

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

DRAFT

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole

DATE: May 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Report on Bill 24-233, the “Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2022”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 24-233, the “Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2022” was referred, reports favorably thereon with minor amendments, and recommends approval by the Council.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On May 3, 2021, Bill 24-233, the “Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021,”¹ was introduced by Councilmembers Pinto, to officially designate the park subsection of Francis Field, bound on the east by 25th Street N.W., on the west by the fence surrounding the athletic field, on the north by the concrete walkway into the athletic field’s north gate, and on the south by the loading dock driveway for the building located at 2501 M Street N.W. as “Rebecca Coder Park.” An official naming of a public space typically enables installation of signage or other identifying features.

Commissioner Rebecca Coder served as a community activist until her passing after a long battle with cancer. Commissioner Coder was a founder and first president of the Friends of Francis Field. She was also a Commissioner representing Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A for ten years. As both a member and eventual Chair of ANC 2A, she helped to fostered and era

¹ Originally introduced as Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021.

of intelligence and civility in local government through her work on the ANC.

Commissioner Coder led successful efforts to provide passive recreation space in the West End neighborhood, specifically the portion of Francis Field that is now a small, pleasant park area, where neighbors can walk dogs, sit on benches, and enjoy this small but welcoming outdoor space. The space proposed to be named in her honor was created in 2009 under her leadership and work through the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

Legal Background

The Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*) (“Act”) establishes procedures for closing streets and alleys, opening new streets and alleys, and the naming of public spaces. Specifically, the Act authorizes the Council to designate or change the name of any public space in the District of Columbia.² Public spaces include “any public street, alley, circle, bridge, building, park, other public place or property owned by or under the administrative control or jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.”³

The Act establishes a notice requirement for the official designation of public spaces: at least 30 days prior to the scheduled public hearing, the initiator of the proposed designation shall submit a copy of the legislation for review and comment to each Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) in which the public space is located. Regarding Bill 24-233, ANC 2A was notified of the hearing on the proposed name on October 4, 2021.

The Act also promulgates requirements that the Mayor must meet prior to consideration of a public space designation by the Council. First, the Mayor shall provide the Council with comments on the proposed designation submitted by any District agency with jurisdiction over the public space to be designated.⁴ DPR, which will have jurisdiction over the park when completed, attended the November 3, 2021 hearing on Bill 24-233 and submitted comments as part of its testimony, thus meeting this requirement. Second, prior to consideration of a designation by the Council, the Mayor shall provide to the Council a surveyor’s plat showing the public space to be designated, including any squares adjacent and abutting squares to the designation.⁵ The Office of the Surveyor provided the Council with a plat of the designation prior to mark up by the Committee of the Whole. That updated plat is attached to this report.

After the legislation becomes law and all conditions required by the Council and the Act have been satisfied, the Mayor will install signage denoting the public space name.⁶ The signage shall conform to the policies of the agency with jurisdiction over the public space, in this case DPR.⁷ In addition, the committee print authorizes the Mayor to accept a bronze plaque inset in

² See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*

³ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.11(2)(A).

⁴ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.22(b).

⁵ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.22(c)(1)-(3).

⁶ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(b).

⁷ *Id.*

stone to be installed at a location in Rebecca Coder Park to be determined by the Mayor in consultation with the Friends of Francis Field. Finally, the Surveyor of the District of Columbia shall record a copy of the act and the Surveyor's plat in the Office of the Surveyor.⁸

The Committee Print makes clarifying changes with regard to the installation of a plaque inset in stone in the park. The Friends of Francis Field have procured the memorial stone and plaque and will gift it to the District. The memorial will be placed in the park at a location to be determined by the Mayor after consulting with the Friends of Francis Field.

Officially designating the park subsection of Francis Field, bound on the east by 25th Street N.W., on the west by the fence surrounding the athletic field, on the north by the concrete walkway into the athletic field's north gate, and on the south by the loading dock driveway for the building located at 2501 M Street N.W. as "Rebecca Coder Park" will honor the legacy of Commissioner Rebecca Coder as a champion for renovation of this public green space for use by residents. Thus, the Committee of the Whole recommends the approval of Bill 24-233, the "Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2022."

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

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| May 3, 2021 | Bill 24-233, the "Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2022" is introduced by Councilmember Pinto. |
| May 4, 2021 | Bill 24-233 is officially read at a regularly scheduled Legislative Meeting and referred to the Committee of the Whole. |
| May 7, 2021 | Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 24-233 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> . |
| September 17, 2021 | Notice of Public Hearing on Bill 24-233 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> . |
| September 24, 2021 | Revised notice of Public Hearing on Bill 24-233 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> . |
| November 3, 2021 | A Public Hearing is held on Bill 24-233 by the Committee of the Whole. |
| May 17, 2021 | The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 24-233. |

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Brent Sisco, Capital Projects Planning & Design Officer, Department of Parks and Recreation, testified that the Executive supports the legislation and applauded the community engagement in selecting the name to put forward to the Council. Her testimony is attached as well as summarized below.

⁸ D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(c).

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

On November 6, 2018, ANC 2A approved a resolution proposing to install a plaque honoring former Commissioner Rebecca Coder at Francis Field. A copy of the resolution is attached to the testimony of Gary Griffith, President of the Friends of Francis Field (attached).

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on several bills including Bill 24-233 on Thursday, November 3, 2021. The testimony summarized below pertains to Bill 24-233. Copies of written testimony are attached to this report.

Florence Harmon, Commissioner, ANC 2A06, testified in support of the designation and spoke to Commissioner Coder's work to secure neighborhood amenities.

Gary Griffith, President, Friends of Francis Field, testified in support of the designation and recounted Commissioner Coder's good nature and work on the ANC.

Jacqueline Lemire, Co-Founder, Foggy Bottom West End Village, testified in support of the designation and spoke of her commitment to serving and supporting the neighborhood.

Jeri Epstein, Chair, ANC 2A, testified in support of the designation and lauded the effort to rename public spaces after important community members.

John George, President, Foggy Bottom Association, testified in support of the designation and described her volunteerism and efforts to raise the quality of life for her neighbors.

Jill Eicher, Member, Friends of Francis Field, testified in support of the designation and recounted Commissioner Coder's contributions to the daily lives of West End residents.

Peter Sacco, Executive Director, ANC 2A, testified in support of the designation and described his work as a Commissioner alongside Commissioner Coder including her overall commitment to the West End community.

Susan Haight, President, West End Library Friends, testified in support of the designation and her work with Commissioner on several projects including Francis Field, the West End Library, the fire station, and others.

Brent Sisco, Capital Projects Planning & Design Officer, Department of Parks and Recreation, testified that the Executive supports the designation.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Bill 24-233.

I. RACIAL EQUITY IMPACT

According to the attached Racial Equity Impact Analysis, Bill 24-233 will have a negligible impact on the lives of Black residents, Indigenous residents, and other residents of color.

II. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 24-233 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 authorizes the Council to designate (i.e. name) any public space, including facilities.⁹ Further, the Act generally provides that no public space shall be named in honor of any living person or in honor of any person who has been deceased less than two years.¹⁰ Commissioner Coder passed away on May 1, 2018, at the age of 49.

III. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 budget and proposed fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. DPR testified that fabrication of signage for the new park can be absorbed, as noted in the Fiscal Impact Statement (attached).

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of Bill 24-233.
<u>Section 2</u>	Officially designates the park subsection of Francis Field, bound on the east by 25th Street N.W., on the west by the fence surrounding the athletic field, on the north by the concrete walkway into the athletic field's north gate, and on the south by the loading dock driveway for the building located at 2501 M Street N.W. as Rebecca Coder Park.
<u>Section 3</u>	Adopts the Fiscal Impact Statement.
<u>Section 4</u>	Establishes the effective date by stating the standard 30-day congressional review language.

⁹ Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

¹⁰ See D.C. Code § 9-204.05.

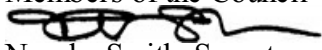
IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

X. ATTACHMENTS

1. Bill 24-233 as introduced.
2. Written Testimony.
3. Surveyor's Plat.
4. Racial Equity Impact Analysis
5. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 24-233.
6. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 24-233.
7. Committee Print for Bill 24-233.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20004

Memorandum

To : Members of the Council

From : Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
Date : Monday, May 3, 2021
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Monday, May 03, 2021. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021", B24-0233

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Pinto

The Chairman is referring this legislation to Committee of the Whole.

Attachment
cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER BROOKE PINTO
THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 106
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

May 1, 2021

Nyasha Smith, Secretary
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, I am introducing the "Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021". Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation.

