to reduce automobile travel on our streets and encourage the use of other modes of transportation, which are abundant in the Dupont Circle community, therefore creating new parking is contrary to that policy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not support the request to convert the 1700 block of Church Street NW to both-sides parking based upon the concerns regarding the width of the street, unencumbered access for emergency vehicles, and lack of a clearly articulated business justification for it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT conducts thorough measurements of the 1700 block of Church Street NW and has all relevant databases updated to consistently reflect said measurements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that DDOT works with the ANC to address the suboptimal roadway configuration of the 1500 and 1600 blocks of 17th Street NW as well overall curbside management and parking issues across the ANC, consistent with plans previously discussed during 2018 and 2019.

Commissioners Patricia Bencivenga (2B07@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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

Meg Roggensack
Chair