



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairperson
Zoning Commission
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RE: Zoning Commission Application by the Trustees for Harvard University for a 20-Year Campus Plan for the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library & Collection at 1703 32nd Street NW (ZC #20-29)

Dear Chairperson Hood,

On February 1, 2021 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by six commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection is a beloved institution in the heart of Georgetown. The organization primarily supports research and international learning in Byzantine, garden and landscape, and pre-Columbian studies through fellowships and internships, meetings, music, and exhibitions. Dumbarton Oaks welcomes researchers at all career stages who come to study its books, objects, images, and documents. It opens its doors to the public to visit its historic garden, designed by Beatrix Farrand; its museum, with world-class collections of art; and its music room for lectures and concerts. The institute disseminates knowledge through its publications and online resources. Innovative programming has introduced students of all ages to the museum, garden, and collections.

The proposed building additions and expansions will not affect the character of Dumbarton Oaks or the surrounding neighborhood; rather they will enhance the already architecturally significant property.

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The proposed increase in the number of fellows will not adversely impact traffic or parking demands in the community because Dumbarton Oaks has sufficient residential accommodations, including The Fellowship House at 1700 Wisconsin Avenue NW and La Quercia at 1619 30th Street NW, within walking distance to the campus. Fellows are not permitted to drive to the Dumbarton Oaks campus, except in limited cases.

The campus plan application provides assurance that there will be no significant changes to the operation and character of Dumbarton Oaks over the next twenty years, which is beneficial to the surrounding neighborhood.

ANC 2E supports the proposed twenty-year plan and thanks the leadership at Dumbarton Oaks for hiring world-class architects and planners for this project and for keeping the impact on our historic neighborhood at the top of their list of priorities.

Commissioners Elizabeth Miller (2E07@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." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E