This bill designates the park subsection of Francis Field, bound on the east by 25th Street N.W., on the west by the fence surrounding the athletic field, on the north by the concrete walkway into the athletic field's north gate, and on the south by the loading dock driveway for the building located at 2501 M Street N.W., in Ward 2, as Rebecca Coder Park.

Commissioner Rebecca Coder served as a community activist until her passing on May 1, 2018, at the age of 49, after a long battle with cancer. Commissioner Coder was a founder and first president of the Friends of Francis Field and subsequently was also an ANC 2A Commissioner for ten years. As both a member and chair of ANC 2A, she helped to launch a new era of intelligence and civility into local government.

This bill memorializes her successful efforts to provide passive recreation space in the West End neighborhood, specifically the portion of Francis Field that is now a small pleasant park area, where neighbors can walk dogs, sit on benches, and enjoy this small but welcoming outdoor space, created in 2009 under her leadership.

Should you have any questions about this legislation, please contact my Legislative Director, Barry Weise, at bweise@dccouncil.us.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BE PINTO".

Brooke Pinto



Councilmember Brooke Pinto

1 A BILL

2 _____
3 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
4 _____

5 To designate the park subsection of Francis Field, bound on the east by 25th Street N.W., on the
6 west by the fence surrounding the athletic field, on the north by the concrete walkway
7 into the athletic field's north gate, and on the south by the loading dock driveway for the
8 building located at 2501 M Street N.W., in Ward 2, as Rebecca Coder Park.
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
11 act may be cited as the "Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021".

12 Sec. 2. Pursuant to section 401 and 422 of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition
13 Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-
14 204.01 and 9-204.22) ("Act"), and notwithstanding the requirements of section 407 of the Act
15 (D.C. Official Code 9-204.07), the Council:

16 (a) Designates the park subsection of Francis Field, bound on the east by 25th Street NW,
17 on the west by the fence surrounding the athletic field, on the north by the concrete walkway into
18 the athletic field's north gate, and on the south by the loading dock driveway for the building at
19 2501 M Street NW, in Ward 2, as "Rebecca Coder Park"; and

20 (b) Approves a bronze plaque approximately 4" x 10", to be inset-mounted on a flat rock
21 to be placed at or slightly above sidewalk level on the triangular patch of ground inside the park
22 area between three sections of concrete sidewalk that form the south entrance to the park and
23 located adjacent to the sidewalk on the west side of 25th Street N.W., approximately 60' north of

24 the loading dock driveway for the building at 2501 M Street N.W. The plaque shall state in
25 raised letters:

26 “In memory of Rebecca Coder, 1969-2018, Friends of Francis Field”.

27 Sec. 3. Transmittal.

28 The Council shall transmit a copy of this act, upon its effective date, to the Department of
29 General Services and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

30 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

31 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
32 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
33 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(3)).

34 Sec. 5. Effective date.

35 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
36 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
37 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
38 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
39 Columbia Register.

**Committee of the Whole Hearing on "Rebecca Coder Park
Designation Act of 2021"**

**Florence Harmon Testimony
Former Chair and Former ANC2A Commissioner
2007 to 2018**

Good morning, Chairman Mendelson, and Members of the Council: I am Florence Harmon. I was an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (ANC) 2A from 2007 to 2018.

I am here to testify in support of the "Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021. Several of you knew Rebecca and knew not only what an outstanding person Rebecca was but also what an effective, talented, and dedicated ANC 2A Commissioner she was. Rebecca secured outstanding neighborhood benefits while undergoing painful medical treatments for serious health conditions that finally took her from us far too soon at the young age of forty-nine. She never let her constituents down; she never complained about her health. For 10 years, I worked closely with Rebecca and never saw her waiver in her dedication to her constituents, always answering emails from her hospital bed and securing relief from DC Officials for various neighborhood issues no matter how sick she was.

Over ten years as the commissioner for ANC 2A02, Rebecca put in thousands of volunteer hours as an unpaid public servant to benefit our neighborhood. The ANC 2A commissioners and constituents are asking you to designate a small park adjacent to Francis Field, which she worked so hard to improve for neighborhood school children and her constituents, as a fitting memorial to Rebecca. I am here to elicit your support for the designation of this small park in the memory of Rebecca.

We could be here for some time if I elaborated on all of Rebecca's

accomplishments for the West End and Foggy Bottom neighborhood, but I think her most significant accomplishment was her leadership and professionalism in her interactions with City officials and constituents.

Rebecca, as an experienced businesswoman and savvy volunteer, restored the trust of neighbors, commissioners, city officials in the ANC 2A and each other. She leveraged professionals but Rebecca was also very, very smart. She quickly became proficient in zoning processes, liquor license protests, campus plan details, and a variety of other municipal functions. She deftly maneuvered City processes. Just a few of these accomplishments are:

- Removing harsh lights on Francis Field so that neighbors could sleep and restoring the field through securing unpaid PUD amenities and navigating a byzantine regulatory process.
- Establishing a neighborhood dog park through years of effective advocacy.
- Overturning efforts of a developer to develop the historic Stevens School as a condominium and supporting ANC efforts to save the Stevens School (the first school in DC for freed slaves) as a learning institution for young children.
- Securing the designation of the unnamed triangular park at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue with M. St. and 21st St. as “Duke Ellington Park” in honor of the composer and musician who was born nearby on Ward Place in 1899.
- Tirelessly advocating for the redevelopment of the block where the old ramshackle and sub-standard public library and fire station stood so that the community received affordable housing, a state-of-the-art new library and new fire station.
- Attracting outstanding dining venues to the Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhood while protecting the peace

of residents by imposing reasonable neighborhood operating hours.

- Going after bad actor nightclub and restaurant operators who disregarded and endangered neighbors.
- Outsmarting big name attorneys from DCs most prestigious law firms in BZA and Zoning hearings when they attempted “sharp” legal tactics to infringe on the rights of her constituents to sleep by erecting huge, highways type signage that glared into constituents’ bedrooms at night.
- Shutting down illegal or even legal construction that kept residents up all night.
- Getting sidewalks and potholes fixed and fixing other constituent problems by navigating a City bureaucracy.
- Restoring civil town-gown relations.
- Restoring ANC credibility, civility, and trust in its relations with City officials, neighbors, MPD, and other parties who appeared before the ANC.
- Protecting the “West End and Foggy Bottom” neighborhood by constantly pointing out to developers who misrepresented their businesses as being in Georgetown that we are a unique and exciting neighborhood, and they should be proud to advertise that they were in the West End.
- Ultimately being a significant force in creating a distinct West End neighborhood that is truly unique and vibrant with numerous community amenities and outstanding venues.

I am not aware of another ANC commissioner who worked so hard for her constituents and was so effective on their behalf because of her professionalism, advocacy, and keen intellect.

Rebecca and I didn’t always agree on every issue, but we agreed on most and she was a formidable ally against bad actor nightclub owners and unscrupulous developers. I dare say we won numerous zoning, BZA, ABRA and other legal and regulatory

proceedings for the benefit of our constituents in the West End. Rebecca was just so smart and could see angles that I could not see that led to successes.

And when we didn't agree, we may have not been happy with each other's position. But we didn't sit there and insult each other at ANC meetings. Instead, we'd talk, usually over a glass of wine, enjoy each other's company, and end up giggling about some strange display of behavior we had witnessed together. And then she'd say, "I have to go home to the "hubby," whom she dearly loved.

I really miss Rebecca.

I therefore respectfully urge this Committee to approve the "Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021" as a fitting memorial to one of the City's most outstanding public servants and a DC native.

Thank you.

Florence Harmon

Friends of Francis Field

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Council of the District of Columbia
Committee of the Whole

Re: Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021

Testimony of Gary Griffith, with support material attached

* * *

Good morning, Chairperson Mendelson and members of the Committee. My name is Gary Griffith, and I am the President of a neighborhood organization in the West End called the Friends of Francis Field.

I am in favor of the bill because it recognizes the public-spirited work of a person who improved our neighborhood with her volunteer service and leadership. Through a zoning case in 2007 she led the renovation of an athletic field surrounded by a chain-link fence into more of a community asset, by providing park space for passive recreation as well as sports activity.

This led to ten years of additional service on our Advisory Neighborhood Commission, during the critical years when a new library and a new fire station were built, and two school buildings were set to close. She also was among the founding members of the Foggy Bottom West End Village, which helps neighbors to age in place. The hundreds of hours that she devoted to these projects were more precious than most of us knew, for during this same ten years, she was battling ovarian cancer, which took her life when she was 49 years old.

