

# Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

## Resolution Supporting DPR FY25 Funding Request For Reservation310A

#### **Introduced January 16, 2024**

**Whereas:** the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) provides quality urban recreation and leisure services for residents and visitors to the District of Columbia and supervises multiple small triangle parks in the commission area, including the triangle park bounded by Mount Pleasant St and Park Road, formally known by DPR as "Reservation 310A."

**Whereas:** Reservation 310A is situated between the Mount Pleasant St. commercial corridor and residential blocks of Mt. Pleasant, serving as a central location for area pedestrians, and abuts a frequented crosstown bus stop for the H4 & D32 routes.

**Whereas:** walkthroughs with District government representatives, including DPR, ANC1D Commissioners, and the Mayor's Office of Community Representatives, confirmed that the park's walkways are uneven, posing a safety issue to pedestrians, and temporary seating provided by residents substitutes for permanent seating for parkgoers.

**Whereas:** the Park Road Triangle Park "Adopt-A-Park" group renewed an Adopt-A-Park MOA with DPR in 2022 (see appendex item 2), and was in fact the first DPR "Adopt-A-Park" partner in Washington, D.C (see appendix item 3).

Whereas: The Park Partner has followed the MOA instructions to report needed repairs and services in the park to DPR by electronic mail (see appendix item 4).

**Whereas:** DPR's Capital Projects, Planning and Design team indicated that an estimated \$400,000 FY 2025 budget request would likely cover community-identified upgrades and renovations for Reservation 310A, including repairing walkways to prevent safety hazards and installing benches, among other potential improvements (e.g. water spigot repair, electrical outlet repair, soil amendment).

**Whereas:** As part of DPR's 2022 Ready2Play plan, aimed to address existing inequities in DC parks and recreation systems through future investments and operations, DPR developed an Equity Framework to provide a decision-making tool to help guide DPR's future capital investments, operations, programming, and maintenance. This Equity Framework identified Reservation 310A as lacking recent investment, and ranked 310A in the top 10 citywide scores for community engagement (see fig 1 & appendix item 5).

### **EQUITY FRAMEWORK**



Figure 1. Reservation 310A as listed in DPR Ready2Play Equity Framework

**Therefore, be it resolved that:** ANC1D urges DPR to include a line item for an estimated \$400,000 FY 2025 capital budget allocation for a Design/Build Project to refresh and renovate the Park Road Triangle Park (Reservation 310A).

**Be it further resolved that:** That the Commission designates Commissioner Erika Nunez ANC 1D03, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

**Be it further resolved that:** That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

**Be it further resolved that:** Consistent with DC Code, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

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Certification: At a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting held on January 16, 2024 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D considered the above resolution. With a quorum of 6 Commissioners present, the Commission voted with 6 yea's, 0 no's, and 0 abstentions to adopt the above resolution. Voting yes: Allison, Grigg, Parbhoo, Decker, Willis, and Núñez.

#### **Appendix:**

- 1. DPR FY24 Small Parks Improvement Budget
- 2. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND PARK ROAD TRIANGLE PARK COMMITTEE
- 3. HISTORY OF THE PARK ROAD TRIANGLE PARK
- 4. Memorandum to the Department of Parks and Recreation
- 5. Ready2Play