



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: Jelleff Priorities

Dear Director Hunter,

On March 30, 2021 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:

Community involvement has always been an important part of any major construction project across the city. ANC 2E looks forward to robust community involvement throughout the process of renovating the Jelleff Recreation Center. The ANC, our community partners, and neighbors were grateful to be included in the Jelleff Community Center Feasibility Study, the first step in the process of renovating the building. Many of us had one-on-one meetings with Perkins Eastman and we also participated in the two community meetings. It is important that the feasibility study includes the community's priorities and the ANC supports the inclusion of the following list in the final feasibility study that is provided to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and to the DC Council.

Including these community priorities, supported by the Burleith Citizens Association, the Glover Park Citizens' Association, the Georgetown Village, and the Jelleff Community Friends Group, in the final report would allow the community's voice to be heard officially.

These are the community priorities:

1. SWIMMING POOL: The community is committed to a pool on this site, either indoor or outdoor.

COMMISSIONERS:

Kishan Putta, District 1 Jenny Mitchell, 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

2. NEW BUILDING: We ask that DPR seriously considers a new building versus a renovation. The more we have talked about it, the more convinced we are that the whole building should be torn down. In 2021, why should we tie ourselves to 1950s infrastructure? The only reason to do so would be budget. However Councilmember Brooke Pinto is pushing for \$25 to \$30 million in project funding, so we should think about an entirely new building.
3. FIELD FLEXIBILITY: We do not want to commit to keeping the field size as is. That constricts the creativity of how to re-envision the building. The building footprint comes right up to the field edge. The current field width can be shortened and still allow for all regulation sports except regulation baseball. If shortening the field width and losing regulation baseball only would result in much better flexibility and options for the building expansion, that should be done. Regulation baseball is not as high a community priority as taking full advantage of this opportunity for a great expanded building.
4. THE GYM: We would like a gym scaled for high school basketball leagues, wide enough to safely play two junior games at once with ample space for others to safely watch and wait. The current gym is not wide enough for the extremely overcrowded leagues. Stoddert Recreation Center's gym is much wider and allows for this. Preserving the "classic" look of the gym is not a priority for our community. We have discussed this. In fact, the support beams and structures impede on usable space and ideally would be removed in the new gym.
5. OUTDOOR: Our community believes that Jelleff Recreation Center needs some outdoor fitness equipment for teens and older adults and outdoor play equipment for children.

Commissioners Elizabeth Miller (2E03@anc.dc.gov), Kishan Putta (2E01@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, flowing style.

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E