



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

November 20, 2014

Mr. Steven Knapp
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RE: Off-Campus, Non-Police Patrols by G.W.U. in Foggy Bottom and the West End

Dear President Knapp,

At its regular meeting on November 19, 2014, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted (7-0-0) to approve the following resolution:

Whereas large numbers of noisy George Washington University (GW) students come into the Foggy Bottom Historic District and the broader residential area of ANC 2A each weekend to attend late night parties that are increasingly disturbing neighbors; and

Whereas GW has increased its educational outreach to students living off-campus but this outreach has not diminished the number or the intensity of the parties in the residential community; and

Whereas GW has implemented more stringent sanctions for students who violate its Code of Conduct; but the sanction process only works if GW receives reports of violations and unfortunately, most neighbors call 911 and do not report disturbances to GW; and

Whereas Georgetown University utilizes its own staff members (not uniformed University Police officers) and some off-duty Metropolitan Police Officers to walk and drive through its residential neighborhoods to identify, record, and report disruptive students and large or noisy student parties; and

Whereas Foggy Bottom residents have met with Georgetown University officials who oversee its off-campus patrol system and those officials have indicated that the Georgetown system works well; and

Whereas Foggy Bottom residents have met with a Georgetown Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner who represents the residents in dealing with Georgetown University who indicated that the off-campus patrol system is effective for neighbors; and



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Whereas GW has declined repeated requests from Foggy Bottom neighbors to have its staff patrol the Foggy Bottom neighborhood; and

Whereas Foggy Bottom residents have banded together to establish a late night patrol system to report noisy parties to GW and 911. This approach is inherently inefficient, prone to failure, and places an undue burden on Foggy Bottom residents.

Therefore be it resolved that ANC 2A asks GW to institute an off-campus patrol system that can identify, record, and report disruptive student behavior off-campus, without requiring residents to leave their homes late at night to identify the address of the noise; and

Be it further resolved that ANC 2A notes its preference that the aforementioned off-campus patrol not be conducted by uniformed members of the GW Police Department; and

Be it further resolved that ANC 2A asks GW to operate the aforementioned patrol regularly between the hours of 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and other known party nights, specifically in the Foggy Bottom residential neighborhood and in Schneider Triangle; and

Be it further resolved that ANC 2A recommends that GW implement the Georgetown University off-campus patrol system as a model for their own patrol system; and

Be it further resolved that ANC-2A asks GW to develop a process to validate individual complaints of disruptive student behavior off-campus and that the aforementioned off-campus patrol be trained to request that loud student parties disband.

Commissioners Asher Corson (lashercorson@gmail.com) and Patrick Kennedy (Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

cc: Charles K. Barber, Deputy General Counsel
cc: Renee McPhatter, Assistant Vice President for Government and Community Relations
cc: Brittany Waddell, Director of Community Relations