



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Mr. Matthew Marcou
Chair, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
1100 4th Street SW, Third Floor
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RE: Public Space Application by Foxtrot Market & Café for a New, Un-Enclosed Sidewalk Café at 1267 Wisconsin Avenue NW (DDOT #10805515)

Dear Chair Marcou,

On August 31, 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:

ANC 2E welcomes Foxtrot to the neighborhood and looks forward to their opening. The ANC appreciates the importance of outside seating availability, particularly during the reopening phases of our city. Due to the fact that N Street NW becomes residential just east of this establishment, the ANC wishes to share the following feedback with the Public Space Committee for its consideration:

1. The establishment has agreed to close its sidewalk café by 9:00 pm nightly and requests that the tables and chairs be removed from the sidewalk at that time and not just locked up along the block. This is a tidy residential block and ANC 2E would like that to continue even when the restaurant is closed; leaving the chairs locked up does not fit with the block's aesthetic.
2. ANC 2E requests that the establishment considers pulling back the most eastern table so that patrons are not sitting so close to a residence, even if those tables are only removed after 7:00 pm. The closest neighbor to the establishment shares: "Since construction has begun, there has been a notable increase in rodents as well as loitering on our property. The outdoor seating would certainly encourage more trash and loitering."
3. As discussed with the applicant, ANC 2E believes that subtle lighting like twinkle lights would be a nice addition to the concept design but requests that any such

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addition of lighting be carefully installed so that residents are not impacted by the lights from within their homes.

4. ANC 2E strongly requests that with any addition of table seating, ample places for the discarding of trash along Wisconsin Avenue NW, not on N Street NW, are also added. Residents have already expressed concern about the growing rat population in that area and the ANC shares their concerns that the addition of new food sources without appropriate places to dispose of such food could lead to an increase in the rat population.
5. ANC 2E would like to be on the record at this time of supporting a sidewalk café that provides at least six feet of clear space for pedestrians between tree boxes and the seating but does not support any additional seating curbside in this area, including no streateries or parklets.
6. Finally, ANC 2E has seen many sidewalk cafes across the neighborhood “creep” into areas that were not permitted for sidewalk café use. In an attempt to avoid this situation on this corner as well as to discourage use of the tables and chairs from folks who are not patrons of the business, the ANC would like to see the applicant consider some sort of barrier which indicates where the sidewalk café ends and the pedestrian sidewalk begins.

In conclusion, ANC 2E strongly supports the addition of a sidewalk café by Foxtrot at 1267 Wisconsin Avenue NW provided that the aforementioned concerns are addressed.

Commissioners Lisa Palmer (2E05@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