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ANC 3C Resolution No. 2017-021
Resolution Regarding D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation and
D.C. Department of General Services Plan to Build a Ward 3 Outdoor
Swimming Pool on the Grounds of the Hearst Field as Part of the
Hearst Park and Improvement Project.

Whereas, Hearst Recreation Center (Hearst Park) is approximately a four-acre park located at 37th Street, Idaho Avenue, and Quebec Street, NW, and Hearst Elementary, Hearst Playground, and Hearst Recreation Center Cottage at the northern boundary, and is contiguous or proximate to multiple residences included within the boundaries of ANC 3C;

Whereas, Mayor Bowser's administration has prioritized the development of an efficient, effective, and transparent 21st century government;

Whereas, the D.C. budget appropriates funds for construction of an outdoor swimming pool in Hearst Park in FY 2019;

Whereas, ANC 3C strongly supports construction of one or more outdoor public swimming pools in Ward 3, in order to support the more than 77,000 residents who do not have a public outdoor pool in their ward;

Whereas, on September 20, 2016, ANC 3F passed a Resolution Requesting Formal Involvement of the District's Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) in the Design of the Hearst Park and Pool Project and Hydrology and Geologic Studies;

Whereas, on April 18, 2017, ANC 3F passed a Resolution Requesting a Steering Committee and Appropriate Updates;

Whereas, the District's Department of General Services (DGS) and the District's Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) conducted a community meeting in February 2017 that included a discussion of planned next steps with regard to geologic and hydrologic study of the significant current and historic storm water runoff issues that affect the Hearst field and neighboring residences, a study of the heritage trees and how to address the potential impacts of construction as well as site selection of park amenities given the tree locations, and that such studies (inclusive of corresponding analyses) have yet to be provided to the community;

Whereas, on April 3, 2017, DGS presented plans for the Hearst Park and Pool Improvement Project to ANC 3C, during which ANC 3C requested that copies of the tree and environmental studies be presented to ANC 3C and the community upon their completion;

Whereas ANC 3C notes that DGS has not presented the requested studies, including those requested by ANC 3C, and therefore ANC 3C will refrain from comment as to the specific location for a Ward 3 pool at this time;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that ANC 3C:

1. Urges that before pool site selection is finalized, DPR consider the placement that preserves existing recreational functions and is large enough to accommodate parking, landscaping, sanitary facilities, and maintenance while minimizing impact on the community;
2. Urges that before any budgeted funds are spent on pool construction, DGS and DPR complete thorough geologic and hydrologic studies, a study of heritage trees and report on how to address potential impacts of construction and site selection of park amenities given tree locations, and a traffic and parking study;
3. Urges that said studies be promptly completed and presented to the community; and
4. Urges that DPR conduct a community meeting in which the city- and community-hired arborists and Urban Forestry Division discuss the results of their respective studies and resulting assessment of the Hearst Park trees in relation to the site location of the pool and park amenities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C intends to review the study results and respond accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair, the Commissioner for 3C05, and/or their designees are authorized to represent ANC 3C on this matter.

Attested by



Nancy J. MacWood
Chair, on September 18, 2017

This resolution was approved by a roll-call vote of 6-0-1, on September 18, 2017 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.