



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

February 25, 2026

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Chair of the Committee on Facilities and Family Services
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RE: Department of Parks & Recreation Performance Oversight Resolution 2026

At its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With five of six commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission, after a motion made by Chairperson Patel and seconded by Commissioner Comer, adopted the following resolution by (4-0-1):

WHEREAS, a long-delayed neighborhood park project at the corner of 26th Street and K Street, N.W., has faced repeated delays, initially attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, and remains a critical quality-of-life project for the community; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2023, the Department of Parks and Recreation (“DPR”) publicly announced the project with a one-million-dollar budget and presented a community-supported design for an expanded park footprint, which ANC 2A formally supported; and

WHEREAS, in spring 2024, DPR informed ANC 2A and the community that the project would be delayed for at least another year due to contractor bankruptcy, but provided no detailed accounting of funds already expended from the one-million-dollar allocation; and

WHEREAS, DPR subsequently communicated that the park would be delivered “within budget” but would no longer reflect the expanded design announced in 2023, without providing consistent or credible explanations to ANC 2A or the community; and

WHEREAS, DPR failed to communicate directly with ANC 2A and the community regarding the rationale for abandoning the expanded design and instead relied on sister agencies, including the Department of General Services and the District Department of Transportation, to provide shifting and contradictory explanations; and



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WHEREAS, DPR inaccurately reported that the Urban Forestry Division had opposed the park expansion due to heritage tree concerns, when in fact the expansion had been approved, and subsequent explanations failed to account for why these constraints were not identified prior to the original project announcement; and

WHEREAS, during a community meeting on February 6, 2025, residents and ANC 2A representatives were met with dismissive, unprofessional, and inappropriate responses from a DPR employee when raising reasonable questions regarding funding allocation and project changes, undermining meaningful community engagement; and

WHEREAS, at that same February 6, 2025 community meeting, DPR represented that a grand opening was expected by the end of the summer, but the park was not completed until September 2025, and DPR provided no timely notice, explanation, or corrective communication to the community regarding the delay; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2025, ANC 2A formally adopted its 2025 Performance Oversight Resolution on DPR, holding the agency accountable for deficiencies in project delivery, fiscal transparency, interagency coordination, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Commission continues to prioritize accountability, transparency, and responsiveness from DPR in FY27 to ensure that public funds are managed responsibly and that capital projects are executed in alignment with community expectations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A:

1. **Requests that DPR provide a full and detailed public accounting** of the one-million-dollar budget allocation for the 26th and K Street, N.W. park project, including amounts spent, and the purposes for which funds were used; and
2. **Encourages DPR to improve FY27 performance** by implementing measures to strengthen project planning, interagency coordination, fiscal transparency, and meaningful community engagement, consistent with DPR’s statutory responsibilities and FY27 performance metrics.

Commissioners Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.



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Sincerely,

Chairperson Trupti J Patel (she/her)
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A
Historic Foggy Bottom
Single Member District 2A03

CC:

Phil Mendelson, Chairman, At-Large Councilmember of the District of Columbia
Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 Councilmember of the District of Columbia
Christiana Henderson, At-Large Councilmember of the District of Columbia
Brienne Nadeau, Ward 1 Councilmember of the District of Columbia
Matthew Frumin, Ward 3 Councilmember of the District of Columbia
Thennie Freeman, Director DC Department of Parks & Recreation
Jimika Williams, Ward 2 Liaison, Mayor's Office of Community Relations