It is her spirit that we would honor in this naming, because she also enriched us with her friendship and good nature and joy of living. As others have written, and will tell you, she was fun to be around, and she inspired volunteerism in others. I testified 12 years ago to this committee for a bill that she initiated in the ANC to name a small triangular park in the neighborhood for Duke Ellington, the musical great who was born nearby ... and it bears that name today. Rebecca did that kind of thing, and it enriched our lives by doing so.

This bill, involving the small park area she created, will recognize her work and keep alive the spirit of volunteerism in local government that she embodied.

My additional written testimony is included in the appendices below, which includes statements and documentation from neighborhood organizations, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A, the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation, and the office of Councilmember Brooke Pinto.

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Support material for Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021

Appendix A.

May 15, 2018

Obituary

“Remembering Rebecca Coder (1969-2018)”

Appendix B.

July 10, 2018

Letter of neighborhood organizations for Consideration of Rebecca Coder for “Wall of Honor” at West End Public Library

Appendix C.

September 26, 2018

Letter of Board of Library Trustees

“Consideration for Rebecca Coder, West End Library Wall of Honor

Appendix D.

November 6, 2018

Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Proposal to Install a Plaque Honoring Former Commissioner Rebecca Coder at Francis Field”

Appendix E.

May 15, 2019

Photograph of plaque installed at West End Library.

Appendix F.

December 30, 2019

Partnership Agreement between D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation and Friends of Francis Field, with Attachment A-2, with language for installation of plaque and naming subsection of Francis Field as “Rebecca Coder Park” providing enabling legislature is passed.

Appendix G.

October 17, 2020

Graphic of “Rebecca Coder Park” architectural plan and suggested plaque placement.

Appendix H.

May 1, 2021

Letter of Councilmember Brooke Pinto introducing legislation in the Council of the District of Columbia for “Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021.

Appendix A

follows

Remembering Rebecca Coder (1969-2018)

Posted May 25, 2018

Rebecca Coder died on May 1, 2018, at the age of 49. During her final decade of life—a time of great change in the West End neighborhood—she was an energetic community leader and public servant.

To many of us who knew her, she was also a beloved friend and neighbor.

A resident of the District of Columbia from childhood, she grew up in the Chevy Chase neighborhood of the District, and attended Woodrow Wilson High School, from which she was graduated in 1987.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1990, and returned to the District to begin a career in banking, initially at the American Security Bank. She joined the National Cooperative Bank in 1996, and became a senior vice president six years later.

In 2002 she married Christopher Haspel; the couple purchased a condominium in the West End the same year. In 2003, she began writing about art exhibits and nearby galleries for the *West End Guide*, a local publication.

Her first big neighborhood project, beginning in 2007, was the improvement of Francis Field, a neglected public recreation space. As a founder and the first president of the non-profit Friends of Francis Field, she shepherded a landscape architecture plan through the zoning and approval process.

That began the transformation of a neighborhood nuisance into a community asset. She remained active in that group, and played a major role in the planting of 43 trees in May 2017. (See photo below).



Her interest in the neighborhood and improving the field led to a suggestion by her neighbors that she run for election to the non-paid, non-partisan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) so that the West End might be better represented. She did so in 2008, defeating an incumbent, and winning 82 per cent of the votes cast. She was re-elected in 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016, and was serving in her tenth year.

The West End Library was in her single-member district. Its redevelopment became one of the projects that she steadfastly supported from the time of its initial suggestion in 2009.

Her ANC colleagues elected her chairperson in January 2010. During that crucial time of regulatory hearings for the library redevelopment, she testified in several proceedings, including the District Council.

As chair of the ANC, she introduced the resolution in favor of the library plan proposed by a local development team. That passed unanimously and became the crucial grass-roots foundation for community support of the West End Library project—support that stood up during a long and complicated process of regulation and legal challenges by interest groups located outside the neighborhood and outside the District.



The redevelopment of the West End fire station was another of the successful projects she championed.

In 2009, she was also instrumental in having a small park near the West End birthplace of jazz legend Duke Ellington named officially—by the District of Columbia and the U.S. Congress—as Duke Ellington Park.

In 2013, at the age of 44, she became a founding board member of another non-profit, local organization: the Foggy Bottom/West End Village, which continues to assist its members to age in place.

Rebecca Coder was a leader who seemed to personify the neighborhood that the West End was becoming in the last decade: smart, young, interesting, and upbeat.

Her participation in the May 2017 tree planting—just one year ago—was typical of her easy, elegant manner. She picked up a shovel, dug in, and got the job done ... while she let others give the speeches.

In addition to the large and visible projects she supported and advocated, she spent countless hours in her ANC role, attending mundane hearings before District agencies that were little noticed by the general public but meant the world to some unsung constituent or another.

When some of us encouraged her to run for a more visible public office, she'd tilt her head and squint her eyes a little, as if she were really thinking about it. But we realized early on that her heart beat to a more beautiful rhythm. She was not a politician, but something much more rare—she was a volunteer—and a good neighbor ... and a beautiful friend.

Despite her 13-year battle with ovarian cancer, Rebecca always seemed to find time to help others.

One of her ANC colleagues remembered: "Rebecca was most poised person I've known ... she never got flustered and she was such a generous, fun, soul."

Her intelligence, her graceful style, and her generosity with her time and resources, were noted by many. Another colleague remarked: "She leaves a living legacy anywhere you turn in the West End."

Mayor Muriel Bowser described her as "a generous, caring and thoughtful woman who was always willing to help out in the community in any way possible."

Rebecca Kilcummings Coder was born on January 4, 1969, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She was adopted and brought to the United States that same year. When she was four years old, her family settled in Washington, DC. She is survived by her husband Christopher Haspel, her father David Coder, and her brother Joshua Coder. Her mother, Mary Katherine McDermott, died in 2016.

A funeral mass for Rebecca was held at St. Stephen Martyr Church in the West End on May 10, with hundreds of her friends and neighbors in attendance. Memorials are in the planning stage at the West End Library and on Francis Field.

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Appendix B

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Foggy Bottom West End Village
Extend a Hand, Stay Connected, Live Well at Home



July 10, 2018

Richard Reyes-Gavilan, Executive Director
District of Columbia Public Library
1990 K St. NW
Washington DC 20006

Dear Rich:

We are writing to request that the name of Rebecca Coder be considered as the second honoree for the Wall of Honor at the West End Library.

Rebecca Coder died on May 1, 2018, at the age of 49. During her final decade of life—a time of great change in the West End neighborhood—she was an energetic community leader and public servant.

A resident of the District of Columbia from childhood, she grew up in the Chevy Chase neighborhood of the District, and attended Woodrow Wilson High School, from which she was graduated in 1987.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1990 and returned to the District to begin a career in banking, initially at the American Security Bank. She joined the National Cooperative Bank in 1996 and was a senior vice president there at the time of her death.

In 2002 she married Christopher Haspel, and the couple purchased a condominium in the West End. In 2003, she began writing for the *West End Guide*, a local publication, mostly about art exhibits and nearby galleries.

Her first big neighborhood project, beginning in 2007, was the improvement of Francis Field, a neglected public recreation space. As a founder and the first president of the non-profit Friends of Francis Field, she shepherded a landscape architecture plan through the zoning and approval process. That began the transformation of a neighborhood nuisance into a community asset. She remained active in that group until her death and played a major role in the planting 43 trees in May 2017.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WEST END LIBRARY FRIENDS

Susan Haight, President

Robert Haas, Vice President * Gregory Snyder, Treasurer * Vacant, Secretary * John Gizzi, Outreach Chair

Her interest in the neighborhood and improving the field led to a suggestion by her neighbors that she run for election to the non-paid, non-partisan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) so that the West End might be better represented. She did so in 2008, defeating an incumbent, winning 82 percent of the votes cast. She was re-elected in 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016, and was serving in her tenth year at the time of her death.

The West End Library was in her single-member district. Its redevelopment became one of the projects that she steadfastly supported from the time of its initial suggestion in 2009.

Her ANC colleagues elected her chairperson in January 2010. During that crucial time of regulatory hearings for the library redevelopment, she testified in several proceedings, including the District Council.

As chair of the ANC, she introduced the resolution in favor of the library plan proposed by a local development team. That passed unanimously and became the crucial grass-roots foundation for community support of the West End Library project—support that stood up during a long and complicated process of regulation and legal challenges by interest groups located outside the neighborhood and outside the District.

The redevelopment of the West End Fire station was another of the projects she championed.

In 2009, she was also instrumental in having a small park near the West End birthplace of jazz legend Duke Ellington named officially—by the District of Columbia and the U.S. Congress—as Duke Ellington Park.

