



Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C

September 16, 2013

The Honorable Vincent Gray, Mayor
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Control of "pocket parks" in the District of Columbia

Dear Mr. Mayor:

On September 12, 2013, at a duly noticed, regularly scheduled, monthly meeting of ANC 6C, with a quorum of 6 out of 6 commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned matter came before us.

Citizens in ANC 6C are concerned about the future of the City's pocket parks:

- (1) Some of them are given permits by DDOT without review by ANCs.
- (2) Some have been leased or sold to residents, e.g., 616 M Street N.E.
- (3) There is a lack of clarity regarding control of these parks.

ANC6C commissioners thus voted unanimously, 6:0:0, to recommend that the City protect these pocket parks by placing them under the control of the Department of Parks and Recreation and requiring review by ANCs of any proposed change in status.

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

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair

cc: Terry Bellamy
Council Member Tommy Wells
Council Member May Cheh
Council Member David Catania
Council Member Anita Bonds
Council Member David Grasso
Council Member Vincent Orange