



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Wasi Khan
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RE: Use of Machine Molded Bricks for Walkways and Bluestone for Curbs in the Georgetown Neighborhood

Dear Mr. Khan,

On April 30, 2018 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:

WHEREAS, ANC 2E has noticed an increased usage of granite in Georgetown's historic curbs when the District Department of Transportation has had to make repairs,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E desires to preserve the aesthetic element of the neighborhood, which demands the reuse of bluestone for Georgetown's curbs,

WHEREAS, bluestone curbing was laid primarily in the late 19th century and early 20th century in Georgetown,

WHEREAS, the Washington Post reported on May 22, 1909 that the District Commissioners budgeted for street improvements across the city. Its article laid out the details of the long-awaited public works project, which included the setting of bluestone curbs on both sides of roadways, re-laying cobble gutters, and regulating the surface of roadways with gravel, at an estimated cost of \$1,100,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E has had many conversations with the District Department of Transportation's Chief Materials Engineer concerning the use of bluestone for curbs and machine molded bricks for walkways. The Commission was assured by the Chief

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Materials Engineer that DDOT's procedures can be adjusted to include the use of machine molded bricks and the reuse of bluestone curbs,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E values its historic walkways and streetscapes,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E believes that machine molded bricks should be used for Georgetown's walkways,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E believes that bluestone is the appropriate choice for Georgetown's historic curbs, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2E will be sending this resolution to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and DC's Historic Preservation Office for the agencies' historic preservation review of DDOT's brick and bluestone implementation procedures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E requests that the District Department of Transportation utilize only vendors that provide machine molded bricks for Georgetown's walkways, as well as reuse and/or salvage bluestone for Georgetown's curbs when possible, thereby minimizing the use of granite.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gibbons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E