In 2013, at the age of 44, she became a founding board member of another non-profit, local organization: The Foggy Bottom/West End Village, which continues to assist its members to age in place.

Rebecca Coder was a leader who seemed to personify the neighborhood that the West End was becoming in the last decade: smart, young, interesting, and upbeat.

She was a superb example of a good neighbor. In addition to the large and visible projects she supported and advocated, she spent countless hours in her ANC role, attending mundane hearings before District agencies that were little noticed by the general public but meant the world to some unsung constituent or another.

Despite her 13-year battle with ovarian cancer, Rebecca always found time to help others.

One of her ANC colleagues noted after her death: “Rebecca was the most poised person I’ve known ... she never got flustered and she was such a generous, fun, soul.”

Her intelligence, her graceful style, and her generosity with her time and resources, were noted by many.

Mayor Muriel Bowser described her as “a generous, caring and thoughtful woman who was always willing to help out in the community in any way possible.”



Foggy Bottom West End Village
Extend a Hand, Stay Connected, Live Well at Home



Recognition of Rebecca Coder's service on the Wall of Honor in the West End Library would be an appropriate and lasting honor.

Thank you in advance,

Susan B. Haight
President
West End Library Friends

Marina Streznewski
President
Foggy Bottom Association

William Kennedy Smith, MD
Chairperson
ANC 2A04

Sara Maddux
President
West End Citizens Association

Gary Griffith
President
Friends of Francis Field

Jane Selby
President
Foggy Bottom West End Village

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WEST END LIBRARY FRIENDS

Susan Haight, President

Robert Haas, Vice President * Gregory Snyder, Treasurer * Vacant, Secretary * John Gizzi, Outreach Chair

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BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018
Consideration for
Rebecca Coder
West End Library Wall of Honor

District of Columbia Public Library Executive Director Richard Reyes-Gavilan recommends Rebecca Coder for consideration onto the Wall of Honor at the West End Library.

Recommendation supported by the following:

- Served as the Chair of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A and was a steadfast supporter of the West End Library project.
- Worked diligently to make the new West End Library a reality since it was first imagined in 2009 and serving as the Single Member District Commissioner of ANC 2A02 since 2010.
- Widely recognized for her efforts in shepherding the West End Library and Police Station through the complex approval process.
- Was instrumental in having a small park near the West End birthplace of jazz legend Duke Ellington named officially—by the District of Columbia and the U.S. Congress—as Duke Ellington Park.
- Became a founding board member of another non-profit, local organization: The Foggy Bottom/West End Village, which continues to assist its members to age in place.
- Dedicated countless hours on the mundane, and often overlooked items such as: public-space hearings, zoning variances, liquor-license applications and challenges.
- Served as a community activist and since 2007 until her passing on May 1, 2018, at the age of 49.

As Mayor Muriel Bowser has said of Rebecca, **“a generous, caring and thoughtful woman who was always willing to help out in the community in any way possible.”**

The Library recommends the Board of Library Trustees approve the selection of Rebecca Coder onto the Wall of Honor at the West End Library.

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

November 6, 2018

Councilmember Jack Evans
Councilmember, Ward 2
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 106
Washington, DC 20004
jevans@dccouncil.us

RE: Proposal to Install a Plaque Honoring Former Commissioner Rebecca Coder at Francis Field

Dear Councilmember Evans,

At its regular meeting on September 20, 2018, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (7-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Harmon and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the following resolution:

ANC 2A supports the request of the Friends of Francis Field, of which Rebecca Coder was the first president and subsequently an ANC 2A Commissioner for ten years, to memorialize her successful efforts to provide passive recreation space in the West End neighborhood, specifically the portion of Francis Field that is now a pleasant park, where neighbors can walk dogs, sit on benches, and enjoy this small but welcoming outdoor space, created in 2009 under her leadership.

There is no intention to rename Francis Field, which has several sub-sections, including the large athletic field, Francis Pool, and, since 2015, Francis Dog Park. Rather, the request is for an act by the DC Council to designate a small and distinct portion of Francis Field, lying entirely outside of the athletic field, as follows:

“To designate the park area of Francis Field adjacent to the west side of 25th Street NW, in Ward 2, as Coder Park.”

A landscape plan of this area, with an accompanying photograph of the area, is attached to this resolution.

ANC 2A also supports the placement of a small bronze plaque, 10 inches by 4 inches, in the circular sidewalk shown in the attached plan. The plaque would read:

In Memory of
Rebecca Coder



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

1969-2018

Friends of Francis Field

No other signage is contemplated or requested. A proof of this plaque is also attached to this resolution. The plaque is consistent with current “DPR Donation Guidelines for Plaques and Trees,” which state:

“The sign/plaque must be made of lasting materials (i.e. brass, stainless steel, powder-coated steel or stone). It should not exceed about 6" x 12" nor should be elevated more than 9" above the surrounding soil. If it is to be mounted to a wall or masonry surface it should be bolted or set in mortar.”

Those Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) guidelines also state that language such as “in memory of” requires DC Council approval, which the Friends of Francis Field has informed ANC 2A that it has discussed with your office and feels confident that you will support.

The plaque and its installation will be funded entirely with private funds, at no cost to the District of Columbia.

ANC 2A thus respectfully requests that your office take action regarding this request.

Commissioners Florence Harmon (2A06@anc.dc.gov) and William Kennedy Smith (2A04@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

William Kennedy Smith, MD
Chairperson

CC: Keith Anderson, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
Peter Nohrden, Capital Projects, Planning, and Design, DPR
Katie Rehwaldt, Manager of Park Partners and Community Engagement, DPR
Gary Griffith, President, Friends of Francis Field

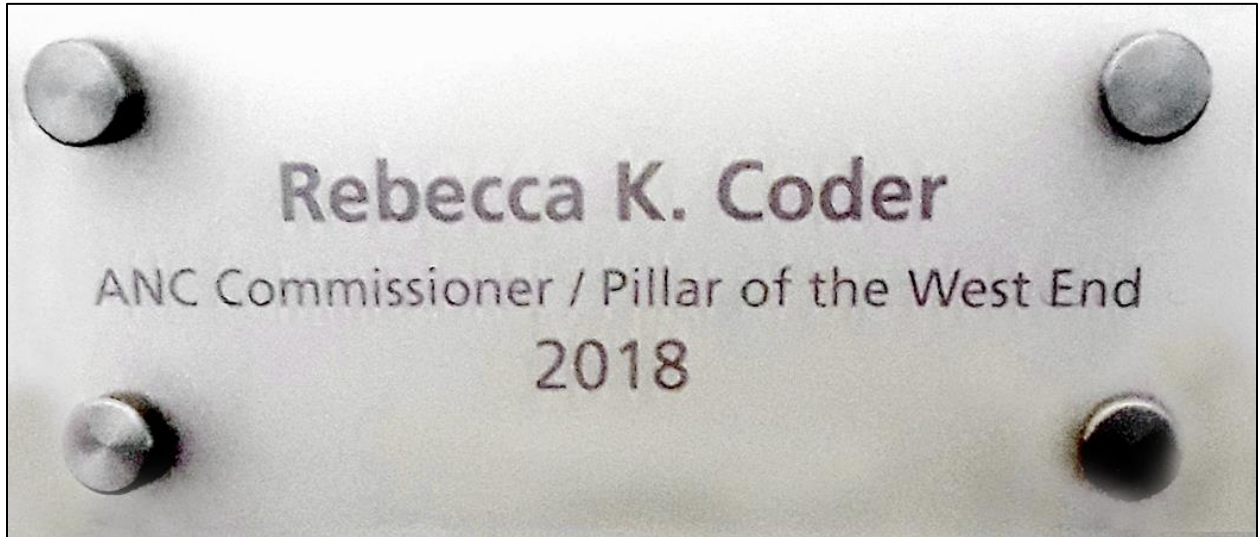
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West End Library

Wall of Honor Plaque

Dedicated May 11, 2019



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Muriel Bowser
Mayor

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Parks and Recreation

Office of the Director



Delano Hunter
Director

Gary Griffith, President
Friends of Francis Field
2501 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Griffith:

I am pleased to advise you that the Department of Parks and Recreation has accepted your request to be partner with the agency in advancing its mission to provide equal and open access to Gold Standard recreational programs, services, and facilities—across all 8 Wards. We are confident that with partnerships like the Friends of Francis Field, the possibilities for innovation and growth of the District recreation and parks offerings limitless and life changing for the residents of the District of Columbia. While you are not new to the DPR Partnership family, I would like to sincerely and officially welcome you *back!*

Enclosed you will find a fully executed Partnership Agreement (Agreement number: FO-2019-0001). The agreement in its entirety consists of:

- 1) the bilaterally executed Partnership Agreement document,
- 2) the Standard Partnership Agreement Provisions,
- 3) the park improvement plan; and
- 4) attachments listed in section V of the Partnership Agreement document.

