



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
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RE: Volta Park Playground Sinkhole

Dear Chairperson Hill,

On May 1, 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 requests urgently for the Department of General Services (DGS) to immediately repair the surface of the children's playground at Volta Park Recreation Center. A sinkhole has developed underneath the rubber surface. It has created a void underneath the surface that makes the ground unacceptably unsteady and dangerous. At least one child has already been seriously hurt, including a broken tibia, by this sinkhole. It has persisted since at least 2022. Repeated requests to repair the sinkhole from the ANC, the Friends of Volta Park, and Councilmember Pinto's office have gone unanswered.

The ANC urgently reiterates and echoes these requests and demands DGS take immediate steps to eliminate this hazardous condition.

Commissioners Topher Mathews (2E02@dc.gov) and Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representative in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS:

Kishan Putta, District 1	Topher Mathews, District 2	Paul Maysak, District 3
Joe Massaua, District 4	Mimsy Lindner, District 5	Gwendolyn Lohse, District 6
Daniel Chao, District 7	John DiPierri, District 8	

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gwendolyn Lohse" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Gwendolyn Lohse
Chair, ANC 2E

CC: John Stokes, Associate Director of External Affairs, DGS
Grace Reeder, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services
Brian Romanowski, Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Brooke Pinto