



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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### **RE: Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of General Services' (DGS) Maintenance of Rose Park**

Dear Director Freeman and Director Hunter,

On May 1, 2023 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

Our city is lucky to have over seventy recreation centers plus hundreds of small parks. ANC 2E appreciates all that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of General Services (DGS) do to maintain these city assets. The ANC knows that DPR and DGS staff work very hard to address maintenance needs, understanding that demand can outweigh resources. The ANC urges DPR and DGS to collaborate on specific maintenance needs of Rose Park and the Rose Park Recreation Center and to update the ANC on any progress regarding the city launching an online tracking tool for DC park maintenance.

#### Specific and Current Maintenance Needs at Rose Park

For quite some time, certain items in Rose Park have needed maintenance. These maintenance items have been highlighted to the city by Rose Park's ANC Commissioner, the Friends of Rose Park (FRP), and the 3-1-1 system.

About two years ago, Rose Park was lucky enough to have its softball field redone. It had been almost twenty years since the softball field had any major work done. Unfortunately, the contractor that DPR and DGS retained to do the initial field renovation has not completed some of its work. Unfinished items include:

- Brick pathway on 26th Street NW was ripped up by the contractor and still not fully replaced,

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- Issues exist with the new irrigation system and field leveling, which leaks and frequently causes a mud pit between first and second base, and
- Benches were not leveled along with the new field level and thus are now very low.

General Items Requiring Maintenance or Resource Allocation, Many of Which Pose Safety Issues

- Tot lot and playground require mulch and sand to protect falls,
- Leaking water fountain by the tot lot,
- Inconsistent bathroom access and broken toilets, including during the weekly farmers market,
- Trash: need for more cans, more pick-ups, and piloting of locked cans given rodent issues, and
- Tree trimming, including by the flag post.


Piloting of Maintenance Tracking Tool

When COVID began in 2020, Rose Park's ANC Commissioner and FRP were in discussions with DPR to pilot an online park maintenance tracking tool. An accessible tool such as this would be a great time saver for those who formally report DC park maintenance needs, like ANCs, and DPR staff who respond. Using an online tool or electronically exchangeable template would significantly streamline the current process, which is non-uniform emails, one-off DGS request form submissions, letters, meetings, and 3-1-1. The current process is not ideal for anyone, especially those volunteering their time who may not know the city maintenance process.

ANC 2E fully appreciates all that DPR and DGS staff do for our parks. The ANC looks forward to working with DPR and DGS, and any contractors, to address the above-noted maintenance needs and to pilot the online tracking tool.

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Respectfully submitted,



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# **Attachment A**

**Photos of Current Conditions at  
Rose Park**



