



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

June 27, 2022

Mr. Delano Hunter
Director
Department of Parks and Recreation
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RE: Renewal of the Friends of Francis Field’s Partnership Agreement with the Department of Parks and Recreation

Dear Director Hunter,

At its regular meeting on June 15, 2022, 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 unanimously (**6-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Causey and seconded by Commissioner Epstein, to adopt the following resolution:

ANC 2A supports the continued efforts of the Friends of Francis Field (FFF), a Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) park partner and a community representative of the ANC since 2013, to improve Francis Field on 25th Street between M Street and N Street NW with private funding and volunteer efforts.

ANC 2A supports the extension of that partnership agreement for another three-year term to continue and complete the projects proposed to the ANC, which include the following elements:

- a. *Rear-Field Landscaping*. In conjunction with DPR's Capital Planning and Design Division, FFF will continue to implement the rear-field sub-plan of the 2020 “Francis Field Master Plan” approved by DPR in December 2019. FFF will continue to raise funds for this purpose and employ professional contractors to work with FFF members to enhance the regular maintenance provided by DPR.
- b. *Rebecca Coder Park*. In conjunction with DPR’s Capital Planning and Design Division, FFF will continue to improve, beautify, and memorialize the park area of Francis Field specified in the “Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021.” FFF will continue to raise funds for this purpose and employ professional contractors to work with FFF members to enhance the regular maintenance provided by DPR.
- c. *Francis Tree Lab*. FFF will continue to assess the health and maintenance of the more than fifty trees planted since 2017 on Francis Field, in accordance



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with the 2009 and 2020 master plans. FFF will continue to monitor the need for replacement of any dead or dying trees in conjunction with Casey Trees and the District Department of Transportation’s (DDOT) Urban Forestry Division, and will continue to explore related learning and educational opportunities regarding urban forestry and landscape architecture.

ANC 2A also requests that the Friends of Francis Field is a consulted party for future planned renovations of Francis Field and Rebecca Coder Park.

Commissioner Joel Causey (2A02@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Joel Causey
Chairperson