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Alberto P. Bastida, AICP
Secretary to the Zoning Commission
Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
441 - 4th Street, NW
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Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Case No. 02-15 (Providing Matter-of-Right Use in the R-1 Zone District for Public Park and Recreational Uses -- 11 DCM)

Dear Secretary:

I write in support of the proposed matter-of-right use for parks and recreation and its effect on Turkey Thicket playgrounds in Ward 5. It has been 35 years since I was a summer worker at Turkey Thicket, and as a long-time Brookland resident, it is distressing that the facility has had little support relative to building upgrade or program expansion in more than 40 years.

It is encouraging that the Zoning Commission has taken steps to help circumvent some of the unnecessary entanglements that disallow expeditious and well-scrutinized building procedures. Aware that the proposed zoning amendments cannot supersede policies prescribed for citizen input during these kinds of procedures, your attempt to eliminate costly bureaucratic perplexities that usually foster stagnation is commendable.

I believe your proposed amendments are positive steps toward steamlining the process for upgrading dated and under used recreational facilities across this city.

Sincerely,

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