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Statement to the Alexandria Virginia City Council by Gary Carr,

March 14, 2015

“There was no reason in the world for a young black kid to be on Mount Vernon Avenue. First of all, he was putting himself in harms way. It was crazy times. You think about this. Athletes, some kinda way, will gravitate to each other. I never saw a football game at George Washington High School, never saw a basketball game, never saw a baseball game, never saw a track meet. You never felt like you would be welcome. So just to be on the safe side, why take a chance?” Earl Lloyd

Mr. Mayor and Members of Council, my name is Gary Carr. I rise in support of the restoration of the historic running track and field at George Washington Middle School. I also mark the passing of legendary Alexandria native Earl Lloyd, the first African American to play in the Nationals Basketball Association, and the first black non-playing coach. Earl grew up in an Alexandria far removed from the City my daughters have grown up in. But the greatest sportsman Alexandria ever produced, had a childhood of marginalized second-class citizenship.

As Lloyd continues, *“Parker-Gray High School, athletically, (as far as equipment and that kinda stuff) we had nothing. We didn't have a gymnasium, we had that little band box auditorium, we didn't have a football field, baseball diamond, and we couldn't have a track team.”*

The wounds that Alexandria inflicted on generations of African Americans is still widely felt by the surviving patriarchs; men that are of my father's age. Many of them still hold resentments for the opportunities lost because "that was the way it was." When reflecting on my efforts to restore the running track at GW, one person of this generation reacted with scornful bitterness. Why would we need to replace a running track that is an object of such pain? The scars that have been inflicted are deep and lasting. But they don't see what I see, and they don't know what I know. It is, that decrepit running track at George Washington is one of the last visages of Alexandria's history of segregation and discrimination. That it hasn't been restored already is a travesty. What was separate then, should be equal now. *What was separate then, should be equal now.*

Alexandria has come a long way from the one described by Earl Lloyd. Perhaps, it still has a long way to go. Yet, the children at the now George Washington Middle School attend classes harmoniously together- all races, creeds and colors. For the most part they are unmindful of the institutions history. It is time, indeed past time, to return the historic running track to the glory it once knew. Not just for the children of today and tomorrow, but for those last surviving citizens, who as children, were never afforded the opportunity to play at the George Washington Facility. As the people who lived this history, become history themselves, one thing will remain true- if you build it, they will run.

SPORTS

TC Boys Track Wins States

The T.C. Williams boys' indoor track team won the state championship on Monday and Tuesday at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton.

The Titans produced a score of 70, followed by Western Branch (58), Grassfield (57) and Lake Braddock (51).

TC's Noah Lyles and Josephus Lyles placed first and second, respectively, in the 55-meter dash, finishing with times of 6.27 and 6.28 seconds.

Noah Lyles also won the 300 state title (33.93) and Josephus Lyles won the 500 (1:04.6).

The T.C. Williams boys' 4x400 relay team (Mahlique Booth, Josephus Lyles, Isaih Clarke, Noah Lyles) also won a state title, turning in a time of 3:23.65.

Anteneh Girma finished runner-up in the 3200 (9:28.75) for the Titans. Booth finished second in the long jump (22-8).

The T.C. Williams girls' team placed fifth with a score of 29, Western Branch won the state title with a score of 130.

TC's Alexis Foreman won the state shot put title with a throw of 41-11 1/2.

Trio Competes

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most is from [the Conference 7 meet in] 2014," Girard wrote. "The anticipation of hearing our name, TC Williams, announced as the first-place team was exhilarating. I will never forget the excitement, joy, and pride that had grown since the beginning of my high school career."

The individual state meet was originally scheduled for Feb. 21, but was postponed three times due to inclement weather concerns.

In All-Star Game

Senior Ice Hockey Captain, Ryan Scott, represented the Bishop Ireton Cardinals at the 2015 Northern Virginia Scholastic Hockey League (NVSHL) All-Star Game on Feb. 18 at the Ashburn Ice House. He was selected by the league coaches as the sole Cardinal at the game which featured the 46 best high school hockey players from the 21 teams in the league across Northern Virginia. Ryan earned his spot in the game by finishing 3rd overall in league scoring with 21 goals and 19 assists for 40 points in 10 regular season games. Ryan also participated in last year's All-Star game along with then fellow Ireton teammate, Stephen Gerke.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
Bishop Ireton Ice Hockey captain
Ryan Scott

The Bishop Ireton Ice Hockey team finished the season with a 3-7 record but were within one win in their last game of a playoff berth.

