



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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RE: Proposed Transfer of Ellington Field to the Department of Parks and Recreation

Dear Mayor Bowser, Chancellor Ferebee, and Director Hunter,

On February 3, 2020 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E believes that Ellington Field is an important resource for ANC 2E and nearby communities.

ANC 2E understands that neighbors and parents of students at nearby public schools have expressed opposition to the transfer of administrative responsibility for Ellington Field from the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

ANC 2E believes that regardless of which agency of the DC Government is charged with responsibility for management of Ellington Field, the following principles should be applied:

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

1. Public school students and, in particular, students of (in no particular order) Hardy Middle School, School Without Walls, Duke Ellington School of the Arts, and Hyde-Addison Elementary School should have first priority access to the field at no cost to the respective schools. Specifically, no agreements should be entered into with any non-public organization that would deny or reduce access to the field to DCPS students for school-related activities,
2. The DC Government should make adequate funds available to renovate and improve the field and its associated facilities to make Ellington Field a first-class recreational asset; and
3. Going forward, before any significant decisions concerning management or future use of Ellington Field are made, a proposed usage plan that includes analysis of potential traffic, environmental, and lighting issues should be made available for public review and comment and the responsible agency should engage in active outreach to, and discussions with, residents and/or schools who may be impacted by the proposed usage plan, and the views of the potentially impacted residents and/or schools should be given great weight.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E