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ANC 6B RESOLUTION ON FRIENDS OF VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

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Whereas, Virginia Avenue Park (VAP) is included in the original L’Enfant plan and is an historically significant sector of Capitol Hill;

Whereas, neighborhood development in the vicinity of the Park is increasing at a rapid rate as is the number of potential Park users;

Whereas, concurrent with this development, most of VAP was disturbed by the CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel project, causing partial closure of the Park from 2015 to 2019;

Whereas, with the exception of its Community Garden, VAP had been little used for many years, members of the community began meeting in 2015 to discuss and plan for the creation of a revitalized park, once the CSX Tunnel Project concluded;

Whereas, Oehme van Sweden, DC’s awarding winning landscape design firm, in 2017 created a new concept for the Park to meet the needs of the changing neighborhood;

Whereas, the community group formally organized as the Friends of Virginia Avenue Park (FVAP) and adopted By Laws in November 2018;

Whereas, FVAP became officially recognized as non-profit 501(c)(3) organization by both the District of Columbia and the U.S. Government in early 2020;

Whereas, the FVAP has been working with the Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) to assure that the Oehme van Sweden concept plan is realized and provide general oversight and advocacy of the Park for its potential users; and

Therefore, be it Resolved, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B fully supports the Friends of Virginia Avenue Park organization and its request of the DPR to be a *Park Partner* and so voted 10-0-0 at a regular meeting with a quorum present on March 10, 2020.

Sincerely,

Brian Ready
Chair, ANC 6B