

Subject: FW: Rose Park - Path

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To: 'Russell Katz'; Sebastian, Jim (DDOT)

Cc: 'Dave Salwen'; Adrienne_Applewhaite-Coleman@nps.gov; 'Cindy_Cox@nps.gov'

Subject: RE: Rose Park - Path

Mr. Katz,

Thank you for contacting DDOT and for your interest in the Rose Park trail. I was not aware of the 10 years of discussions (though most parts of the city are under discussion on a fairly regular basis) so I will address the project in its current form.

The rehabilitation of Rose Park trail is part of a larger project to rehabilitate much of the Rock Creek trail. And, just as you desire to have your interests listened to, we need to have time to hear from the many interests that are related to the much larger part of this project. To date, we have been working with NPS to come to a common understanding of what rehabilitation means. I think we are near that point and then will begin the Environmental Assessment (EA) where we will compare the environmental impacts of various rehabilitation plans and also collect more information from the public. When that process is complete, we will then come to a final agreement with NPS about the work that needs to be done and then will begin the process to rehabilitate the trails in both Rose Park and Rock Creek.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Unfortunately, I can not include a timeline as we do not have one at this point, but could maybe provide something once the EA begins.

Sincerely,

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Cc: 'Dave Salwen'

Subject: RE: Rose Park - Path

Hi Heather,

The Friends of Rose Park is very curious about your progress. We have been engaged in dialogue with DDOT and NPS in one form or another for 10 years or so now.

When Chris Holben met with us on October 16, 2006, he outlined a process that would finally lead to an improvement in the Rose Park Path. The schedule he discussed is now at least a year late, and we are completely in the dark regarding any progress.

FRP, the ANC, CAG (Citizens Association of Georgetown), and the NPS are all on record in their agreement that the path should be left in its current location at its current width; and that it should be renovated and improved because of the terrible condition it has been in for at least the past decade.

We believe it is time for the Rose Park Path to be fixed up. We've worked on this and waited a very long time, and we can't understand why Chris Holben's DDOT timeline has failed and why every discussion and effort since the 90's has not resulted in any action.

Can you tell us what the plan is for the path, and how and when it will be resolved and improved?

Thank you,

Russell Katz

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