

City of Alexandria Seeks Public Comment on Proposal to Rename Buchanan Park to Honor Leatrice Byrd

The City of Alexandria is seeking public comment on a proposal to rename Buchanan Park, located at 1501 Cameron St., Leatrice Byrd Park. Leatrice Byrd lived her life as devoted mother always putting her children and those in the neighborhood first. The legacy of her family and the children of the Buchanan, Cameron, Boyle, and Princess Street neighborhoods were her proudest accomplishment. She lived a selfless life receiving happiness and joy by doing for others.

Those interested in providing comments will be able to record their comments by email to jack.browand@alexandriava.gov, subject line: Leatrice Byrd Park, or mailed to RPCA, Attn: Jack Browand, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria VA 22314. The City Council Naming Committee will review all comments received or postmarked by Friday, June 21.

For additional information, contact Jack Browand, Division Chief, at 703.746.5504 or by email at jack.browand@alexandriava.gov.

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Jack Browand

From: lfturnage@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 11:45 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Leatrice Byrd Park

Mr. Browand,

Leatrice was my cousin. She was a beautiful person - inside and out!!!

I miss her. Please name the park after her -- it would be a great tribute to one of God's most precious people that roamed this earth.

Thank you,
Linda Turnage

Jack Browand

From: donna marie <dmariedesigns@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 3:27 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Leatrice Byrd Park

Dear Mr. Browand,

Please add my vote/favorable comment to renaming Buchanan Park to honor Leatrice Byrd; as I know first hand what a great lady she was! It will truly be a great tribute to her.

With deep appreciation,

Donna Turnage Spencer
(first cousin of Leatrice Byrd)

Jack Browand

From: Wigglesworth, Velma <vwig@loc.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 11:07 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: FW: Leatrice Byrd park

From: Wigglesworth, Velma
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 7:31 AM
To: 'Jack.browand@Alexandriava.gov'
Subject: Leatrice Byrd park

Good morning, I have know Leatrice Byrd for over 38 years. she was a warm and welcoming lady, if there was something you needed she would go out of her way to help you. All the children in the neighborhood loved her and respected her. You could find Mrs. Byrd sitting on her porch in the back of her home, watching the kids play at the park and at the swimming pool making sure not only her grandchildren but the other children there were safe. This would be such an honor to name the park after her.

Jack Browand

From: vsmith1958@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: FW: City of Alexandria Seeks Public Comment on Proposal to Rename Buchanan Park to Honor Leatrice Byrd

Hi Mr. Browand,

My name is Valarie Smith and I'm the oldest niece of Leatrice Byrd. When my cousin Cecilia contacted me and informed me that the City of Alexandria is seeking to rename the Buchanan Park after my Aunt I was so elated. Leatrice was the most wonderful, caring and thoughtful person you could ever meet. She was my favorite Aunt and was more like a mother figure to me. She and I had a very close bond that no one could ever break. When my mother passed away she stepped right in and became a mother to me and my daughter. She used to babysit for my daughter when I worked in Alexandria. It gave me great joy to have her watch after my daughter. I knew she was in the best of hands.

Everyone in her neighborhood looked up to her as a mother as well. She watched a lot of children on Buchanan, Cameron, Boyle and Princess Streets and watched those who wasn't under her care when they were outside at the playground. Her passing has truly been a devastation to our family and to have Buchanan Park renamed in her honor is a momentous occasion for our family.

She indeed lead a selfless life and always put her children first. Her children are very proud to know that she may be honored in this way. So today, I pray that this will come to fruition and have Buchanan Park renamed in Leatrice Byrd's honor. I would like to thank the City of Alexandria for proposing this and know that it is all in Lords hand and hoping this will come true.

Thank you Mr. Browand for letting me express my sincere generosity to the City of Alexandria.

Valarie Smith
Niece of Leatrice Byrd

Jack Browand

From: ulysses cook <cassandramalloy@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 12:16 PM
To: Jack Browand
Cc: cassandramalloy@verizon.net
Subject: Leatrice Byrd

Leatrice Byrd is my oldest sister. She lived on Buchanan Street since the 1960s. She was always so pleasant, soft spoken, dedicated to always looking after every child in the neighborhood. She would sit on her back porch looking at Buchanan Park to make sure that all the kids in the neighborhood were safe, giving them food and drinks. There was no stranger to her. Everyone was always welcome in house for meals, conversation, just always willing to help everyone. All the children in the neighborhood called her Mom. She just had a heart of gold always putting her family and children in the neighborhood first. Another thing she did was bring every stray animal into her to home that she thought was lost, feeding them and sometimes just keeping them. She ended up keeping I know about five cats and kittens.

Thank you for considering to put this park in her name.

Jack Browand

From: Janet Burrell <janlburrell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 4:56 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Leatrice Byrd Park

Good afternoon,

Mr. Brownand, I fully agree that with the proposal to rename The Buchanan Park to Leatrice Byrd Park.

Goonie (Leatrice Byrd), was a mother to all children from Buchanan, Princess, Boyle and Cameron streets. I have very fond memories of this lovely lady as she opened her home to everyone young and old; especially the children. You knew if you had a probelm Goonie would talk you through it day or night. My own daughter has listened to my many stories of Goonie and how much we all loved her.

My love and my heart go to my life long playmates; Ceal, Bubble, Brian and Bernadette as they graciously shared their mother with us.

This would be a honor not only for her but for her children who we all love and respect.

With many blessings,

Janet Lisenby Burrell (former Buchanan Street resident)

Jack Browand

From: ajran3@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 5:11 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Proposal to Rename Buchanan Park to Honor Leatrice Byrd

Hello Mr. Browand,

I am forwarding this email in support of the renaming of the Buchanan Park to Honor Leatrice Byrd.

Leatrice Byrd is my aunt. She is a loving caring person who would give the shirt off her back to help others. As children, my sister and I would sleepover at her home and as adults would visit her. It was truly amazing to see the love of community, the neighbors, and the young children would stop in to visit and the children in the community whom had grown up would visit her whenever they were in the area. She was the landmark of Buchanan Street. Every one loved her and she loved them back. She had this quiet manner about her, always with a smile on her face and always available to help everyone. She was a great cook and would feed those who couldn't afford a meal or did not have anything to eat.

She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, daughter and sister. She was a wonderful mother, always providing guidance and support to her children, caring for her grandchildren and helping my mother to care for my grandfather when he had taken ill. She was also there when my mother had taken ill. I will never forget how my Aunt Leatrice pretty much put her life on hold as she helped to care for my mother who unfortunately passed away in 1992. She loved her sister and there wasn't anything that she would not do for her.

She was a rock, a very strong loving woman who cared about her community. She loved Buchanan Street and Buchanan Park. She would sit out on her back porch always looking out for the children in the community and there to talk with the neighbors. She was like a magnet, as everyone was immediately drawn to her. She was just simply, very easy to talk to.

I want to thank you in advance for the consideration and hope that the City of Alexandria will approve to rename Buchanan Park to the Leatrice Byrd Park.

Respectfully,

Angie Randall

Jack Browand

From: torrimalloy1@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 6:13 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Leatrice Byrd Park

Hello,

I would like to comment on the Buchanan Park being named after my sister Leatrice Byrd. Leatrice was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and neighbor. Leatrice believed in paying it forward. She always looked out for the children on Buchanan Playground. Whether it was to let them use her restroom, give them water, bandage their cuts they got while playing on the playground, picking up trash that older kids left behind, she was there for them. I'm her youngest sister. Her kids and I are around the same age. I have a now 18 year old daughter. Buchanan Park was my daughter's first playground she EVER played on. Hopefully the park will be named after Leatrice. If not we will continue to treat it as if it was. Thank so much for considering my Lovely Angel Leatrice Byrd.

Torri Malloy-Honesty

305 Buchanan Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

June 7, 2013

RPCA

Attn: Mr. Jack Browand
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Subject: Leatrice Byrd Park

I hope and am praying that you all seriously consider renaming Buchanan Park to Honor Leatrice Byrd because I believe that would be an honorable thing to do and I am grateful that someone thought to propose this. It would be a beautiful moment and time in the history of the City of Alexandria if the City Council Naming Committee after reviewing comments came to agree and passed a vote to rename the Buchanan Park in Honor of Leatrice Byrd.

Leatrice Byrd was a rare find. She was always the same whenever you saw her in her front yard or out back. She loved Buchanan Street in its entirety, and I know her family had wanted her to live near them (in other parts of Northern Virginia), but she would not move off Buchanan Street. She was our neighborhood babysitter; watching the children as they played out back of her home on the playground, basketball court and as they came and went back and forth to the swimming pool. She was a good listener to all not just the children, but to anyone. She would help you, me or the next person, it did not matter who it was. She had the most kind and generous heart.

I really feel in my heart that the renaming of the Buchanan Park to Honor Leatrice Byrd would truly be a great blessing to honor her memory. Thank you all in advance for your careful time and consideration in receiving and reviewing my comments and all the other correspondence that has been or may be received regarding this important neighborhood and community proposal.

Ronnie Barlow

May 29, 2013

TO: Recreation Parks & Cultural Activities
Attn: Jack Browand
City of Alexandria
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Leatrice Byrd Park

It would be an honor to rename the Buchanan Park Leatrice Byrd Park. She took care of the whole neighborhood. I am 60 years old and met Leatrice Byrd when I was probably 14 years old. She watched over me, my siblings, our children, our grandchildren, and all the children. My family lived at 245 Buchanan Street and also at 235 Buchanan (235/my family sold only a few years ago). I was the last to live in my family's home and she helped me even as an adult when I needed anything she was there to give and help. I still went by to see her at least once a month after I moved off Buchanan Street a few years ago. She was still all about the children and would say we need to teach them well especially if we expect to have them lead this community and neighborhood!

Leatrice Byrd was loved by all the neighbors and she had a special relationship with the children because she was the best caregiver I have ever known (again, she loved children). When anyone was looking for their child they knew who to ask or where to go and that was to see or ask Leatrice Byrd. My family, the Avery family truly loved Leatrice Byrd ("Goonie") - she was so friendly and her heart was all about the neighborhood and she included all of us as her family. She loved Buchanan Street and all her neighbors.

It would be a Blessing to have the City of Alexandria rename the Buchanan Park in honor of the most honorable neighbor I have ever known, Leatrice Byrd.

Thank you,
Dennis Avery
Resident of Alexandria, Virginia

May 22, 2013

RPCA
City of Alexandria
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

ATTN: Jack Browand

SUBJECT: Leatrice Byrd

This is my comment regarding the proposal to rename Buchanan Park. I lived on Baggett Place many years and I had the pleasure of meeting Leatrice Byrd. Leatrice Byrd was always called by a nickname "Goonie". When I lived on Baggett Place and the old swimming pool was there on Cameron/Buchanan Streets before the pool they now are using. I met Leatrice Byrd on the old playground that was there and not the one they currently are using directly behind her home. Leatrice Byrd, in one instance, when the older playground was in use and the previous swimming pool, watched over the children of the neighborhood, and I remember she had to go home to call the rescue squad one time because a child had fallen off the sliding board (Leatrice Byrd returned and never left that child's side until the paramedics arrived and later we were told the child had a concussion – that child was visiting some of Mrs. Byrd's neighbors). I would bring my children there to the old pool and playground and she welcomed me to the neighborhood with opened arms. Leatrice Byrd loved all her neighbors and the children of the community. Many knew her because she was that kind of humble and compassionate person. Some people knew her because she was the one neighbor you could depend on to keep an eye out – sort of like what is now called neighborhood watch – back then she was our neighborhood watch.

