



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Earl Eutsler
Associate Director, Urban Forestry Division
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RE: Removal of Magnolia Trees on the 3000 Block of N Street NW

Dear Mr. Eutsler,

On October 29, 2018 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:

Until recently, there were two grand mature Magnolia trees in front of the house at 3017 N Street NW, which is the former residence of Jackie Kennedy. When the current owner of that property "trimmed" the two trees to a very large extent, thereby removing much of the volume of the trees, the Georgetown community expressed its outrage. Neighbors, ANC Commissioners, and representatives of both the Executive Office of the Mayor and Councilmember Jack Evans' office met with the Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and representatives of DDOT's Urban Forestry Division (UFD), protesting this action in the strongest possible terms. Meeting attendees were assured by UFD officials that the amount of tree removal that the property owner had done was unlikely to damage the long-term viability of the trees, but that this would be reviewed in the future. Instead, UFD simply approved a permit to remove one of the two magnolias because it was no longer viable due to past trimmings, and the tree is now gone. This is outrageous and unacceptable to the ANC.

ANC 2E therefore requests that UFD no longer approves tree trimming to the extent that it could reasonably endanger the viability of existing trees, and that appropriate sanctions should be imposed in order to preserve the trees in Georgetown, both for ourselves and for future generations.

COMMISSIONERS:

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Lisa Palmer, District 5 Jim Wilcox, District 6
Monica Roaché, District 7 Zac Schroepfer, District 8

Commissioners Jim Wilcox (2E06@anc.dc.gov) and Joe Gibbons (2E02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe R. Gibbons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E