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Dear Chairman Hood and fellow commission members,

I hope this note finds you well. I am writing prior to the zoning hearing Case 16-11 in support of keeping Bruce Monroe Community Park as a park. Since the investment by the DC government of the park over ten years ago, community members have used it as a relief from the congested city dwellings. Sports, gatherings, and other activities have taken place on a daily basis, a sign that everyone wants to preserve the green space. Volunteers worked together to build a nurturing green space with the community garden. The park provides a link for community members in varying neighborhoods to gather and get to know one another in a positive social way.

I oppose replacing the community park with a development that would mirror many of the new developments throughout the city. One reason being that many of the new developments in DC are not even at capacity; meaning there isn't an interest or ability to afford the condos being built. Another reason being that eventually there will not be many large green spaces in the city aside from the Mall for community members to enjoy. I have seen elderly use the park for exercise and relaxation; in these instances they may not be capable, unlike others, to walk to find a similar environment. Furthermore, it is my understanding that the Comprehensive plan requires a thorough impact assessment prior to authorizing construction. I.E. that there are no negative impacts of the development on the neighborhood, environment or other issues. I do not believe this has been completed in this case.

Thank you for considering our desire to keep parts of DC green.

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