Ryan also played his travel hockey for the Northern Virginia Ice Dogs, which plays out of the Mt. Vernon Rec center, culminating last season with a Bronze medal at the 2014 USA Hockey National Championships.

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TAKE NOTICE
 Notice for Proposed Precinct and Polling Place Changes:
 Charles Houston Recreation Center (new precinct and polling place) and replacing the St. James Church polling place with the Hermitage.

On March 14, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., the Alexandria City Council will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 King Street, to consider an ordinance to make two precinct changes effective with the June 9, 2015 Primary Election. The first change would establish Charles Houston Recreation Center (905 Wythe St.) as a new precinct and polling place and the second change would replace the St. James Church (5000 Echols Avenue) polling place with the Hermitage (5000 Fairbanks Ave.).

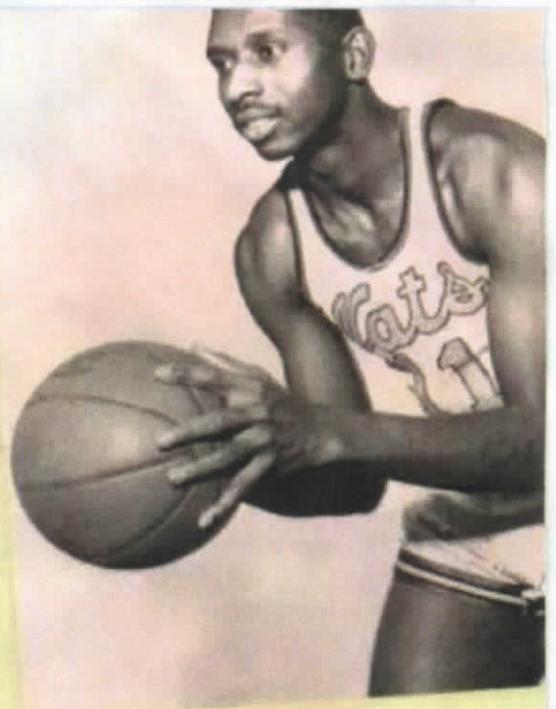
A copy of the full text of the ordinance and a map with the proposed changes is on file with the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, Room 2300, City Hall, 301 King Street. This notice is advertised pursuant to Va. Code Sec. 24-2-306.

For information, please call (703) 746-4550.
 Jacqueline M. Henderson
 City Clerk and Clerk of Council



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The Basketball Journey of **Earl Lloyd**
The first African American to play in the NBA



Earl Lloyd and Sean Kirst

Foreword by Dave Bing

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**A statement by Bert Ely to the Alexandria City Council
regarding the barging-versus-trucking issue
as it relates to the South Robinson Terminal project**

March 14, 2015

Mr. Mayor and members of Council, I am Bert Ely and I am here today to speak, as co-chair of Friends of the Alexandria Waterfront, about a most disturbing email EYA sent Wednesday evening to a select group asking the recipients to contact Council members to express opposition to any requirement that EYA move dirt from and to the South Robinson Terminal site by barge. Attached is a copy of that email

Rather than presenting its concerns to the Ad Hoc Monitoring Group for Waterfront Construction, which the City has set up to address waterfront construction impact issues, EYA has chosen to sidestep that process. This is quite evident by the fact that even though EYA has emailed me in the past about the terminal project, it did not have the courtesy to send that email to me even though I am a member of the Monitoring Group. Who else received EYA's email is unknown.

What is especially troubling about EYA's email is its mischaracterization of the issue and the twisting of facts. First, EYA failed to state the magnitude of the amount of dirt that has to be moved from and to the terminal site. EYA has stated that it plans to remove 55,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the terminal site. It will then have to bring in 70,000 cubic yards of clean soil to replace what was removed and to elevate the site by approximately three feet to raise it above the flood plain. Finally, EYA will have to remove 25,000 cubic yards of that clean soil to provide room for the underground garage it must build.

Those numbers add up to 150,000 cubic yards of dirt that must be moved to and from the terminal site. At ten cubic yards per dump truck, that means 15,000 truck round trips to the site – 15,000 loaded trucks and 15,000 empty trucks rumbling over Old Town streets lined with historic homes. Under those streets is an aging network of water, sewer, and gas lines. EYA completely has ignored the negative impacts of this trucking activity.

