



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

October 5, 2018

Mr. Matthew Marcou
Chair, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
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RE: The DC Government’s Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines

Dear Chair Marcou,

At its regular meeting on September 20, 2018, 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 (**6-0-0***), after a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, ANC 2A supports the DC Government’s advocacy of broadband infrastructure deployment with the goal of ensuring that residents, businesses, and public safety operations in DC have reliable access to wireless telecommunications network technology and state-of-the-art mobile broadband communication services, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2A has reviewed the DC Government’s Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines, which are currently being considered by the Public Space Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that the following concepts are incorporated into the Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines:

1. The “hoteling” of several wireless carriers into a single small cell facility should be prioritized over facilities that only serve a single carrier so as to prevent an over-abundance of small cell installations in the District’s residential neighborhoods. ANC 2A notes that the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County’s regulations (Ordinance No. BL2016-415) require that “All new proposed [small cell] structures, or a stealth telecommunications support structure replacing an existing support structure or alternative structure, within the right of way shall be designed for a minimum of two personal wireless service facilities providers.”



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2. The requirements for ANC notification as part of the public space application process for small cells should be expanded to include all individual small cell installations and all upgrades to installed facilities.
3. Periodic reviews of all installed small cell facilities should be undertaken in order to ensure compliance, ongoing maintenance, and compatibility with DC’s public space interests for all facilities.
4. Small cell facilities should initially be rolled out as a pilot program in order to review the impacts that the facilities have on DC’s public space.
5. Installations of representational “mock up” equipment should cease until the permitting process has been finalized for small cell facilities.

Commissioners Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) and William Kennedy Smith (2A04@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

William Kennedy Smith, MD
Chairperson

CC: Joe Gibbons, Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

* Commissioner Florence Harmon recused herself from voting on this matter.