



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

"Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C."

March 21, 2014

Ms. Sharia Shanklin
Interim Director
Department of Parks and Recreation
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RE: Request by the Duke Ellington Society and the Friends of Francis Field for a letter of support to host the fifth annual "Duke Ellington Concert" on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Duke Ellington Park (21st Street and New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.)

Dear Director Shanklin,

At its regular meeting on March 19, 2014, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With five of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (5-0):

Edward "Duke" Ellington's birth in the West End neighborhood of Washington, D.C. has been established by his official District of Columbia birth certificate, which shows that he was delivered by a midwife on April 29, 1899 at a house at 2129 Ward Place, N.W.

Residents of today's West End neighborhood wish to recognize and honor him with the fifth annual birthday concert in the "Duke Ellington Park," a public park named in his honor, located at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue, M Street, and 21st Street, N.W. which is closest to his birthplace.

Therefore, it is resolved that ANC 2A again supports the fifth annual birthday concert coordinated by the Duke Ellington Society and the Friends of Francis Field at the park, and asks that the Department of Parks and Recreation grant any necessary permits for the event scheduled on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Patrick Kennedy (Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov), Florence Harmon (florencedc@comcast.net), and Rebecca Coder (rebeccacoder@mac.com) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



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Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

cc: Gary Griffith; Secretary, Friends of Francis Field