



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Delano Hunter
Director
Department of Parks and Recreation
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RE: The Rose Park Field Upgrade

Dear Director Hunter,

On September 29, 2020 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:

Rose Park has served the Georgetown community for nearly a hundred years. The park is not only a beloved spot for residents but has a historical role as one of the city's first integrated parks. ANC 2E appreciates the recent work done by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to update some of the key assets of Rose Park. This DPR work includes completed renovations to the recreation building that houses a local cooperative playground for toddlers (new floor, new HVAC, and new paint) and now the work underway to replace the athletic field by the end of November of 2020. The athletic field is a favorite among local children and softball teams and is used for summer camps as well as events such as Concerts in the Park, Christmas with Santa, and a much beloved weekly farmers market. It has been decades since the recreation building and the field were updated, so these renovations are very needed.

Over the past year and a half the ANC 2E commissioner in which Rose Park resides and the leadership of the Friends of Rose Park (FRP), a volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to Rose Park, have frequently been communicating with DPR regarding how to best partner around the needs of Rose Park. Given these meetings as well as community input, ANC 2E requests that DPR:

COMMISSIONERS:

Kishan Putta, District 1 Joe Gibbons, District 2 Rick Murphy, District 3
Anna Landre, District 4 Lisa Palmer, District 5 Gwendolyn Lohse, District 6
Elizabeth Miller, District 7 Matias Burdman, District 8

- Maintains its ongoing support for the Rose Park farmers market both during the field renovation and thereafter. If needed, after the renovations, DPR should work closely with FRP to determine an adjusted location for the market within Rose Park, helping with interagency communications as needed.
- Works with FRP and ANC 2E to pilot an accessible, electronic park maintenance tracking tool, thus allowing DPR and the community to easily track any maintenance needs from hedge trimming to broken equipment.
- Partners with the community to gain feedback on any long-term contracts and permits that would regularly impact daily community use of the athletic field by one organization.
- Continues to seek input from FRP regarding DPR's interest in forming partnership agreements with local groups such as FRP.
- Supports community efforts to have the National Park Service (NPS) pathway along Rose Park repaired given the longstanding safety issue of the pathway.

Commissioners Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@anc.dc.gov) and Rick Murphy (2E03@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard G. Murphy, Jr." in a cursive script.

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E