



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



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Director Jeff Marootian  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M Street, SE, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Maury Elementary School Renovation

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 8, 2018, our Commission voted 6-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to encourage D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) and the Department of General Services (DGS) to seek a better solution to the amount of play space planned for the renovation of Maury Elementary school. In Virginia, the recommended play space per student for an elementary school with enrollment between 400 and 599 students, based on guidance from the National Program for Playground Safety, is 122 to 183 square feet per student, 3 to 4 times the amount of play space for Maury students under current proposals. The new design also eliminates a 6,000 square foot outdoor classroom and garden space, with no plans for replacement. Failure to provide adequate play space will harm the educational success of students and possibly endanger their safety. Current DGS plans sacrifice play and green space in favor of a large parking lot and a building whose footprint is twenty percent (20%) larger than current conditions

The Commission encourages DDOT to work with DGS, DCPS and the Maury Community to develop innovative approaches to alleviate parking needs at Maury so that the amount of play space can be maximized. In the past, DDOT has successfully developed innovative parking solutions for schools, such as allowing teachers to park on the street during non-peak usage hours. The Commission asks DDOT to exercise this same approach in seeking a solution that addresses teacher and staff parking needs without sacrificing the needs of the children.

Brad Greenfield and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this matter.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Ms. Andrea Swiatocha and Mr. Nathan Morris, DCPS

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