



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

"Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C."

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Keith Anderson
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RE: Support for Improvements to Francis Field with Private Funding

Dear Mr. Anderson,

At its regular meeting on June 15, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Chair Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Smith, by a vote of **(7-0-0)**:

ANC 2A supports the efforts of the Friends of Francis Field (a DPR Park Partner and a community representative of the Commission since 2013) to renovate Francis Field at 25th Street NW between M and N Streets with private funds.

The project proposed to the Commission included the following elements:

- Professional architectural assistance in updating the existing landscape plan
- Refurbishment of the central playing field by de-compacting the soil, planting grass, and allowing the grass to grow
- Addition of shade trees and other landscaping elements to the official Dog Park that DPR opened on the field on November 27, 2015
- Coordination of these new landscaping elements with the restoration of the south field area now occupied by construction at 2501 M Street NW (ANC 2A supported the related easement and its associated greenery improvements in a resolution sent to DPR on July 22, 2015)
- A professional study and assessment of green infrastructure improvements that might be made to alleviate stormwater runoff and treat it in place
- A professional study of the possibility of irrigating the field using stored stormwater

This program is consistent with the Commission's objectives for Francis Field, which are to provide:

- A green, pleasant, and safe recreation area



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- Athletic field space for school, youth, and community sports
- Passive space for non-athletic rest and relaxation
- Provision for the daily needs of community pet owners
- An environment appropriate for its residential proximity
- A natural buffer area between Rock Creek Park and urbanization

Commissioners Rebecca Coder (2A02@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

CC: Gary Griffith, Representative, Friends of Francis Field