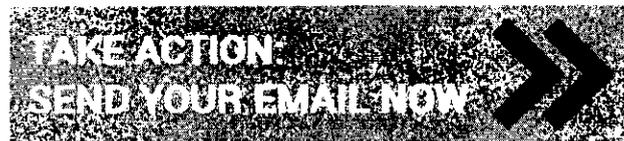
In the message EYA asked the email recipients to send to you, it stated that the terminal project “would haul less material than the [Harris Teeter project].” That is flat-out wrong – three times as much dirt will have to be hauled to and from the South Terminal project as from the Harris Teeter project! The dirt removed from Harris Teeter also did not have to be trucked past historic homes.

EYA claims that barging would take 33% longer without providing any support for that number. In fact, barging should be faster because barge loading could go on for more hours per day. Further, using conveyors to load the barges would be much quieter than noisy trucks chugging along residential streets. Further, loading dirt into “spud” barges anchored off the terminal pier would not damage the pier.

Worst of all, EYA asserts that a barging mandate would cause a \$1.55 million loss of public benefits without providing any support for that number. Quite possibly, the additional cost of barging instead of trucking might be much less, or the all-in cost of barging might even be less than trucking. Given the overall cost of this project, the additional cost to EYA would be quite modest.

Now is not the time to be buffaloed by EYA's scare tactics. Get the facts on the table and take into account the neighborhood impacts of permitting trucking instead of requiring barging for the South Terminal project. If it is a close call, tilt to the residents, voters if you will, and not to yet another developer.

Thank you for your time. I welcome your questions.



ATTENTION: City Officials are considering an expensive & unprecedented mandate which would reduce funds available for public benefits.

Dear xxxxx,

We need your help today to ensure the future of the Alexandria Waterfront at Robinson Terminal South! City decision-makers are considering an extraordinary and expensive requirement that material be brought to and from Robinson Terminal South by barge.

Currently, the pier is not capable of berthing a material barge or supporting the weight of fully loaded trucks to haul the materials between a barge and the site. However, we asked our marine engineers and contractors to develop and price a plan for moving dirt to and from Robinson Terminal South via barge. They

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William A. Goff

New City Field Complex

On Saturday January 24th I spoke before the city council about a field that was under construction in the Eisenhower corridor of Alexandria about ¼ mile from the Hoffman Center. The Clark Construction Company is currently constructing a water treatment plant for Renew Enterprise, the city's water treatment company. The entire infrastructure of this project will be finished to include field lights, a turf field, accessory lighting, bathrooms as well as shrubbery and fences. There is ample street parking adjacent to the field, there are parking lots adjacent to businesses in the area there is a multi tiered outside parking garage within walking distance to the field and there is the PTO parking garage opposite the field and the field is within walking distance to Metro. The field complex is directly accessible to major highways and will be completed by October. The field is located in an industrial area remote from neighborhoods and completely fulfills the urban model of a sports complex. In summary the location of the field is excellent and the cost of the field is zero to the city.

While the cost to redo T.C. Williams's field is now \$7,000,000 as estimated by a school board member, the cost to finish this field would be much less. I am not an architect or a builder but I believe the cost to finish the Eisenhower field—including press box, a scoreboard, a sound system grandstands and concession area would be less than \$600,000. Bottom line you get a state of the art sports complex for \$600,000 and save more than \$6+ million which could be well spent funding school repairs and renovations and expanding the academic development of our students. This is the steal of the century!! It is an investment that will continue to pay dividends. Why are we not moving forward on this issue? Who is dragging their feet?

One issue raised was the issue of adding more seats to the complex. When analyzed this is not an issue—proper footings placed behind the stands similar to the seating at T.C. Williams will allow you to place upwards of 800 seats in the complex. My meeting with the planning and recreation department raised the issue of a needed waiver for the RPA (resource protection area) --there is a provision in the zoning code that

would allow Mr. Moritz to waive this requirement based upon his knowledge of the situation and it is my opinion since the project will have a bike path on the outer border of the complex near the stream this RPA issue has already been addressed. The Recreation Department – was given the field by Renew Enterprise and Mr. Spengler and Ms Norataki – may wish to run with it --and “own it” and not consider any other issues. However it was explained to Mr. Ron Kanaga that the addition of seats would be a boom for the recreation department –enabling them to hold tournaments, semi pro football events college recruitment events and have stadium rental of thousands of dollars per day. Mayor and City Council I addressed this issue in January and you mayor told me that you and council would be looking into this issue and would address it. Well nothing has happened and we are days not weeks of being able “not to do this”. I think it would be a win for the city but also a political win to whomever could deliver a city sports complex which has been sought after since 2004.