Again, we are excited about this partnership and look forward to working with the Friends of Francis Field! Should you have any questions or concerns, Kathleen Rehwaldt, Portfolio Manager will serve as your point of contact. She can be reached via telephone at (202) 673-9270 or via email at kathleen.rehwaldt@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

Jerome Johnson, Chief
Office of Partnerships and Development



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**PARK PARTNER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN**

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
AND
THE FRIENDS OF FRANCIS FIELD**

Agreement Number: FO-2019-0001

This Park Partner Memorandum of Agreement (herein referred to as “the Agreement”) is made by and between the District of Columbia, a Municipal Corporation, acting by and through the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation (“DPR”) and the Friends of Francis Field (the “Partner”), a District of Columbia 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation whose mission includes supporting Francis Field, located adjacent to 2435 N Street, NW (the “Park”) by advocating, fundraising, maintaining and assisting DPR in the planning process for the Park. DPR and Partner may individually or collectively be referred to as the “Party” or the “Parties”.

Recitals

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 10-301-304(a) and Title 19 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (“DCMR”), § 720 and § 1105, DPR may form partnerships with neighborhood, community and civic groups to permit private persons and organizations to improve and beautify parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers under DPR’s jurisdiction and to accomplish a stated goal or mission of DPR; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the aforementioned authority afforded DPR, DPR has instituted programs known as the “Adopt-a-Park Program” and the “Friends of Program” for the improvement, beautification, advocacy, fundraising, and certain maintenance of DPR managed real property, also known as public park sites; and

WHEREAS, DPR desires to enter in cooperative agreements with individuals, corporations, associations, community and/or neighborhood civic groups or organizations whereby such entities or persons agree to provide for or cause to be provided for the maintenance, renovation, and/or beautification of park sites and agree to cooperate with and assist DPR in the performance of the necessary administrative and regulatory functions essential to the implementation of such programs; and

WHEREAS, DPR is the District of Columbia agency charged with the management and operation of the Park; and

WHEREAS, the Park Partner desires to participate in the “Friends of Program,” and perform certain fundraising, advocacy, improvement, maintenance, beautification, and/or coordination of such activities at the Park, pursuant to the responsibilities outlined and agreed upon in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Park Partner is a District of Columbia 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation with the Federal Employer Identification Number 26-3553149, whose mission includes supplementing the work of DPR as it relates to the Park, and the Park Partner acknowledges it is in good standing with the District of Columbia and is authorized to execute and perform this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is understood and agreed between the parties to this Agreement that any and all construction, fundraising on Park property, maintenance, and coordination of the improvements at the Park, including but not limited to landscaping and/or installation of equipment of any sort located on the Park property, must be prior approved by DPR in writing notwithstanding any other provision contained herein; and

WHEREAS, it is understood and agreed that prior to the entry onto the Park for purposes of the Agreement, the Park Partner shall specifically obtain from DPR any and all necessary approvals and permits onto said property, as may be required by DPR before entering onto the Park property for the purpose of making physical improvements to the property, such as, but not limited to, moving earth, planting trees, or adding structures or additions to existing structures; and

WHEREAS, it is understood and agreed that DPR, insofar as it is legally permitted to do so, shall assist Park Partner in obtaining the required permits or licenses directly related to Park Partner's activities on said property; provided however the Park Partner shall bear any and all costs and expenses connected in any way with obtaining said permits and licenses; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

I. Scope of Agreement

- a. **General.** This Agreement shall apply to maintenance of and improvements to the Park and Park Partner's activities at the Park. The recitals above are incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement.
- b. **Partnership Plan.** In accordance with 19 DCMR § 720 et seq., Park Partner shall submit to the Director of DPR, a plan for the maintenance, beautification, general improvements to the Park, and where applicable a Statement or Scope of Work, which upon written acceptance by DPR, will be considered an addendum to this Agreement and shall be hereto incorporated by reference as "Attachment A.2".
- c. **[RESERVED]**

II. Term and Termination of the Agreement

This Agreement shall become effective as of the date of full execution and shall continue in force and effect until December 31, 2022 (the "Initial Term"), unless earlier terminated by DPR or the Park Partner as herein provided. Upon expiration of the Initial Term, the Agreement may be renewed for an additional term (the "Renewal Term") but only by

written agreement by the parties hereto. If Park Partner desires to extend the Initial Term, it should provide written electronic notice to DPR at least thirty (30) days, but not more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of said Initial Term. DPR or Park Partner may terminate this agreement for any reason by written electronic notice to the other Party.

III. Points of Contact

For the Department of Parks and Recreation:

Katie Rehwaldt, Portfolio Manager
Office of Partnership and Development
1275 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Phone: 202-257-0173
Email: kathleen.rehwaldt@dc.gov

For Park Partner:

Gary Griffith, President
Friends of Francis Field
2501 M Street, NW, #609
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: 202-659-4561
Email: gary@ffdc.org

IV. Order of Precedence

A conflict in language shall be resolved by giving precedence to the document in the highest order of priority that contains language addressing the issue in question. The following documents are incorporated into the agreement by reference and made a part of the agreement in the following order of precedence:

- 1) An applicable Court Order, if any
- 2) Partnership Agreement Document
- 3) Standard Partnership Agreement Provisions Document
- 4) Agreement Attachments other than the Standard Partnership Agreement Provisions Document

V. Attachments


The following list of attachments is incorporated into and made part of this Agreement by reference herein.

Attachment Number	Document
A.1	Standard Partnership Agreement Provisions
A.2	Partnership Plan
A.3	Friends of Francis Field Bylaws
A.4	Friends of Francis Field Articles of Incorporation
A.5	RESERVED

VI. This Agreement, including all Attachments attached hereto, represents the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings. This Agreement and any Partnership Plan may be executed in counterparts, each copy of which shall constitute an original document and all of which taken together shall constitute one single agreement between the parties.

VII. **IN WITNESS THEREOF**, this Agreement is dated and effective as of the date affixed with the signature of the DPR Director.

FOR THE D.C. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Delano Hunter
Director

12-30-19

Date

FOR THE FRIENDS OF FRANCIS FIELD



Gary Griffith
President

December 21, 2019

Date

Attachment A.2
Partnership Plan 2019-2022

Site Improvements

- In conjunction with DPR's Capital Projects Division, Friends of Francis Field will continue development of a revised master landscape plan for Francis Field, by continuing to contract a professional landscape architect.
 - Plan to be subject to approval of DPR, for submission by DPR to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts.
 - Plan to include additional landscape plantings, signage, removal of obsolete elements, and other improvements.
 - Plan to include an additional 11 trees in conjunction with the District Department of Transportation.
 - On approval of plan, Friends of Francis Field will raise funds for the plan's implementation by professional contractors.
- In conjunction with DPR Capital Projects and Planning Division, Friends of Francis Field will improve and beautify the park area between the playing field and 25th Street NW for passive recreation and non-sports activity consistent with the revised master landscape plan.
 - Plan to include filling of holes, planting of grass, and additional landscaping by a professional landscape contractor.
 - Plan to include the naming of this sub-section of Francis Field as "Rebecca Coder Park", and the placement of a sidewalk plaque, provided that enabling legislation is passed by the Council of the District of Columbia and signed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia.
- Continue the implementation of the 2017 agreement for the improvement of the playing field and other areas of Francis Field.
 - Assess health of the 43 trees planted in May 2017, and replacement of any dead or dying trees in conjunction with the Casey Trees Foundation.
 - Monitor the progress of the 2017 improvements and related maintenance needs.
 - Assess the balance of field use and the maintenance required to maintain a green, natural, and safe environment for athletic, recreational, and architectural purposes for which the field was acquired and set aside.
- Continue the study of irrigation issues and solutions begun in 2017.

Outreach:

- Continue to work closely with ANC 2A, including presenting updates at regularly held ANC meetings as requested.
- Continue to work closely with Francis Field stakeholders including residents in the condominium buildings adjacent to Francis Field, School Without Walls, and others.

Fundraising:

- Continue to engage in fundraising efforts through securing donations from neighborhood stakeholders including individuals, property owners, management corporations, and embassies.

