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Resolution Regarding Construction of Ball Fields at Fort Reno Park

Whereas, the National Park Service (NPS) and the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) entered into a General Agreement, dated December 3, 2003, to maintain the existing ball field at Fort Reno Park and to develop and maintain a new ball field there as well.

Whereas, DPR, through its consultant, Rhodeside-Harwell, presented conceptual designs for the proposed fields on May 27, 2004 at a special meeting of ANC3E and the ANC3F06 commissioner. Each of the plans called for the development of two soccer fields, in conjunction with either a baseball or softball field.

Whereas, on October 14th, 2004, DPR, NPS and Rhodeside-Harwell presented to ANC 3E a revised single Final Concept Plan for ball fields at Fort Reno, which includes the following specifications:

- a 90' baseball diamond with 310' outfield near Chesapeake Street
- a backstop and 10' high foul line fencing totaling 260 linear feet
- no fencing in the outfield
- players' dugouts inside the foul line fences
- benches for spectators, but not bleachers, outside the foul line fences
- a regulation-sized, 100 yd. x 60 yd. (300' x 180'), soccer field at a slant across the outfield, with 15 feet of clearance on all sides
- an 80 yd. x 55 yd. (240' x 165') youth soccer field to the north with 15 feet clearance on all sides
- no retaining wall, but steps into the park from Donaldson Place
- a new 5' wide sidewalk along Chesapeake Street
- irrigation of all fields
- new trees along Chesapeake Street as well as between the tennis courts and third base foul line fence; and

WHEREAS, at the September 14th ANC meeting, DPR, NPS and Rhodeside-Harwell reaffirmed that no artificial turf, bleachers, lighting for night games, or perimeter fencing would be included in the ball field plan.

Whereas, because ANC3E believes that is dangerous to allow baseball to be played at the same time as youth soccer, ANC 3E contacted the United States Army Corps of Engineers to see whether a small piece of property thought to be owned by the Corps could be included in the ball field plan, thus possibly allowing the youth soccer field to be rotated ninety degrees, thereby creating more distance between the baseball field and the youth soccer field. As of the time of this meeting, ANC 3E has not yet heard back from the Corp regarding the status of this property, but will nevertheless vote on this resolution so as not to contribute to any delay in the execution of this plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: ANC 3E supports the Final Concept Plan for ball fields at Fort Reno Park on the following conditions:

1. that no artificial turf, lighting for night games, or perimeter fencing, be included in the ball field plan;
2. that DPR follow through with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to determine the feasibility of incorporating an additional piece of property into the ball field plan, and that if it is possible to incorporate the additional property, that DPR make reasonable efforts to use the property so long as doing so will not unduly delay execution of the ball field plan;
3. that all archeological surveys required by applicable law be conducted.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its regular meeting on November 11, 2004, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 4-0. Commissioners Chapman Todd, Lucy Eldridge, Amy McVey and Amy Hoang were present.

Lucy Eldridge, ANC 3E