




MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

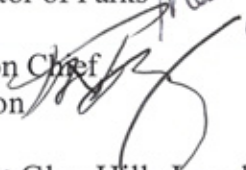
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May 26, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Parks Commission

VIA: Mary R. Bradford, Director of Parks 

FROM: Terry H. Brooks, Division Chief
Special Programs Division 

SUBJECT: A Proposed Dedication at Glen Hills Local Park in Memory of
the Late Commissioner Jean B. Cryor

Staff Recommendation: Approval with Conditions

Background

On May 18, 2010, Chairman Royce Hanson of the Montgomery County Planning Board and Parks Commission received a request from the family of the late Commissioner Jean B. Cryor that the Glen Hills Local Park located at 12511 Circle Drive in Potomac, near Commissioner Cryor's home, be dedicated in honor of Commissioner Cryor. (See Attachment #1 - Park Map.)

Commissioner Cryor was a well-known former Maryland State Delegate from Montgomery County, a Montgomery County Planning Board Commissioner, and local civic activist. Commissioner Cryor's civic, legislative, and Planning Board contributions to the residents of Montgomery County were respected by the Governor, County Executive, and every member of the Montgomery County Council. (See Commissioner Cryor's Biography -Attachment #2.)

Park Naming Policy

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 Commission Policy - Attachment #3.) The adopted policy and administrative guidelines address renaming, dedicating, and otherwise memorializing individuals within Montgomery County.

In the past, the Commission has dedicated several park facilities or areas in the names of individuals such as:

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

The Commission-adopted policies for park dedication have allowed the dedication of a park facility to a person or persons provided the proposal complies with the generally stated guidelines of requiring the nominated individuals(s) to have provided 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 agrees that Glen Hills Local Park is an appropriate location for a park dedicated to Commissioner Cryor, and that a memorial dedication be approved in honor of Commissioner Cryor in recognition of her legislative, policy, and civic contributions for the betterment of, and on behalf of, the citizens of Montgomery County. This dedication would be shown on the Park entrance as well as another special area of recognition such as a tree, a plaque, or a bench with a plaque. Preliminary conversation with family members indicates some interest in a memorial park bench. Discussions with the family will continue after approval.

Staff approval is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. That the memorial dedication will be in the form of a mounted plaque located on a memorial stone or post located immediately next to the park sign or a bench or tree suitably marked. Language may be identical or similar to the following:

“Dedicated in memory of Commissioner Jean B. Cryor for her civic, legislative, and policy contributions on behalf of the citizens of Montgomery County and for her service to protect parklands in Montgomery County”;

2. That the cost for the park type and memorial dedication recognition plaque will be borne by the Commission; and
3. That the locational sign for Glen Hills Local Park will be modified to incorporate the language of dedication. (See Attachment 4 for examples.)

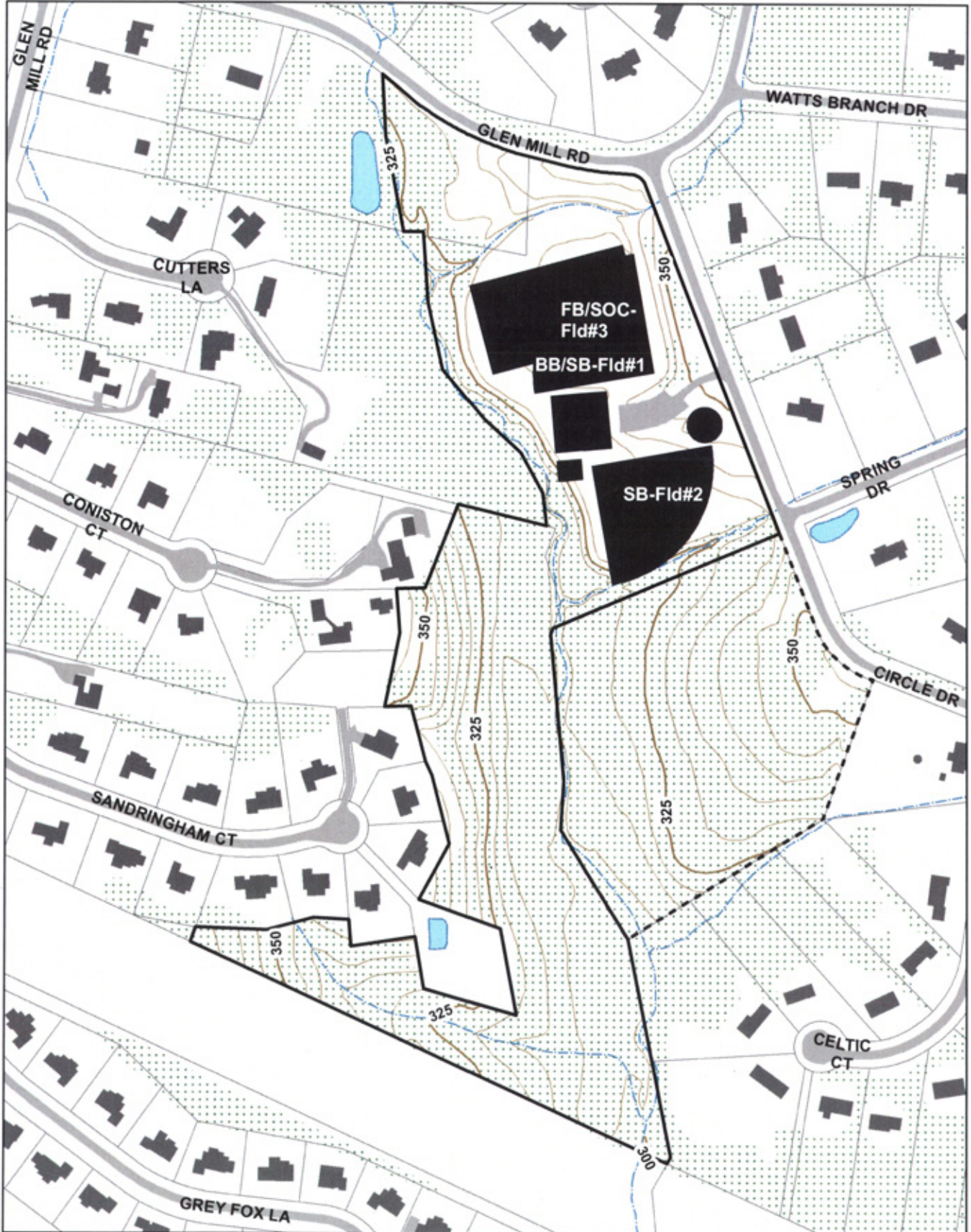
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Attachments

