



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

July 8, 2014

Ms. Sharia Shanklin
Interim Director
Department of Parks and Recreation
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RE: Francis Field

Dear Director Shanklin,

At its regular meeting on June 18, 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 approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0):

WHEREAS ANC 2A, representing Foggy Bottom and the West End, is concerned about recent incidents and overall confusion involving dogs on-leash and off-leash in the park area along 25th and N Streets, NW;

WHEREAS this area is known as the "Francis Recreational Area." Part is owned by National Park Service and is part of Rock Creek Park and part was deeded to the District during Home Rule and is managed by the DC Department of Parks and Recreation. It includes Francis Field on 25th Street and the green space behind Francis-Stevens Educational Center. The area north of N Street is part of ANC 2B and the area south of N is part of ANC 2A;

WHEREAS in 2008-2009, a new master plan was approved for Francis Field, the land west of 25th Street in ANC 2A. The new plan included space for an off-leash dog park on DC's portion of the land;

WHEREAS at the end of the Fenty Administration, DPR Director Jesus Aguirre approved a dog park on DPR's section of Francis Field. However, no funding has been available for its construction during the Gray administration;

WHEREAS, as is allowed per DC municipal regulations, ANC 2A passed a resolution unanimously supporting a dog off-leash time sharing arrangement on Francis Field until such time as the formal dog park was constructed;

RESOLVED that ANC 2A and ANC 2B will work with Francis Recreational Area stakeholders in order to ensure that dog owners have safe places for their dogs on-leash and off-leash. In addition, we urge the DC government to move forward with the funding of the off-leash dog park on Francis Field.



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Commissioners Rebecca Coder (rebeccacoder@mac.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: Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2
cc: Councilmember Mary Cheh; Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment
cc: Commander Michael Reese, Metropolitan Police Department Second District
cc: Commissioner Rebecca Coder, ANC 2A02