March 15, 2019

Mr. Matthew Marcou  
Chair, Public Space Committee  
District Department of Transportation  
1100 4th Street SW, Third Floor  
Washington, DC 20024

Re: DDOT #322630, Folger Shakespeare Library. Renovation of existing public space features, including construction of a new addition in public space.

Dear Mr. Marcou:

At a regularly scheduled, duly noticed, monthly meeting of ANC 6C on March 13, 2019, with a quorum of 6 out of 6 Commissioners and the public present, ANC 6C voted 6 – 0 to support the concepts in this application of the Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol St SE, involving the renovation of existing public space features.

The Commission believes the project will make the building more attractive and accessible. The project will, among other things:

- Create new exhibition space, including in public space under the plinth.
- Make the building more accessible, with new entry ramps and gardens at the northwest and northeast corners of the building.
- Eliminate the north curb cut and the turnaround driveway on 2nd Street.
- Remove the iron fence on 3rd Street and open the garden on the east side.
- Relocate the heritage magnolia tree on the west side and protect the elm tree.
- Add public seating and discrete lighting outside the building in new gardens.
- Add ramps to the north side of the building up to the plinth.
- Add public bicycle racks on 2nd and 3rd Street, as well as behind the building for staff.

The Commission also understands that the Library does not intend to encourage more vehicle traffic to the area and will not have onsite parking. Pick-up and drop-off from taxis, etc., will occur as it does now, in designated no parking zones.
The Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide its views and looks forward to future consultation on the project as it progresses.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6C.

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair

Cc: Public Space Committee
Melody Fetske, Folger Shakespeare Library
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