



Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association (BNCA), I am writing to express support for the installation of a Capital Bikeshare station at the northwest corner of 12th and Irving Streets, NE.

BNCA is an all volunteer neighborhood association. Part of our mission is to sponsor and participate in activities designed to improve the quality of life in the Brookland neighborhood of northeast Washington, DC. There is an avid core of bicycle riders among the BNCA membership and among Brookland residents, generally. BNCA has been active in promoting use of the Metropolitan Branch Trail and, last fall, sponsored a series of weekly Saturday bicycle rides for fun and fitness. Bicycling and trail rides and activities will continue to be a BNCA priority in 2012.

The existing Capital Bikeshare stations in Brookland – at 10th and Monroe Streets, NE and at 12th and Newton Streets, NE – have proven to be very popular and are a great addition to the neighborhood. Now, it's time to expand to other Brookland locations.

We propose a location at 12th and Irving Streets, NE for the following reasons:

- Customer demand is already straining the capacity of existing Brookland Capital Bikeshare stations.
- This location is about half-way between the existing Brookland Capital Bikeshare stations, the Brookland/CUA Metro station, and the Rhode Island Avenue Metro station and corridor.
- It's an easy and convenient ride to the Franklin Street entrance of the Metropolitan Branch Trail from this location.
- There is ample sidewalk space at this location for station installation and plenty of sunlight throughout the day for the solar panels powering the station.

- Staff and patrons of three existing institutions at this location (Casey Trees, First Time Computers, and Total Relaxation) would be served and would benefit. Other businesses expected to locate nearby would also benefit.

- Residents nearby support this location.

Thank you very much for considering this request. BNCA's point of contact on this matter is Astrid Joehnk. Please feel free to contact Ms. Joehnk at (202) 615-2058 if you need further information or have any questions.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline Petti".

Caroline Petti, President