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Graphic of Proposed Area for “Rebecca Coder Park” and Plaque



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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER BROOKE PINTO
THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 106
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

May 1, 2021

Nyasha Smith, Secretary
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, I am introducing the "Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021". Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation.

This bill designates the park subsection of Francis Field, bound on the east by 25th Street N.W., on the west by the fence surrounding the athletic field, on the north by the concrete walkway into the athletic field's north gate, and on the south by the loading dock driveway for the building located at 2501 M Street N.W., in Ward 2, as Rebecca Coder Park.

Commissioner Rebecca Coder served as a community activist until her passing on May 1, 2018, at the age of 49, after a long battle with cancer. Commissioner Coder was a founder and first president of the Friends of Francis Field and subsequently was also an ANC 2A Commissioner for ten years. As both a member and chair of ANC 2A, she helped to launch a new era of intelligence and civility into local government.

This bill memorializes her successful efforts to provide passive recreation space in the West End neighborhood, specifically the portion of Francis Field that is now a small pleasant park area, where neighbors can walk dogs, sit on benches, and enjoy this small but welcoming outdoor space, created in 2009 under her leadership.

Should you have any questions about this legislation, please contact my Legislative Director, Barry Weise, at bweise@dccouncil.us.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BE PINTO".

Brooke Pinto

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Gary Griffith <gary@fffdc.org>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021
Attachments: FFF-Fina-DonationI- # 5903.pdf

Chairman Mendelson and Members of the Council:

Regarding "Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021," I would like to add to my testimony to clarify that there will be no cost to the District of Columbia for the bronze plaque and rock mentioned in the proposed legislation.

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) estimated at \$4,000 as the cost in its executive testimony. Brent Sisco of that department wrote to me on November 4, 2021, about a more accurate estimate, and I replied that while the estimate was about right, there would be no cost to the District or its taxpayers, as this cost is well-covered by the existing \$20,000 donation agreement our organization, Friends of Francis Field, has made to the District of Columbia relating to our organization's partnership agreement with DPR for Francis Field landscaping improvements. This was accepted and was signed by DPR Director Delano Hunter on October 16, 2019.

A copy of that donation agreement is attached to this email message.

The related "Park Partnership" agreement between Friends of Francis Field and DPR was sent with my previous written testimony regarding this Bill 24-233 on 10/12/21, and is already in the Dropbox testimony as "Griffith Testimony.pdf". That agreement includes improvements to Francis Field, and contains Attachment A.2 of the partnership agreement, which states in part:

"Plan to include the naming of this subsection of Francis Field as 'Rebecca Coder Park,' and the placement of a sidewalk plaque, provided that enabling legislation is passed by the Council of the District of Columbia and signed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia."

In conference with Peter Norhden, the DPR architect assigned to the Francis Field improvement agreement, it was decided that it would be more efficient to place the plaque in a rock and add the rock to a patch of bare ground at sidewalk level, rather than to attempt to install the brass plaque in the existing sidewalk. Thus, the legislation as submitted by Councilmember Pinto mentions a rock and that placement of the plaque.

We hope this information will be helpful and welcome, and we request that this note be placed in the record for the above referenced bill.

Sincerely,

Gary Griffith

Gary Griffith, President
Friends of Francis Field
2501 M Street NW #805

AAD#5903

**DONATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT
AND FRIENDS OF FRANCIS FIELD**

1. Friends of Francis Field ("Donor") agrees to make an in-kind donation to the D.C Department of landscaping maintenance care and improvements, valued at \$20,000.00, Twenty Thousand Dollars and Zero cents, to be used for the following purpose. The donation is being given freely without any expectation of special treatment by the government.
2. The donation will be used to provide professional landscape architecture plans for revision of DPR's 2009 Master Plan to include additional landscape plantings, removal of obsolete elements, and other improvements and implementation of plans by professional contractors at Francis Field. The donation is for an authorized purpose because it is consistent with the functions and purposes of the agency.
3. The donation is being made on the condition that the agency agrees to use the donation for the particular purpose stated in this agreement. If the agency does not use the full balance of the financial donation, I, the donor, give my express consent and authorization to the agency to use the remaining balance in the same or subsequent fiscal years for the same or similar authorized purpose, as reviewed and approved by the D.C. Ethics Officer. Otherwise, the Government of the District of Columbia will mail a refund check to the donor in the amount of any remaining balance. (State any other conditions that may apply).


	Yes, with my consent all remaining funds may be applied toward another D.C. Government program with a similar purpose in this fiscal year or subsequent years.
	No, please refund all remaining funds to the donor
X	Not Applicable


Please check the appropriate box.

4. The donor has read the Rules of Conduct regarding Donations set forth in Mayor's Memo Memorandum 2015-001, dated August 21, 2015.
5. To the best of the Donor's knowledge, the Donor is not aware of any material transactions pending before the District of Columbia Government, nor any litigation pending against the District of Columbia government involving the Donor.
6. The District of Columbia government acknowledges that systems are in place for the donation to be accepted by the government and the use of the donation may be properly tracked as required by the Section 115 of the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2003, Pub. L. 108-7.

Signature of the Parties:


 _____ Date: Sept 12, 2019
 Gary Griffith
 President
 Friends of Francis Field


 _____ Date: 9-30-19
 Delano Hunter
 Director
 DC Department of Parks and Recreation


 _____ Date: 10/10/19
 Ayris Scales
 Director
 Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS)
 on behalf of the District of Columbia Government

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Jackie Lemire [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 5:30 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021

My name is Jacqueline Lemire.

I am a co-founder of the Foggy Bottom West End Village which works to assist residents in Foggy Bottom West End who desire to remain independent in their homes.

In 2011 we were working to establish a development board whose members would be responsible for determining the viability of a Village in Foggy Bottom West End. One of the people we approached was Rebecca Coder who lived in the neighborhood. She had a full time job as a senior Vice President of National Cooperative Bank. She was an ANC Commissioner in our neighborhood which, in itself, could be counted as a full-time job. In addition, she somehow managed to address other needs in the community such as working to transform neglected Francis Field into a community asset.

Rebecca was only 42 at the time that we approached her – much younger than the neighborhood residents we were proposing to assist – but she immediately agreed to join the nascent development board. Her knowledge of financial matters was a major asset in our efforts to determine if we could financially support a Village. When Articles of Incorporation were signed in 2013, Rebecca was listed as a founding member. She then agreed to be the Treasurer of the Village, a position that she held for five years – until several months before her premature death at the age of 49.

Rebecca's commitment to community needs to be and deserves to be remembered. Designating the park subsection of Francis Field as Rebecca Coder Park would be a valuable step in doing so.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Jacqueline G. Lemire

██████████ Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037



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Jeri Epstein's testimony

Thank you to Chairman Mendelson and all of the Council Members for leading the effort to name local parks and roads for the institutions and the people who were important to the growth and development of our city. I want to particularly thank Councilwoman Brooke Pinto for her support. I am Chair of ANC 2A which includes Foggy Bottom and the West End. My call to service came from Rebecca Coder's example in public service.

Rebecca Coder was a visionary leader. She saw a West End before there was a West End. When she served on the ANC, the hotels between the downtown and a Georgetown simply identified themselves as a Marriott Georgetown or the Hyatt Georgetown. There was no West End. She was steady and focused in her efforts to build a neighborhood with its own personality.

Parking lots were replaced by hotels and residential buildings. Grocery stores, restaurants, drug stores, banks, coffee shops, and exercise facilities followed.

Rebecca's support for the FBWE Village, the West End Library, and the new fire station were among her most successful efforts. She worked for Francis Field, the dog park, and the play area and the neighborhood gathering place. It is entirely appropriate to name this park for Rebecca Coder as a reminder of what care for others and devotion to public service can achieve.



▪ Post Office Box 58087 ▲ Washington DC 20037 ▪



November 2, 2021

To DC Members of the Committee of the Whole and Public Space Renaming Committee regarding Rebecca Coder Park Designation – Bill 24-233.

My name is John George, the President of the Foggy Bottom Association. On behalf of the entire Foggy Bottom and West End Communities, the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA) fully supports Bill 24-233 Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021. This greenspace and the adjacent Frances Field located on 25th Street NW is within the FBA boundaries. Part of the mission of the FBA, one of the oldest neighborhood-focused civic organizations in the District of Columbia, is to enhance and protect the residential character of the community as well as recognize and learn from our history.

