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## Friends of Francis Field

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Washington, DC 20037

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October 16, 2019

Delano Hunter, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
1275 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Request for Meeting

Dear Director Hunter:

Our organization has been involved in the improvement of Francis Field, a DPR facility, with private funds since 2008. We have had a Park Partner agreement with your Department since June 2013.

Since your appointment, we have received minimal communication from DPR about three ongoing projects which need discussion and resolution. These are summarized briefly below.

**1. Revised landscape plan for Francis Field.** We have an agreement with DPR, signed in 2018, to develop this plan. We submitted a plan, prepared by a professional landscape architect, as required, to DPR in December 2018. We presented the plan to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A on February 21, 2019, which sent you a unanimous resolution in support on March 5, 2019. We have heard nothing from DPR.

**2. Partnership Agreement.** While under your direction, DPR has changed the terms of our Park Partner agreement, which we have been trying to renew for a one-year term for the last eight months. DPR suggested a term of September 1, 2019, to September 30, 2020. We are already into that term with no agreement.

**3. Over-Permitting and Under-Maintenance.** Francis Field is continuing to be degraded by an imbalance between the amount of use allowed by DPR's permitting office and the amount of maintenance it receives. This was the nature of a unanimous ANC-2A resolution of July 5, 2018, which is still unresolved, and about which we still hear complaints on a weekly basis.

We respectfully request that you meet with our representatives to discuss these issues in an attempt to resolve them or move them forward in a productive manner.

Sincerely,

Gary Griffith  
President

cc: William Kennedy Smith, ANC-2A  
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