



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Mr. Matthew Spaniol
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RE: Installation of Accessible Parking Zones on the 2600 Block of O Street NW and the 2600 Block of Dumbarton Street NW (NOI #23-258-TOA)

Dear Mr. Spaniol,

On January 29, 2024 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 understands that these two parking spaces are being proposed in order to provide accessible parking to the Rose Park Recreation Center. The city's effort to reserve on-street accessibility parking near Rose Park is part of an overall effort by the city to reserve accessible parking near city-owned recreational centers located within DC parks.

ANC 2E appreciates that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) took the time to review the locations of the initially proposed accessibility parking spaces for this Notice of Intent (NOI) with the Friends of Rose Park (FRP) and the single member district (SMD) commissioner. The ANC also appreciates that DDOT agreed to change the locations of the two on-street parking spaces to work in tandem with other uses of the park such as the regular farmers market.

ANC 2E supports this effort and the locations, however the ANC does note that on-street parking is a limited asset for the residents of the east side of Georgetown and those visiting. Residents living near Rose Park requiring an accessible, handicapped spot in front of their home can apply for such. Other residents with DC license plates and registration can apply for a zone parking sticker. Given the ANC's support for the proposed accessible on-street parking spaces and the realities of our city's on-street

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parking regulations, the ANC also asks DDOT to follow citywide regulations regarding the specifics of these accessible parking spaces, including:

- **Timeframe Per Day:** The timeframes on the parking signs should be when the Rose Park Recreation Center and/or the park is open. For example, understanding that the building closes at 5:00 pm, it was suggested to DDOT that 8:00 am to 7:00 pm might be a reasonable set of hours given the purpose of these spaces is for accessing the recreation center.
- **Hours Per User:** Except for residents with zoned parking passes, on-street parking in Georgetown is intended for short-term use. As with other on-street spaces, the signage for these on-street parking spaces should limit the parking for a specific number of hours per user so that other users requiring accessibility can also take advantage of the spaces. Therefore, consistent with DC regulations, the ANC asks DDOT to remember that the signage should indicate a specific number of hours per use, e.g. 2-hour parking, and that a visible handicap placard is required.

Commissioners Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gwendolyn Lohse" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gwendolyn Lohse
Chair, ANC 2E