



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Agenda Item # 3
Agenda Date: June 9, 2016

June 2, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Michael Riley, Director of Parks *MR*
Mitra Pedoeem, Acting Deputy Director of Parks *Mitra 6/11/16*
Michael Ma, Acting Chief, Park Development Division *MM*

FROM: Josh Kaye, Park Development Division *JK*
William E. Gries, Park Development Division *WEG*

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the purchase of 7,502 square feet (0.17 acres), more or less, improved, from Michael C. Freed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, as an addition to Flower Avenue Urban Park.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Montgomery County Planning Board approve the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Land Purchase Agreement with Michael C. Freed to acquire 7,502 square feet, more or less, improved, as an addition to Flower Avenue Urban Park.

The property is located at 8721 Geren Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Language in the 2013 Long Branch Sector Plan supports this acquisition, which includes a general recommendation to consider purchasing properties, where feasible and appropriate, that are adjacent to existing parks or meet identified active or passive recreational needs that will serve the growing population. Specifically mentioned in the Plan was a need for gathering spaces for special events and festivals in this area.

The property will be acquired for a purchase price of \$380,000, which will be funded through Maryland's Program Open Space (POS). The residence on the Freed Property will be evaluated by Facilities Management staff to determine whether to lease the dwelling during the interim while a future park renovation is planned, or razed when funds are available after settlement.

Details of this recommended parkland acquisition were presented to the Board in closed session on June 2, 2016.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (“Commission”) is authorized by Maryland Code Annotated, Land Use Article §17-101 (formerly Article 28, Section 5-101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland) to acquire, develop, maintain and operate a public park system within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Planning Board received and considered a recommendation from staff of the Commission, in closed session on June 2, 2016, that it approve the acquisition of 0.17 acres of land, more or less, improved, (the “Property”) from Michael C. Freed (the “Seller”), identified as Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation’s Tax Account Number 13-117-01376678, as an addition to Flower Avenue Urban Park; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient Program Open Space (POS) monies available in the Commission’s FY-16 Local Acquisition Program CIP to pay the \$380,000 negotiated purchase price for the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Property meets parkland acquisition criteria as an addition to Flower Avenue Urban Park;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the acquisition of the Property from the Seller as described above, for a purchase price of \$380,000, in accordance with a proposed Land Purchase Agreement between the Commission and the Seller, is hereby approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board on this 9th day of June, 2016 and the Executive Director is authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

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This is to certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Montgomery County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, with Commissioners _____, _____, _____, and _____ voting in favor of the motion at its regular meeting held on Thursday, June 9th 2016 in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Casey Anderson, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board