





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

MCPB Item #4  
September 22, 2011

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Montgomery County Planning Board

**VIA:** Mary Bradford, Director of Parks   
Mike Riley, Deputy Director 

**FROM:** Kate Stookey, Chief, Public Affairs & Community Partnerships Division 

**RE:** Proposed Enhancements and Donation for Takoma Piney Branch Local Park

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### Recommended Planning Board Action:

**Staff Recommendation: Approve proposed enhancements and donation agreement**

### Background

The basketball court at Takoma Piney Branch Local Park is slated to be improved to receive six upgraded Hercules Diamond Basketball System goals, enabling half-court play, and a color-coated surface. Takoma Piney Branch Local Park is currently undergoing a total renovation through the Parks Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Renovation of the park is almost complete. If approved, these enhancements will be completed as part of the renovation work currently underway.

These enhancements are being considered as part of a proposed donor agreement with Steve Francis, a former NBA All-Star and long-time resident of Takoma Park. The agreement requests the enhancements and, in exchange, will enable the creation of an endowment to support the maintenance of Takoma Piney Branch Local Park. Because there is sufficient funding in the CIP project to fund the enhancements, the full gift amount will be directed to the Montgomery Parks Foundation. After the supply and installation of the recognition features, the balance of the endowment will be used for maintenance and upkeep of the park, including the basketball court and picnic pavilion.

Donor recognition features will include the dedication of the upgraded court to Tony Langley, Steve Francis' former coach and long-time president of the Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club; the dedication of the new picnic pavilion to Mrs. Brenda Wilson Bryant, Steve Francis' deceased mother; and the painting of the donor's signature on the court surface between the half court and three point lines.

The following attachments are Exhibits A, B, and C from the proposed agreement currently in negotiation with the donor. These attachments describe the enhancements and recognition features in greater detail.

## Exhibit A

In conjunction with the renovation of Takoma Piney Branch Local Park, the Commission will renovate an existing outdoor basketball court. The renovated basketball court will be built to high school dimensions (84 feet long by 50 feet wide) and constructed with hot mix asphalt. The donor desires that certain upgrades beyond the Commission's standards are added to the basketball court. The Commission will implement the following upgrades:

- 1) The supply and installation of six basketball goals: MODEL NUMBER HER-D-G / HER-D-A Hercules Diamond Basketball System with Rust Armor as supplied by Hoops, Inc., or an equal approved by both the donor and Commission.
- 2) The supply and application of color surfacing on portions of the court surface as mutually determined by the donor and Commission.

The donor desires that a portion of the donation pays for recognition features in the renovated park. The final design of the recognition features will be mutually determined by the donor and Commission. The Commission will implement the following recognition features:

- 3) The design, fabrication, and installation of two bronze plaques to be installed in the park as follows:
  - a. A plaque dedicating the renovated and upgraded basketball court in the name of Mr. Steve Francis' former coach, Mr. Anthony Langley. The plaque shall be fabricated in accordance with Commission standards, and shall be placed adjacent to the court. The plaque language shall read as follows:

This court is dedicated to Coach Tony Q. Langley, long-time President of  
Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club.

- b. A plaque dedicating the planned new picnic pavilion in the park to Mr. Steve Francis' deceased mother, Mrs. Brenda Wilson Bryant. The plaque shall be fabricated in accordance with Commission standards, will incorporate the image of Mrs. Bryant as provided by the Donor, and shall be attached to the pavilion. The plaque language shall read as follows:

In memory of Brenda Wilson Bryant, mother of long-time Takoma Park resident  
and NBA All-Star Steven Francis.

- 4) The painting of Mr. Steve Francis' personal signature on the basketball court along the sidelines on either side of the court between the half court and three point lines as indicated in Exhibit B.

The balance of the donation shall be held by the Montgomery Parks Foundation, on behalf of the Commission, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement as an operating endowment to pay for the future maintenance and upkeep of the park, including the basketball court, picnic pavilion, and recognition features.

