



February 24, 2015

KCA Resolution on DGS/DPR Plans for Kalorama Park

Having witnessed various presentations, online and in person, on changes proposed for Kalorama Park, the KCA members present and constituting a quorum, hereby make the following resolutions:

1. That we support the installation of new playground equipment in the two playgrounds at Kalorama Park upon further consultation by DGS/DPR with the community, and the HPRB, and we note that the DC Department of Parks and Recreation can install new playground equipment at any time without linkage to other construction elements.
2. That we reject the concept developed for the plaza as inconsistent with the existing built hardscape of the park, which is elegant in its simplicity and remains largely unchanged from the 1947 National Park Service design. Additionally, we strongly doubt that such a permeable pavement system is the appropriate design for the location, due to the maintenance required and the organic materials present in the park that will inevitably contaminate the system. Any erosion problems connected to the plaza can be taken care of with a far lighter touch, using less intrusive methods and by repairing the existing trench drain. The DGS/DPR plan as presented to the DC HPRB represents far too much disturbance of the earth with attendant risks to archaeological resources underground.
3. That KCA will seek the highest historic protections available for the built environment, archaeology and social history of Kalorama Park.
4. That the KCA leadership is authorized by the membership to undertake any steps necessary to achieve the goals of this resolution, such as hiring a historic research contractor to develop an application for an amended Landmark application to the DC HPRB, and associated tasks.

This resolution was approved at the January 15, 2015 meeting of the Kalorama Citizens Association, a quorum being present.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denis James".

Denis James