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November 19, 2018

Delano Hunter, Interim Director
D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation
1250 U Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20009

Re: East River Dog Park Group Application

Interim Director Hunter,

At a duly noticed and well attended Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) 7F meeting on October 16, 2018 a representative from East River Dog Park Group (“ERDPG”) presented the group’s formal request for a letter of support to be submitted to the Department of Parks and Recreation (“DPR”) along with their dog park proposal application.

It is ANC 7F’s understanding that a fenced in, off-leash dog park is a public park, where people and their dogs can play together. It is also ANC 7F’s understanding that DPR provides guidelines for application, development and operation of neighborhood fenced-in, off leas dog parks. Furthermore, it is also the understanding that DPR submits an agency budget to the Mayor which is then transmitted to the Council.

Based on ANC 7F’s understanding, the letter of support for ERDPG was approved by a unanimous vote (5-1) in support of the above-referenced application to DPR. ANC 7F’s support for approval also stipulates funding to build the dog park be included in funding to enlarge Benning Stoddert Recreation Center located at 100 Stoddert Place SE. Enlarge in this context is defined as additional general space, classroom space, and an additional floor being added to the facility. Residents also debated and supported the establishment of a dog park at the recommended site in ANC 7F02 and ANC 7F’s funding stipulation. Please file this letter with the official record of this case.

Sincerely,

Tyrell M. Holcomb
Chairperson, ANC 7F