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#1E-2025-0401: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A DOG PARK AT BANNEKER

WHEREAS, District residents close to Banneker Park regularly walk their dogs around the southern field that includes a baseball diamond and track due to the closed fence and vast green space; and

WHEREAS, Neighbors and ANC 1E Commissioners have been working with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to begin the application process for installing a dog park at Banneker Park; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Banneker dog park would be located on the southeast edge of the field (see image in Appendix A) and consist of roughly 6,100 sq feet, which meets DPR's 5,000 square feet minimum (sec 733.1); and

WHEREAS, Many dog owners already use the under-utilized land that would become the dog park to walk and play with their dogs (sec 733.4); and

WHEREAS, The community request is to keep all the grass and trees currently on the site; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) conducted a survey of the proposed Banneker dog park location and deemed it suitable; and

WHEREAS, DPR reviewed the proposed Banneker dog park location and deemed it suitable; and

WHEREAS, The DPR Dog Park Application Review Committee (DPARC) reviewed the proposed Banneker dog park location and deemed it suitable (see 625 T Street Determination Letter in Appendix B); therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1E supports the community's request for a dog park at Banneker Park, as outlined in Appendix A; further

BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1E encourages the DPR Director to review and approve the application immediately after the 30-day comment period in the DC Register since DPR, DOEE, and DPARC have already reviewed and endorsed the Banneker dog park location; further

BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1E designates Commissioners Brian Footer and Josh Jacobson to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution. In the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, ANC 1E authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this Resolution.

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Certification:

At a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting held on April 23, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E considered the above resolution. With a quorum of 6 Commissioners present, the Commission voted with 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.



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Chairperson, ANC 1E



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TO:

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APPENDIX A: PROPOSED LOCATION OF BANNEKER DOG PARK (OUTLINED IN ORANGE ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER)



APPENDIX B: 625 T STREET DETERMINATION LETTER



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Parks and Recreation



February 26, 2025

Mr. Parker Griffin
Friends of North Shaw Dog Park

Re: Dog Park Application – 625 T Street, NW

Dear Mr. Griffin,

Thank you for your advocacy and commitment to expanding dog park access in the Shaw community. We appreciate the time and effort you have dedicated to this application.

DPR has carefully reviewed your request in accordance with Title 19, Chapter 7 of the DC Municipal Regulations. While we recognize the strong community support for a dog park at 625 T Street, NW, the property owner, DMPED, has indicated plans to establish a farmers' market at this site. Additionally, I do not believe this location is suitable for a dog park due to its small size and proximity to The Howard Theatre. Given these factors, DPR is denying your application.

However, we encourage you to explore alternative locations. The District's Dog Park Application Review Committee (DPARC) has recommended the southern end of Banneker Park as a potential site. Please feel free to connect with Brent Sisco from DPR's Capital Projects team at brent.sisco@dc.gov or (202) 615-9824 to discuss options.

We appreciate your dedication and look forward to working together to identify a suitable location for a new dog park in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thennie M. Freeman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thennie M. Freeman
Director, DC Department of Parks and Recreation