



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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Mr. Keith Anderson  
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RE: Request by Golden Triangle BID to install illumination equipment and an electrical source at Duke Ellington Park (**21<sup>st</sup> Street, M Street, and New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.**)

Dear Director Anderson,

At its regular meeting on May 20, 2015, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("**ANC 2A**" or "**Commission**") considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted to support this request by a vote of **(6-0-0)** and adopted the following resolution:

Edward "Duke" Ellington's birth in the West End neighborhood of Washington, DC, has been established by his official District of Columbia birth certificate, which shows that he was delivered by a midwife on April 29, 1899, at a house at 2129 Ward Place.

Residents of today's West End neighborhood honor him with the "Duke Ellington Park," a public park named in his honor, located at intersection of New Hampshire Avenue, M Street, and 21st Street NW which is closest to his birthplace.

Golden Triangle BID would like to install up lighting for the trees in the Duke Ellington Park to facilitate safety and aesthetics. Currently, the tree cover makes the park dark and uninviting at night. Up lighting would make this space inviting to passerbys and nearby residents and would serve the dual purpose of crime mitigation by lighting currently dark areas. In order for the Golden Triangle to install the lighting, the DC Department of Parks and Recreation would need to install an electrical source in the park. An additional benefit of an electrical source in the park is that it can provide a power source for the annual Duke Ellington concert.

**Be It Resolved** that ANC 2A supports the Golden Triangle's request to install lighting and an electrical source at the Duke Ellington Park and requests that DC Department of Parks and Recreation facilitate and approve such request.

Commissioners Patrick Kennedy ([Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov](mailto:Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov)) and Florence Harmon ([florencedc@comcast.net](mailto:florencedc@comcast.net)) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson