



**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 15, 2009

**TO:** Montgomery County Planning Board

**VIA:** Mary Bradford, Director *Mary Bradford*

**FROM:** Terry H. Brooks, Chairman  
Public/Private Partnership Committee *Terry H. Brooks*

**SUBJECT:** The Proposed Dedication of a Playground at Kensington Heights Neighborhood Park in the Name of Wayne M. Goldstein

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**Staff Recommendation: Approval with Conditions**

***Background:***

On April 30, 2009, the Department of Parks received a letter of support from Mr. Sean Neary, and Ms. Donna R. Savage, President and Immediate Past President respectively of the Kensington Heights Citizens Association, requesting to name the playground at Kensington Heights Neighborhood Park located at the corner of St. Paul Street and McComes Avenue in Kensington Heights in honor of Mr. Wayne M. Goldstein, a local Montgomery County civic activist, who passed away on April 27, 2009.

The letter of support (See Attachment #1) describes Mr. Goldstein as a tireless advocate for many residents throughout Montgomery County for many years. Mr. Goldstein was also the sitting president of the Kensington Heights Citizens Association (KHCA) at the time of his untimely death.

The KHCA reported to the staff: Wayne could often be found at community meetings, County Council meetings, and Planning Board hearings. A landscape designer by day, his true passion was community activism. Wayne was a tireless advocate for the people of Montgomery County, always giving 110 percent to improve the quality of life for residents. In this capacity, he often advocated on behalf of people he never met, never asking for anything in return. He was a true believer in civic engagement and ensuring that the government *of the people worked for the people.*

Wayne's willingness to involve himself in a long list of civic endeavors truly distinguished him. In addition to being the current president of the Kensington Heights Citizens Association, Wayne served as a recent president of the Montgomery County Civic Federation, was the current president of Montgomery Preservation Inc., was a columnist for the Montgomery County

Sentinel newspaper, and was a consistent defender of the environment and historic preservation. In 2008, he was recognized by the Civic Federation with the “Star Cup” for his outstanding public service and leading advocacy for civic causes.

The Commission is in receipt of a May 1, 2009 letter of support from Montgomery County Councilmember Valerie Ervin for District 5 supporting the subject request (See Attachment #2).

***Commission History & Policy for Park & Park Facility Dedications:***

On September 10, 1998, the Montgomery County Planning Board adopted a policy and guidelines for the renaming of parks, and park facilities. (See Attachment #3) The adopted policy and administrative guidelines addresses the renaming of parks and facilities.

In the past, the Commission has dedicated several park facilities to individuals such as:

- Wheaton Regional Park - Frank Rubini Athletic Complex; and the
- Long Branch Wayne Park - John Durham Athletic Fields.

The Commission-adopted policies for park dedications (See Attachment #3) allow the dedication of a park facility to an individual, provided the proposal complies with the generally stated guidelines of requiring the nominated individuals(s) to provide some significant, civic, historic, and/or cultural contribution to the lives of the citizens of Montgomery County, the State of Maryland, or the Nation.

***Staff Recommendations:***

***Staff recommends the approval of the dedication naming of the playground at Kensington Heights Neighborhood Park for Wayne M. Goldstein in recognition of his civic activism on behalf of the citizens of Montgomery County.***

***Staff approval is subject to the following terms and conditions:***

- 1. That the dedication be physically recognized in the form of a mounted plaque located immediately next to the playground indicating the playground is dedicated to, and named after Wayne M. Goldstein for his many civic contributions on behalf of the citizens of Montgomery County;***
- 2. That the cost for the dedication recognition plaque be borne by the proponents and/or supporters of the dedication and that all required funds must be received by the Commission prior to the installation of the plaque; and***
- 3. That the cost to repair and/or replace any damage and/or vandalism that may occur to the plaque must be borne by the proposer for a period of at least the first 3 years (which will be included in the plaque installation budget) and that the Commission will not be obligated to replace the plaque, if vandalized or damaged after 5 years.***



# Kensington Heights Citizens Association

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### **Affiliated with:**

Allied Civic Group  
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Communities  
MC Civic Federation  
Wheaton Citizens Coalition

Recipient of the 1998 Wheaton-  
Kensington Civic Association Award

April 30, 2009

via courier

Mary R. Bradford

Director, Department of Parks

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

8787 Georgia Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Dear Ms. Bradford:

The Kensington Heights Citizens Association (KHCA) formally requests that the M-NCPPC rename the playground at the Kensington Heights Park in honor of Wayne Goldstein. Wayne died on April 27, when he suffered a sudden heart attack while on his way to testify before the Montgomery County Board of Appeals.

As you know from his many appearances in front of the Planning Board, Wayne was an activist and tireless advocate for residents throughout Montgomery County for many years. While he touched the lives of many residents of our County, he lived in our Kensington Heights community and was the sitting president of KHCA at the time of his death.

The Kensington Heights Park, located at the corner of St. Paul Street and McComas Avenue, is the hub of Kensington Heights, and renaming the playground at that park would be a fitting tribute to honor Wayne's memory. It was at this very park where Wayne would gather with neighborhood residents for the annual KHCA picnic and help clean the playground and remove invasive weeds so the neighborhood children could enjoy the park.

Wayne's passing has left a tremendous void in our community. In an effort to recognize his dedicated service to our community and the County as a whole, we urge the M-NCPPC to rename the playground at the Kensington Heights Park as "Wayne Goldstein Memorial Playground." We stand ready to work with you in any way to make this happen.

A few weeks before Wayne died, he convened the KHCA executive committee and we planned a community-wide cookout/picnic for Saturday, June 13, at the Kensington Heights Park. It would be particularly healing and wonderfully symbolic for our neighborhood if your decision on this request could be made public by or on that date.

Thank you for considering our request, and we look forward to working with you or your designee on this endeavor.

Sincerely,

*Sean Neary*

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KHCA President  
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*Donna R. Savage*

Donna R. Savage  
KHCA Land Use Chair  
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c: Dr. Royce Hanson, Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board  
Natalie Cantor, Director, Mid-County Service Center

KHCA represents 717 single-family  
homes in Kensington, Maryland.



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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL  
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

VALERIE ERVIN  
COUNCILMEMBER  
DISTRICT 5

May 1, 2009

Dr. Royce Hanson, Chair  
Montgomery County Planning Board  
Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
8787 Georgia Ave.  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dr. Hanson:

I am writing to ask your support for renaming the Kensington Heights Park in honor of Wayne Goldstein. As you know, Wayne was an active and outspoken member of our community, and I will miss his advocacy and activism.

Wayne lived in the Kensington Heights community and was the sitting president of the Kensington Heights Citizens Association at the time of his death, so it seems like a natural fit to name Kensington Heights Park in his honor. The park is located at the corner of St. Paul Street and McComas Avenue.

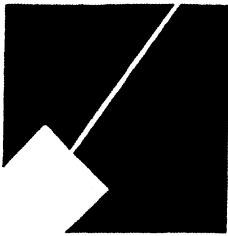
The Kensington Heights Citizens Association is working with the Parks Department to complete the steps required to dedicate this park. I understand that Park and Planning does not rename parks themselves for individuals, but that there is a process to dedicate a park, section of a park, park field, or park building for such worthy recipients.

I would ask that you support the dedication of the Kensington Heights Park in honor of Wayne. This would not only serve as a symbol of our gratitude to his family for his years of advocacy but would also be especially appreciated by residents of Kensington Heights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Ervin".  
Valerie Ervin

M-NCPPC



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL  
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue  
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MCPB Lunch-time Item  
October 22, 1998

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Montgomery County Planning Board  
From: Donald K. Cochran  
Subject: Park Naming Policy: Guidelines Recommendation  
Date: October 22, 1998

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*The Policy*

Montgomery County parks and areas and facilities within parks are generally named for a geographic area or a natural historic feature, but, as appropriate, parks and areas and facilities within parks may be named to reflect local folk usage, or significant historic, material, or financial contributions to the Commission, or persons of historic or outstanding civic service. Markers may be placed in parks and on park facilities honoring or memorializing individuals and organizations.

Approved: September 10, 1998

**GUIDELINES RECOMMENDATION**

*Guidelines for Naming or Renaming Parks*

*Guidelines for Naming or Renaming Areas in Parks and Facilities in Parks*

*Guidelines for Memorials and Dedications in Parks and on Park Structures and Facilities*

1. Requests for naming or renaming parks, and naming or renaming areas and facilities in parks, and establishing memorials in parks and on park structures and facilities, shall be reviewed by staff of the Department of Park and Planning. A report with recommendations shall be presented to the Planning Board within sixty (60) days of the initial request.