Leatrice Byrd was also known to take care of the children of the neighbor. She was the one you could depend on and not worry about your children when they were under her watchful eye and care.

I am hoping the City of Alexandria will rename the Buchanan Park in honor of Leatrice Byrd. I feel it would be a great tribute in her memory and especially knowing such a loving, honest, pleasant, compassionate neighbor who spent many countless hours helping and caring for children and neighbors, and she did not even think about wanting any recognition.

I pray that the City of Alexandria will give great consideration and make the right choice by renaming the Buchanan Park in honor of Leatrice Byrd.

Thank you very much for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely,

Jane Armitage
Dumfries, Virginia

June 5, 2013

City of Alexandria
RPCA
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Subject: Comments on Re-naming Buchanan Park to Leatrice Byrd Park

Dear Mr. Jack Browand:

We are writing to say that it would be very nice and honorable to re-name the Buchanan Park after Leatrice Byrd (Ms. "Goonie"). She was a caring person and treated everyone with respect and equally. From the time she moved on Buchanan Street when we were children she had always been looking out for the kids and anyone else on the playground or in her eye sight, checking to see what was going on and to make sure that everyone played together and got along. She was a people person – helped anyone she could. She loved all the neighbors and we all loved her. Mrs. Leatrice Byrd is truly missed by her neighbors! Thank you for the chance to comment and we hope that the committee will re-name Buchanan Park after Mrs. Leatrice Byrd.

Rodney Stanfield
And
Herbert Stanfield

1715 Cameron Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

June 17, 2013 Attachment 2

The Ross Family
1615 Boyle Street
Aleen VA 22314

RPCA

1108 Jefferson St

Aleen VA 22314

Attn-Jack Broward

Subject: Leatrice Byrd Park !

Our family believes it would be nice to rename Buchanan St Park in memory of Leatrice Byrd. Our family moved in the area over 30 years ago and she welcomed all of us to the neighborhood. Mrs. Byrd was so kind and she looked out for everyone. She loved children and she was an honest woman who would help anyone. When we could not find one of our kids we knew to check with her. We hope that the City of Alexandria would rename the Buchanan Park in loving memory of Leatrice Byrd.

Thank you, The Ross Family

June 19, 2013

RPCA
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Attn: Jack Browand
SUBJECT: Leatrice Byrd Park

It would be a beautiful celebration of Mrs. Leatrice Byrd's life for the City of Alexandria to rename the Buchanan Park "Leatrice Byrd Park". We lived on the 1700 block of Cameron Street (the last house on the corner of Cameron before you turn to go up Buchanan Street) for many years and had the pleasure to get to know and love Mrs. Byrd. She was amazing when it came to caring for the children that were around the neighborhood and community. Mrs. Byrd watched the children on the playground and basketball court all the time. Though we moved out of the neighborhood whenever we are in the area we go by to see her and she was still the same very kind and cared for everyone. Please know we are in agreement with the proposal to rename Buchanan Park to Honor Leatrice Byrd.

Priscilla Harris & Family
321 Tancil Court
Alexandria, VA 22314

06/19/2013

City of Alexandria - RPCA
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Attention: Jack Browand

Subject: Leatrice Byrd Park

I want to comment that I cast my vote to rename Buchanan Park in Honor of Leatrice Byrd. I have known her all my life and loved her. She watched the neighborhood, but the children were her specialty and the playground was almost like her backyard because it was directly behind her house, and she kept a watchful eye on it. We all truly miss her because she was so nice and practiced random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty to everyone. I pray that Buchanan Park is renamed in Honor of Leatrice Byrd.

