



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

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## **RE: Support for Improvements to Francis Field with Private Funding**

Dear Mr. Anderson,

At its regular meeting on June 15, 2016, 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 to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Chair Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Smith, by a vote of **(7-0-0)**:

ANC 2A supports the efforts of the Friends of Francis Field (a DPR Park Partner and a community representative of the Commission since 2013) to renovate Francis Field at 25th Street NW between M and N Streets with private funds.

The project proposed to the Commission included the following elements:

- Professional architectural assistance in updating the existing landscape plan
- Refurbishment of the central playing field by de-compacting the soil, planting grass, and allowing the grass to grow
- Addition of shade trees and other landscaping elements to the official Dog Park that DPR opened on the field on November 27, 2015
- Coordination of these new landscaping elements with the restoration of the south field area now occupied by construction at 2501 M Street NW (ANC 2A supported the related easement and its associated greenery improvements in a resolution sent to DPR on July 22, 2015)
- A professional study and assessment of green infrastructure improvements that might be made to alleviate stormwater runoff and treat it in place
- A professional study of the possibility of irrigating the field using stored stormwater

This program is consistent with the Commission’s objectives for Francis Field, which are to provide:

- A green, pleasant, and safe recreation area



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- Athletic field space for school, youth, and community sports
- Passive space for non-athletic rest and relaxation
- Provision for the daily needs of community pet owners
- An environment appropriate for its residential proximity
- A natural buffer area between Rock Creek Park and urbanization

Commissioners Rebecca Coder ([2A02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A02@anc.dc.gov)) and Patrick Kennedy ([2A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A01@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson

CC: Gary Griffith, Representative, Friends of Francis Field