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July 12, 2017

(via email only)
Keith A. Anderson
Director for
Department of Parks and Recreation
1250 U Street, NW – 2nd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Extending Operating Hours a Park View Outdoor Children's Pool

Dear Director Anderson,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A is writing to formally request that the Outdoor Children's Pool at the Park View Recreation Center extend its hours of operation on Saturday and Sunday in the morning. Currently, the pool opens to neighborhood children at noon, yet many parents and children would like the pool to open no later than 10:00 a.m. On July 12, 2017, at a duly called and properly noticed public meeting with a quorum (at least seven Commissioners) present and acting throughout, ANC 1A voted in support (8-0-0) of the community's request.

The growing interest in having greater community access to spray parks and pools should be a familiar issue for you. In response to similar requests from the Petworth community related to spray parks, the Department of Parks and Recreation changed its policy to extend hours of operation in both the morning and evening so that DPR spray parks now open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 8:30 p.m. during their operating season.

While ANC1A recognizes the need for having an onsite lifeguard while pools are open, it is only fair that children and families living in close proximity to outdoor children's pools have the same opportunity to cool off in the hot summer months as children who live close to spray parks. Lastly, it is worth pointing out that families in the Park View community circulated and participated in the 2013 Change.org¹ petition seeking an extension of hours at District pools which collected 1,472 signatures in support of this policy change.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kent C. Boese'.

Kent C. Boese
Chairman, ANC 1A

¹ Petition available at: <https://www.change.org/p/tell-dc-parks-and-rec-to-open-public-outdoor-pools-at-10am-this-summer>