Thank you, Gordon Summers

6-21-13

Hello Mr. Brown,

Remembering back on so many good times at the playground for which I always claimed to be Mr. Hunt's Playground. I Regina Byrd was born 12-24-1962 your yrs later my mom gave birth to a son, Melvin 7-27-1966. My Aunt Patricia Byrd was our baby sitter, she watched us and a few other children at the playground. My aunt had four children whom also played at the playground. I lived in Arlington but we met so many beautiful people at my aunt's playground. 1970 her daughter taught me to ride a bike. Mrs. Patricia Byrd use to watch after any and every unattended child at the playground if a stranger walked by she'd worry and keep an eye on any unattended child at the playground. When her kids my age had children we'd play at the playground. Relatives would come over for cookouts we'd all would play at the playground. Seven years later Mrs. Seabee lost her legs she'd still walk every day from her back door during those years. Children whom fell gotten hurt she'd call all of 'em for help. The changes of the playground she was always at her back door watching her grandkids during morning other kids walk to school and the playground always watching special kids at the playground. Sometimes one special child or two might would stray and walk into her yard open her door and be sure the teacher or aide would come and get the lost child she was always happy to see 'em.

close and say hi to the lost child.
there have been so many children that
have crossed into her yard cause of the
Playground she'd wait after school for the
kids to get out of school they would leave
backpacks, jackets etc. she'd holla out to
the playground for someone to retrieve it.
It would be of great pleasure to have
the Playground in my aunt's name.

"Beatrice Byrd Playground"

P.S I was told to write about
three lines but it was so much
about my aunt and the playground

Thanks
Regina Byrd

Buchanan Park Public Comment

Deadline : June 21

1. Laveria Turnage : In favor loves kids
2. Brenda Tarlton : In favor

Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US)

From: Yvonne Callahan <yvonnweightcallahan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 9:19 AM
To: Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US)
Subject: Re: renaming the Buchanan Street Park

Dear Ms. Porter-Gruel,

In response to your inquiry, Old Town Civic Association has no objections the the renaming of the enaming the Buchanan Street Park in honor of the late Mrs. Leatrice Byrd, as you and your neighbors have proposed.

Thank you.

Yvonne Weight Callahan

President, Old Town Civic Association

On Thu, Oct 17, 2013 at 9:03 AM, Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US) <beatrice.a.porter-gruel.ctr@mail.mil> wrote:

If you could provide even an e-mail clearly stating no objection to the renaming as the park will move and be renamed anyway, that would be greatly appreciated. I only need a couple of sentences. Thank you so much for your help with this. Bea

-----Original Message-----

From: Yvonne Callahan [<mailto:yvonnweightcallahan@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 8:59 AM

To: Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US)

Subject: Re: renaming the Buchanan Street Park

I know the name Leslie Zupan but I can't connect her with a face. And the boundaries of these districts for civic associations is very fluid! There are no geographical limits to qualify for membership in OTCA, as members just are considered to support the goals of historic preservation. OTCA occasionally involves itself with matters around, but not in, the Old and Historic District, if we believe it would have an impact one way or another.

I can certainly state that OTCA has no objection to naming the park in your neighborhood in accordance with the wishes of the immediate neighbors.

Yvonne

On Thu, Oct 17, 2013 at 8:44 AM, Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US) <beatrice.a.porter-gruel.ctr@mail.mil> wrote:

Hello, I am sorry, I am not sure of the boundaries for all the associations, so can you tell me is Leslie Zupan the president of the Old Town West Civic Association? And, as you are the President of the Old Town Civic Association, can you provide a note that I can present to the Naming Committee stating your association has no issue with renaming the Buchanan Street Park in honor of the late Mrs. Leatrice Byrd? This is very important to those of us that live near the park and without either endorsement or non-opposing of this from the associations we cannot make this happen. Bea Porter

Julie Fuerth

From: Jack Browand
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 9:27 PM
To: Julie Fuerth
Subject: FW: Buchanan Street Park Name Change - West Old Town Civic Association

FYI

Jack Browand, Division Chief
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-----Original Message-----

From: heidi ford [<mailto:ha.ford123@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2013 7:57 PM
To: Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US)
Cc: ha.ford123@yahoo.com ha.ford123@yahoo.com; wotca wotca1@gmail.com; Leslie missz_aol.com; Donna Reuss
Subject: Re: Buchanan Street Park Name Change

Dear Ms. Porter-Gruel,

At last week's West Old Town Citizens Association, we presented your issue before the membership and took a vote. WOTCA has voted to remain neutral on this issue, neither endorsing nor opposing the proposed change.