2. Staff recommendations regarding the naming or renaming of parks, and areas and facilities in parks, shall be guided by the following considerations:
  - A. Recognized geographic names
  - B. Natural historic features
  - C. Folk usage
  - D. Significant historic contributions
  - E. Significant material contributions
  - F. Significant financial contributions (at least 25 percent of the total project cost)
  - G. Persons of historic service to the County or Commission
  - H. Persons of outstanding civic service to the County or Commission
3. Memorials or dedications may consist of (a) structures, such as buildings, or facilities, such as athletic fields, that may be named in memory of individuals and organizations as complete entities, or (b) memorial or dedication plaques or signs on or inside structures and facilities.
4. The name of a memorial or dedication must be approved by the Planning Board.
5. Upon approval by the Planning Board, letters of agreement shall be exchanged between the Commission (or the Montgomery County Parks Foundation, Inc.) and the person(s) or organization(s) requesting a memorial or dedication, authorizing and designating responsibility for the planning, design, construction and funding of the memorial or dedication.
6. Staff recommendations to the Planning Board regarding the establishment of memorials and dedications in parks and on park structures and facilities shall be guided by the following considerations:
  - A. The location, design, and configuration of a proposed memorial or dedication shall be in keeping with the park purpose and usage and shall not interfere with public use of the park or park facility.
  - B. Department of Park and Planning staff shall participate in the planning, design, and construction of a memorial or dedication, if relevant.
  - C. All costs associated with a proposed memorial or dedication, including planning, design, construction, utilities, and maintenance (if significant) shall be the sole responsibility of the person(s) or organization(s) requesting the memorial or dedication. Full funding for the memorial or dedication shall be paid to the Commission or to the Montgomery County Parks Foundation, Inc., prior to the start of planning, design, and construction.
  - E. In all cases involving memorials or dedications, only the memorial or dedication itself may be named. The park name shall remain unchanged.

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## ***Parks Impacted by the Park Naming Policy***

1986 Robert C. McDonell Campgrounds  
Cabin John Regional Park  
(M-NCPPC paid for sign and a plaque on a stone and gave family a photo album of the ceremony)

1987 Robert Remington Athletic Fields  
Strawberry Knolls Local Park  
(M-NCPPC paid for sign and gave the family a plaque)

1988 Roberth H. Hill Athletic Field  
Olney Manor Recreational Park  
(M-NCPPC paid for sign and plaque)

1989 Opal Daniels Neighborhood Park  
(M-NCPPC paid for sign, community paid for plaque on stone)

1989 Black Hill Visitor Center  
Black Hill Regional Park  
(M-NCPPC paid for plaque in lobby, which dedicates the facility in honor of Norman B. Christeller, former Commission chair)

1990 Alvin Robinson Picnic Area  
Northgate Local Park  
(M-NCPPC paid for plaque on stone)

1991 Joshua Maggin Hiker/biker Trail  
Avenel Park  
(Community paid for plaque on stone)

1991 Clifford Bland Athletic Area  
Darnestown local Park  
(M-NCPPC paid for sign, family paid for plaque on stone)

1994 The Ed Wilhelm Athletic Fields  
Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park  
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

1994 The John Durham Athletic Fields  
Long Branch-Wayne Local Park  
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

1995 Johnson's Park  
Name of Emory Grove Local Park reverted to property's original name.  
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

1997 Little Bennett Golf Course Clubhouse  
Little Bennett Regional Park  
(M-NCPPC paid for plaque, which honors former Executive Director and Director of Parks, Jack Hewitt)

1997 The Pauline Betz Addie Tennis Court  
Cabin John Indoor Tennis Facility  
(Western Area Recreation Advisory Board paid for plaque)

1998 Brookside Gardens Visitors Center  
Wheaton Regional Park  
(Dedicated in honor of Elizabeth Turner, whose bequest funded the majority of the visitors center; Commission paid for plaque)

1999 Leaman Local Park  
Name of Germantown Estates Local Park reverted to name of original property owners whose ancestors were among original settlers of Germantown

1998 The Stuart Kaufman Playground  
Garrett Park Estates Park  
(Garrett Park ES PTA and Town Council paid for sign)

1998 The Becca Lilly Playground  
Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park  
(City of Takoma Park paid for plaque)

1998 Dr. Robert Parilla Pathway  
Rock Creek Regional Park  
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

1998 The Josiah Henson House  
Ken-Gar Local Park  
(M-NCPPC paid for historic marker)

1998 Thomas Jennings Athletic Fields  
Columbia Local Park  
(Community paid for sign)

1998 Rosemary Hills-Lyttonsville Local Park  
Formerly Rosemary Hill LP; named changed to add geographic community adjacent to the park  
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

1998 Glenmont Greenway  
Formerly Glenmont Urban Park, name changed to reflect facility as part of total greenway system