Rebecca Coder, a long-time Foggy Bottom/West End resident demonstrated so many tenants of our mission statement. She was an active DC resident and ANC 2A commissioner, who focused on volunteerism and raising the quality of life of her neighbors. She was a founding member of and first president of the Friends of Francis Field, a non-profit organization devoted to public recreation space. She dedicated many hours in support of Francis Field renovations for sports and athletics, but also for an adjacent dog park, and a quiet greenspace. The transformed area it now is couldn't have happened without her.

It is appropriate for the District of Columbia to continue to recognize grass roots community members whose individual contributions truly transform this great city we call home.

The naming of this park is a fitting way to both remember and honor Rebecca Coder, but also to inform and inspire future residents and generations to live in her example.

Thank you.

The Foggy Bottom Association
John George
President

2021 Foggy Bottom Association Board Members:

John George	Jennifer Straus
Christina Farnsworth	Julia Gustafson
Peter Maye	Mary Ellen Signorille
Denise Vogt	Sadie Cornelius

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: JILL EICHER [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021

Council Members,

I would like to urge you to pass the bill which will designate Rebecca Coder Park in recognition of the extraordinary contribution she made to our neighborhood.

Rebecca served as our Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for 10 years, working selflessly to improve daily life for all in district 2A. Thanks to her contribution, Francis Field is now enjoyed by school kids, dog walkers, and recreating adults and it is surrounded by 43 new trees. She was an exceptional public servant and a remarkable woman who is missed greatly.

Please support our effort to honor her.

Sincerely,

Jill Eicher, Ward 2
[REDACTED] M Street NW, Unit [REDACTED]
Washington, DC 20037

**Testimony of Peter Sacco, Executive Director of ANC 2A, Regarding
the Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021**

Committee of the Whole Hearing

November 3rd, 2021

Good afternoon Chairman Mendelson and members of the Committee. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in support of the “Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021.” My name is Peter Sacco and I serve as the Executive Director of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A, which covers the Foggy Bottom and West End communities. I was first elected as a Commissioner on ANC 2A in November of 2012 and had the great opportunity to serve alongside Rebecca Coder on the ANC from 2013 until her passing in 2018. During that time I witnessed firsthand Rebecca’s deep commitment to Foggy Bottom and the West End.

You have already heard today about Rebecca’s deep involvement in some of the pillars of our community, including the Foggy Bottom West End Village and the Friends of Francis Field. What I wish to speak to is Rebecca’s overall commitment to the West End community. When Rebecca was first elected to the ANC in 2008, an election she won through a write-in campaign, she served as the sole West End representative on the ANC. She then became instrumental in the growth and transformation of the neighborhood that we have seen in recent years, growth that allowed the West End to add a second ANC representative as part of the 2010 U.S. Census.

Rebecca worked heavily on the redevelopment of the West End Library site, the DC Public Library’s first project to be funded through a public-private partnership. The new library has become a jewel of the neighborhood, one of the busiest libraries in the city, and the new home of the ANC’s office and monthly meetings. In association with the library redevelopment, Rebecca also worked heavily on the redevelopment of the West End’s Square 50 parcel, which included a new home for DC Fire and EMS’ Engine No. 1, providing crucial public safety resources for the community, and 52 units of affordable housing for households at or below 60 percent AMI and three Permanent Supportive Housing units for households at or below 30 percent AMI. These units represented some of the very first units to receive funding from the Housing Production Trust Fund in ANC 2A.

Rebecca’s advocacy on behalf of the West End also included her work to prevent the closure of the West End’s Francis-Stevens Education Campus, ANC 2A’s neighborhood school serving grades pre-K through 8. After the DC Public Schools announced the intended closure of the school in 2012, Rebecca worked alongside her ANC colleagues and community members to advocate for the continuation of school operations. This ANC and community advocacy included the development of an improvement and marketing plan for the school, and we were fortunate that in 2013 DCPS announced that the school would remain open. Since the announcement, the school has seen significant gains in its test scores and enrollment and has undertaken a successful partnership with Foggy Bottom’s School Without Walls High School.

I will lastly note that Rebecca was instrumental in the creation of Duke Ellington Park, a triangle park honoring the West End's own Duke Ellington, who was born less than a block from the location of the park. The park has seen numerous improvements from the Golden Triangle BID over the years and the ANC has hosted several annual jazz concerts in honor of Duke Ellington's birthday.

In summary, Rebecca Coder served as a dedicated ANC commissioner and community leader during her nearly five terms on ANC 2A. Her accomplishments are numerous and have resulted in transformational change, especially for the West End community. We owe Rebecca so much gratitude for her work to improve public facilities throughout our community. It is with these reasons in mind that I heavily support the "Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021" and ask that the DC Council swiftly pass the legislation.

Thank you for your time and attention.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Parks and Recreation



Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021 Bill 24-0233

Testimony of
Brent Sisco,
Capital Projects Planning & Design Officer
Department of Parks and Recreation

Before the
Committee of the Whole
Council of the District of Columbia

November 03, 2021
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Good morning Chairman Mendelson and members of the Committee. I am Brent Sisco the Capital Projects Planning & Design Officer for the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). I am pleased to testify before you today on the proposed designation of a community asset under DPR's jurisdiction; a subsection of the park at 2501 M Street, NW in Ward 2, known as Francis Field.

The proposed legislation designates a subsection of Francis Field that is to be named "Rebecca Coder Park." The subsection is bound on the east by 25th Street NW, on the west by the fence surrounding the athletic field, on the north by the concrete walkway into the athletic field's north gate, and on the south by the loading dock driveway for the building at 2501 M Street NW.

DPR believes the naming or renaming of a public asset needs a robust public engagement process to ensure broad community support and awareness of any renaming action. We would like to thank the Friends of Francis Field, for their work in highlighting the public service of Rebecca Coder and for their advocacy in championing this renaming action. We do note, that ANC 2A has passed a resolution in support of this renaming and that the Ward 2 Councilmember, Brooke Pinto, has introduced the legislation. As a result, DPR believes that a sufficient level of community engagement has occurred. In this case, and in all naming or renaming actions, DPR does not take a position in support or against the renaming.

As noted in the legislation's introduction, Rebecca Coder was a founding member and the first president of the Friends of Francis Field and was instrumental in helping to provide neighborhood friendly, passive recreation in the subsection of Francis Field to be designated in

her honor. Ms. Coder also served five terms as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, representing the West End Neighborhood where the park is located. Commissioner Coder lost her fight with ovarian cancer in May 2018 while still in office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca Coder for her public service and her support of DPR and public recreation as an ANC Commissioner. Moreover, I would again like to thank the Friends of Francis Field for their advocacy in this matter.

If the Council moves forward with the proposed renaming of this subset of Francis Field, DPR has estimated that the purchase and installation of a bronze plaque inset in a rock, reading “In memory of Rebecca Coder, 1969-2018, Friends of Francis Field” to be \$4000.00. DPR will utilize funding from the General Improvements Pooled fund to procure and install the bronze plaque if the legislation is passed.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify today. This concludes my testimony. I am available to answer any questions that you or the committee may have.

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 11:34 AM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021

Dear Council Members:

I enthusiastically support Bill 24-233, the Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021, and very much hope you will pass it

Rebecca is a legend in our neighborhood, with contributions that are apparent each day. As a founding member of the Friends of Francis Field and 10-year member of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, Rebecca was a terrific asset to both our community and the District.

Passing the legislation is a fitting tribute to her efforts.

Thank you,
Madelyn Appelbaum
[REDACTED] M St, NW

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Bill Armistead [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Bill 24-223, Naming of Rebecca Coder Park

Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of the legislation to name a small section of the Francis Field the "Rebecca Coder Park."

Rebecca contributed tirelessly to improve the neighborhood where she lived. She sat on the ANC-2 committee, where she led to the fight to restore the field so everyone could enjoy it, not just the softball players. She helped plant the trees in the area where her name would be added. She sat on the board of the Foggy Bottom/West End Village. And more.

Rebecca was a wonderful person, who, tragically, died at a young age from cancer.

Please honor her by naming this park in her memory.

Sincerely,

William S. Armistead
[REDACTED] L St. NW
[REDACTED]
Washington, DC 20037

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Bradley Belt [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Bill 24-233 - Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021

I strongly support this measure naming a small section of Francis Field as "Rebecca Coder Park" and urge the Council to pass the bill.

Thank you.

Bradley Belt
[REDACTED] M Street NW # [REDACTED]
Washington, DC 20037

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Patricia Guter [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Cc: donguter@gmail.com; patguter@gmail.com
Subject: Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021

Please pass the bill naming a small section of Francis Field as “Rebecca Coder Park.”

Thank you.