Sincerely,
Heidi Ford
President, WOTCA

On Nov 12, 2013, at 12:31 PM, Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US) <beatrice.a.porter-gruel.ctr@mail.mil> wrote:

> Hello, Ms. Ford. I am hoping you are considering sending me a note stating that your civic association has no issues with renaming the Buchanan Street Park. Our block and neighborhood are going through so many changes with the new school building. This would be quite an honor to a woman that watched over the park and pool area for so many years. I do not know if you are familiar with the old Buchanan Street Park or not, but it meant a lot to the children that live and lived on our block for many years. If you would like to discuss this or have any questions, I have cc'd Cecilia Butler who is the daughter of Mrs. Leatrice Byrd, please feel free to

-----Original Message-----

From: Yvonne Callahan [mailto:yvonneweightcallahan@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 8:36 AM

To: Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US)

Subject: Re: renaming the Buchanan Street Park

Good morning. I am not the President of Old Town West Civic Association, but of Old Town Civic Association. It is my understanding that OTWCA--the organization you are referring to--is still in existence, but has no regular meeting structure.

Sorry I have no other information.

Regards, Yvonne Weight Callahan

On Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 4:33 PM, Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US) <beatrice.a.porter-gruel.ctr@mail.mil> wrote:

Hello. I have reached out to Leslie Zupan, but was told by someone else that she is no longer the president of the Olde Towne West Civic Association, are you the new president? With the Jefferson Houston school construction, our Buchanan Street Park will be moved, and with this move, I have contacted the Naming Committee to rename the park after Leatrice Byrd who lived next to and watched over the park for more than 40 years. A year ago Mrs. Byrd was killed in a tragic accident as she was being transported from dialysis. I have requested that the park be named in her honor. Myself and her children submitted our request and when we met with the Naming Committee they requested that we get endorsements from the neighborhood civic associations. I have also sent information to Trey Hanbury, the president of the Old Town Neighborhood Association, which is the association I am a member of. Del Pepper, Mayor Euille, and the others want to be sure there will be no backlash from the community in naming the park after Mrs. Byrd, this is why they requested that we do this outreach. We had more than 40 people submit written notice asking that this be honored. Del Pepper said that the park would probably be renamed for the Durant Center as it will be relocated to behind the Center, so the request will actually be to have the playground named in the honor of Leatrice Byrd at the Durant Center Park. Are you the correct person I should be addressing? I am comfortable with not receiving an endorsement, as long as I can get something in writing that states non-opposed to this. If you need more information I can probably provide more, I am copying Mrs. Byrd's daughter on this as she may also be able to provide more information about Mrs. Byrd. Thank you. Bea Porter, 1727 Cameron Street, w-571-372-6877

contact either of us. I am hoping we can meet again soon with the Naming Committee, but I need some response from your association. Thank you in advance. Bea Porter

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US)

> Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 11:07 AM

> To: 'ha.ford123@yahoo.com'

> Cc: Cecilia Butler

> Subject: Buchanan Street Park Name Change

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> Hello. I am sorry we did not meet yesterday at the Police Station visit, the building is quite impressive. I am writing to ask you about the Buchanan Street Park. With the new construction of the Jefferson Houston School, the park will be relocated. If you have been following the site plans, you probably know that the park will be relocated behind the Durant Center once the current building is dismantled. I have been working for some time now to have the park renamed in honor of Leatrice Byrd who lived on Buchanan Street for more than 40 years and the whole time watched over the park and the swimming pool caring for the children. Mrs. Byrd passed tragically in a vehicle accident last year. In her memory I, along with her children, have been working to rename the park. We have met with the Naming Committee once already and they asked that we have the civic associations weigh in on this to be sure there will be no problems once the name has been changed. They asked that we g

