



Resolution on the Proposed Hearst Park and Pool Improvement Project
Approved February 28, 2017

Whereas, Hearst Recreation Center (Hearst Park) is approximately a four acre park located at 37th Street, Idaho Avenue, and Quebec Street, NW, within CPCA's boundaries; and

Whereas, the District of Columbia Department of General Services (DGS) and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) are in the planning stages of the Hearst Park and Pool Improvement Project; and

Whereas, the Cleveland Park Citizens Association supports a public outdoor pool in Ward 3; and

Whereas, informal non-scientific survey results and opinions expressed at community meetings have demonstrated that there are differing understandings of the facts surrounding the siting of a pool at Hearst Park; and

Whereas, community concerns about the Project include (1) environmental considerations, specifically the impact on mature trees, storm water management and a possible increase in water run-off; (2) matters relating to civil engineering, specifically the size and location of the proposed pool and deck, the size and location of the tennis courts, the size and location of the soccer field, the size and location of auxiliary fields, stairs, lighting, fencing, and paths; and (3) the overall impact on the immediate neighborhood such as parking and lighting, and on the existing recreational activities at Hearst Park; and

Whereas, the District of Columbia has an obligation to address the valid concerns of its citizens.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that CPCA:

- (1) requests the City Council and the Mayor direct DGS and DPR, before any budgeted funds are spent on pool construction, to complete thorough analyses of the concerns detailed above to assess whether the Hearst Park and Pool Improvement Project will have any negative impact on the environment, and whether the site will support a pool, pool deck and pool house without compromising existing recreational functions;
- (2) requests that such analyses and findings be presented to affected ANC's, CPCA, and other relevant neighborhood organizations, and to community residents;
- (3) requests that, in the event these analyses indicate that construction of a pool and attendant facilities at Hearst Park would have an unacceptable negative impact on the environment, or on existing functions and/or the immediate neighborhood, that the current budget appropriation for a Ward 3 pool remain intact, but without specific references to Hearst Park; and that DGS and DPR move with haste to identify an alternate Ward 3 site through a transparent and participatory process;
- (4) requests community input including placing at least two community residents on the planning and design team; and
- (5) directs CPCA's President or designee to transmit a copy of this resolution to City Council Member Mary Cheh, Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and Mayor Muriel Bowser.