Glen Hills LP

12511 Circle Drive, Potomac, MD 20854

Attachment #1



M.S.C.P.R.C.  Acreage 25.107
Facility Code F05

Region S
Area CJ

Date 07-02-2007



Attachment #1H



Jean B. Cryor



Jean B. Cryor was born on December 13, 1938 to November 3, 2009, born near [Philadelphia, Pennsylvania](#) was a member of the [Maryland House of Delegates](#) for District 15, which covers a portion of [Montgomery County, Maryland](#), and later sat on the [Montgomery County Planning Board](#) as one of two Republicans, by appointment from June 2007 until the time of her death from cancer.

Background

Delegate Cryor was first elected in 1993 when two of the three sitting delegates did not run for reelection in the 1993 election. She served for 12 years until 2007. She was the last elected Republican in the Maryland General Assembly serving Montgomery County. She married Daniel J. Cryor (1933–1978) in 1959. She has three daughters: Allison, Jennifer and Deirdre

Education

Delegate Cryor attended [Convent of the Sacred Heart](#) in Overbrook, Pennsylvania, now located in [Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania](#). She attended the [University of Pennsylvania](#). In 1979, she graduated from [Loyola College in Maryland](#) with her M.B.A.

Career

Delegate Cryor is a former writer and worked as an editor and publisher of the Gazette Newspapers. She is the co-founder of TACKLE, a group established to fight the Baltimore stadium funding, 1996.

In 2000, she was selected as a delegate for the [Republican Party National Convention](#). In addition to her delegate work, she is a board member of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes[1]. She is also on the board for Convent of the Sacred Heart and the Potomac Theater Company[2].

Delegate Cryor has won several awards over her career, including first prize for Investigative Reporting by the Maryland Society of Professional Journalists[3] in 1993. She was also awarded Citizen of the Year by [Almanac Newspapers](#). In 2000 she was elected Legislator of the Year by the Maryland Retailers Association[4]. In 2002, she was Businessperson of the Year according to

the Maryland Business for Responsive Government^[5]. She was also named a Hero of the Taxpayer by the Maryland Taxpayers Association^[6].

In 2002, she was many awards including the award for Building the Bridge to Educational Excellence in Maryland Public Schools by the State Board of Education, Legislator of the Year by the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation and Registry of Maryland, and the Thornton Commission Award by the State Board of Education. Additionally, she has voted as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by the Daily Record in 2003 and again in 2006, the Woman of Achievement Award by the Suburban Maryland Business and Professional Women Association in 2005, and finally she received a Lifetime Service Award from the Potomac Chamber of Commerce^[7] in 2006.

While in the House of Delegates, Cryor was a member of the following committees: Ways and Means Committee from 1995 until 2007, the Conference committee on taxes in 1996, the Joint Committee on Community College Funding in 1996, the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee from 2004 until 2007, and the Legislative Policy Committee from 2005 until 2007. Furthermore, she also served on the Special Committee on State Employee Rights and Protections from 2005 until 2007, and the House Facilities Committee from 2005 until 2007. She was a member of the Steering Committee for the House Republican Caucus for ten years starting in 1997, the County Affairs Committee, and the [Montgomery County Delegation](#). Finally, she was on the Executive Board of the Women Legislators of Maryland from 2006 until 2007, serving as president-elect from 2003–04 and president from 2004 until 2005.

At the time of her death, Cryor was a Commissioner on the [Montgomery County Planning Board](#). She also served as a Commissioner of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Her passing came right before a cusp of significant decisions regarding "Master Plan" revisions in Montgomery County, such as the "[Gaithersburg West](#)" and "[Science City](#)", and [White Flint](#) development proposals. Cryor would also have had considerable contributions to ongoing and upcoming debates on the [Corridor Cities Transitway \("CCT"\)](#) and related Master Plan development decisions.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

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

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.

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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.

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

Glen Hills Local Park

12511 Circle Drive

Park Dedicated to Jean Cryor

"Logo" M-NCPPC Montgomery County

Jean Cryor Memorial at Glen Hills LP

12511 Circle Drive

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