et an endorsement, or at least a note stating no opposition on this request. I have been trying to get Leslie Zupan to help me, but she has not responded. Yesterday at the visit to the police station I met with some of your members and they gave me your e-mail. I have received notice from Trey Hanbury with the Upper King Street Neighborhood Association, and also from Yvonne Callahan with the Old Town Civic Association. Jack Browand would like me to also have something from your group. I only need a few lines. If you would like me and maybe one or two of Mrs. Byrd's children to address your group we can do this. The park will most likely be renamed "The Durant Center Park" as it was explained they locate the park by location, so we are asking that the new playground be named in honor of Mrs. Byrd, The Leatrice Byrd Playground at the Durant Center Park. I am attaching the hand out from her service which explains a little more about her life. I have cc'd Cecilia Butler, one of

her daughters, so if you have questions or need more information on this request, please feel free to contact either of us. A good number to reach me at is work 571-372-6877. I hope you will respond positively to this. Thank you in advance. Bea Porter, 1727 Cameron Street

Julie Fuerth

From: Jack Browand
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 9:28 PM
To: Julie Fuerth
Subject: FW: FW: [upperkingstreet] UKSNA Meeting Durant Center Oct. 21 7:30

FYI

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From: Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US) [mailto:beatrice.a.porter-gruel.ctr@mail.mil]
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 3:36 PM
To: Jack Browand
Cc: Cecilia Butler
Subject: FW: FW: [upperkingstreet] UKSNA Meeting Durant Center Oct. 21 7:30

Jack, this is the concurrence from the Upper King Street Neighborhood Association, so this makes the 2nd group that has not opposed, and in support of the name change for the Buchanan Street Park to be renamed in honor of Mrs. Leatrice Byrd. Trey notes he will also provide a formal letter. The first note was from Yvonne Callahan with the Old Town Civic Association. Now can we re-address the Naming Committee on this matter?
Bea

-----Original Message-----

From: Trey Hanbury [mailto:trey.hanbury@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 3:00 PM
To: Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US)
Cc: Cecilia Butler
Subject: Re: FW: [upperkingstreet] UKSNA Meeting Durant Center Oct. 21 7:30

Bea,

Consistent with our meeting discussion, please consider this note as notice of non-objection from the Upper King Street Neighborhood Association (UKSNA). I'll work to provide a formal letter of support to you separately.

Trey
President, Upper King Street Neighborhood Association

On Mon, Oct 28, 2013 at 2:01 PM, Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US) <beatrice.a.porter-gruel.ctr@mail.mil> wrote:

Hello, Trey. I am just following up on my request for UKSNA to send an endorsement or a non-opposed e-mail or letter so we can continue the process needed to rename the Buchanan Street Park. Thank you. Bea

-----Original Message-----

From: Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A. D. [mailto:BEATRICE.A.PORTER-GRUEL@leidos.com]

Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 1:59 PM

To: Porter-Gruel, Beatrice A CTR OSD OUSD ATL (US)

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From: upperkingstreet@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Trey Hanbury

Sent: Sun 10/20/2013 6:03 PM

To: upperkingstreet@yahoogroups.com

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Hi,

We've got another great meeting tomorrow night, October 21 at 7:30 pm in the Durant Recreation Center, 1605 Cameron Street. Councilman Justin Wilson will address the group and take your questions. We'll hear from a representative of the Office of Congressman Jim Moran about issues of interest to the community. We've invited the city planning and zoning staff to talk about new development in the area. And we'll consider a motion from longtime UKSNA member Bea Porter to have UKSNA endorse a name change for the Buchanan Park to honor the member of a deceased neighbor of the facility. We'll have all of this and a police report, too. Please join us and feel free to call or email me with any questions or with ideas for future meetings!

Trey

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