Exhibit B

The diagram below shows the agreed upon placement and proportionate size of the donor's signature graphic on the basketball court:

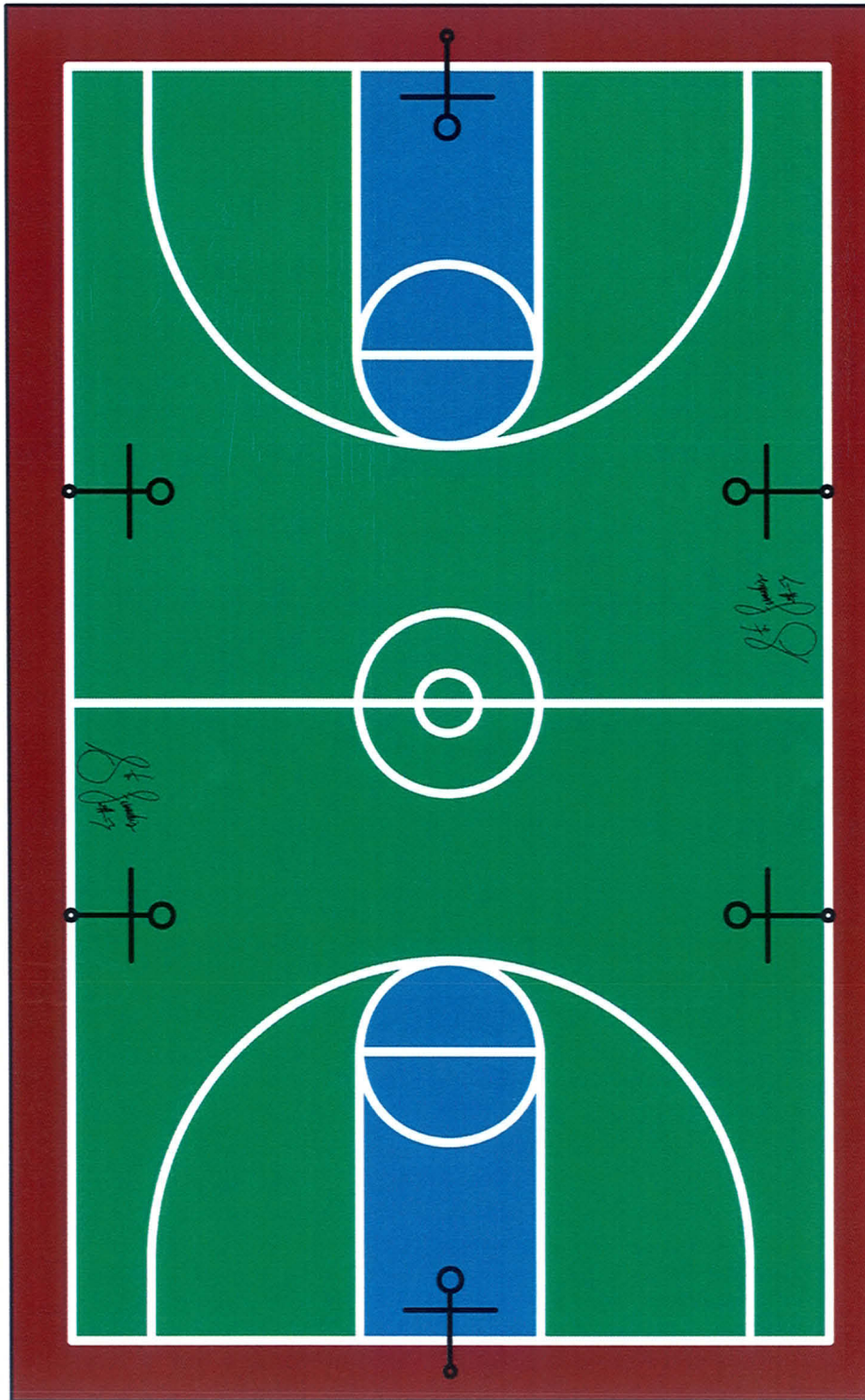


Exhibit C

The two dedication plaques, as outlined in Exhibit A, shall follow Commission fabrication standards and mimic the dedication plaque shown below:

