



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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RE: Commendation of Jerry McCoy for his Service as Director of Peabody Room at the Georgetown Library

Dear Councilmember Pinto and Director Reyes-Gavalin,

On July 1, 2024 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:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2E commends Jerry McCoy for his nearly quarter of a century of service to our community as the Director of The Peabody Room, which collects and showcases Georgetown history within the Georgetown Neighborhood Library. His dedication has benefited countless tourists, residents, authors, ANC Commissioners, architects, historians, Old Georgetown Board members, and the community at large. When asked about Jerry's impact to the community, and to them specifically, his many admirers referenced similar themes of his commitment, passion, deep knowledge, attention to all requests, lively nature, and savior of the Peabody Room post the library fire in 2007. A sample of his influence on various projects include:

As stated by Tom Birch, former ANC Commissioner and member of Georgetown Library Friends group:

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“Jerry McCoy was especially helpful to the ANC in considering the fate of the property owned in the 19th century by Yarrow Mahmout, the formerly enslaved entrepreneur of African descent who lived on the 3300 block of Dent Place in Georgetown. Years after Mahmout’s death in 1823, the house he owned had fallen into disrepair and neglect. Jerry McCoy and the resources he produced from the Peabody Room’s archives helped us understand what kind of structure might appropriately replace the ruined house, and the archeology required to assess and learn from the site.”

And as stated by Kitty Kelley, a nationally renowned biographer:

“Jerry is a writer’s best friend – a twenty-four-carat gold resource!”

ANC 2E commends Mr. McCoy for his service to librarian sciences, United States history, our city, and Georgetown. Jerry is beloved, and he will be greatly missed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Gwendolyn Lohse
Chair, ANC 2E