Don and Pat Guter

Pat Guter, JD
[REDACTED] M Street NW, Unit [REDACTED]
WDC 20037
[REDACTED]

November 2, 2021

Council Chairman Mendelson – I am writing to provide testimony in support of Bill 24-233, the bill to designate a subsection of Francis Field as Rebecca Coder Park.

Rebecca was devoted to volunteerism and service for others. While maintaining a full time job as a senior executive at National Cooperative Bank, she also was an ANC Commissioner for 10 years, and was a founding board member and treasurer of the Foggy Bottom West End Village (“FBWE”), a nonprofit devoted to helping older residents age in place. She was also a co-founder and first president of Friends of Francis Field (“FFF”).

In addition to all of this, she had been battling ovarian cancer since 2005, receiving regular chemo and clinical trial treatments at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. In fact, she would often spend her time while receiving treatments working on ANC and FBWE Village matters – I drove her to those treatment sessions and was in the room with her. Other people in the ward were watching TV or movies, while Rebecca was working away. I don’t know how she did it, but I think it just showed how much she loved working on making our neighborhood a better place.

Her main neighborhood focus was on improving Francis Field. Working closely with the D.C. government, D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation, National Park Service, FFF and other stakeholders, she was the driving force in changing a dusty, dirty overused sports field into a beautiful park and field that can now be used by the local school children and residents. It is a testament to what you can achieve with focus, drive and community spirit.

I fully support this measure.

Thank you,

Christopher Haspel
Washington, DC

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Beth Monroe [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 5:53 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021

My husband Andrew and I are residents of the West End and are reaching out in support of the Rebecca Coder Park. Thank you!

Beth Monroe Chase
JustinBradley

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Brett Podoski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:34 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021

I support this bill and think its a lovely way to honor Rebecca Coder. Well done DC Council! That park has so much potential and this is great for the community. Thank you.

Brett Podoski

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 2:38 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Coder park Designation

Dear DC Council:

I write to request that the Council pass Bill 24-233, the Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021. Rebecca was a wonderful neighbor and person who contributed to the entire community both formally and informally. She served on the Advisory Neighborhood Commission for 10 years and also was a founding member of the Friends of Francis Field. She had a tremendous spirit and was very civic minded, and sadly died well before her time.

The naming legislation is a thoughtful way to remember her and her dedication to her neighborhood, community, and DC.

Sincerely,

Michael Scheininger

[REDACTED] M Street, NW, No. [REDACTED]
Washington, DC 20037

Sent from my iPhone

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: sheridan strickland [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 5:24 AM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Rebecca Coder

I lived in the same building as Rebecca Coder for years. Our building is adjacent to Francis Field. I can't think of a more meaningful honor than naming part of the field for her.

She was an advocate for all things helpful in the neighborhood. She was part of the Friends of Francis Field, the group that championed the improvements to the field, such as the plantings and wrought iron fencing, that have made the area so welcoming. I walk often down 25th, and I try to imagine what Rebecca would think---I think she would sit on one of the benches and be thrilled!

For many years, I did know know Rebecca had serious health issues, since she never stopped smiling and working hard for our community. In the final months, once I knew of her condition, I wished I had thanked her more when she was seemingly "well". Please give us all the chance to thank her in a permanent way by naming part of the field for her. It would be a Big Virtual Hug from us to her.

Sincerely,

Sheridan Strickland

[REDACTED] M. St. NW # [REDACTED]

Washington, DC 20037

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Michael Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:25 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Measure honoring Rebecca Coder

Dear Council Members,

I write to support and urge adoption of the measure before your committee honoring Rebecca Coder by naming a portion of Francis field for her. Rebecca was a wonderful neighbor who brightened every room she was in. More relevant perhaps here, she was a founder and president of the Friends of Francis Field, working hard to improve the field in ways that served many groups in the neighborhood. She was also a founding board member of the Foggy Bottom West End Village and its long time treasurer, and served us all very well as ANC commissioner and ANC chair for ten years. Everyone who knew her loved her. The honor you are considering is more than justified.

Thank you.

Michael Thomas

Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: Patricia Tith [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:51 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021

I would like to support this bill and ask you to pass it.

Rebecca Coder was active in making Francis Field what it is today.

Pat Tith
[REDACTED] M St NW Washington DC 20037

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
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Committee of the Whole (Council)

From: janet waxman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:08 PM
To: Committee of the Whole (Council)
Subject: Bill 24-233, Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021

Please pass bill naming a section of Francis Field as "Rebecca Coder Park," in appreciation of her volunteer work.
Sincerely,
Janet Waxman

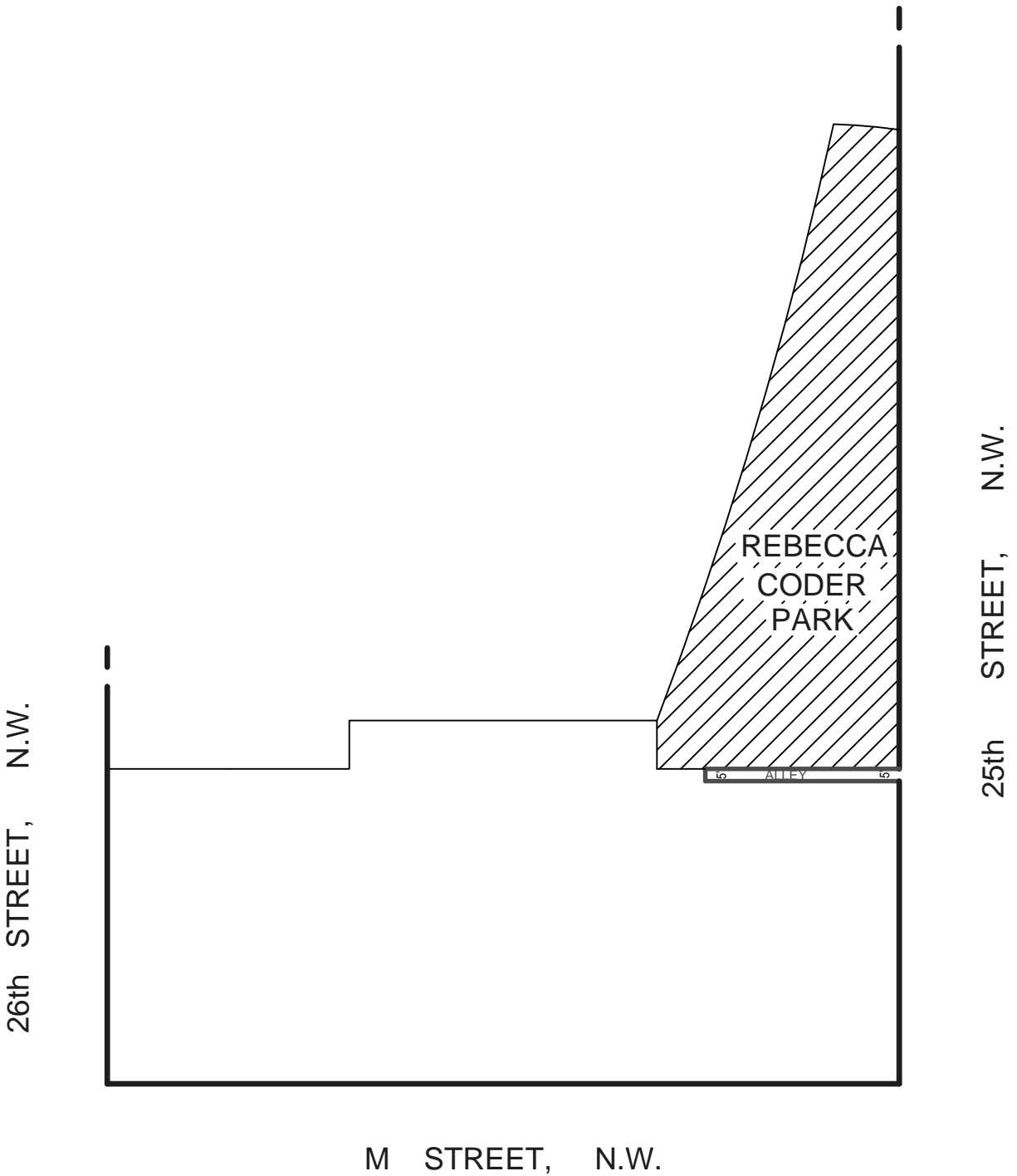
NAMING OF A PARK
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OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR, D.C.
 _____, 2021

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT IS CORRECT AND IS RECORDED.

 SURVEYOR, D.C.



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Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



Fitzroy Lee
Acting Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Fitzroy Lee
Acting Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: March 24, 2022

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2022

REFERENCE: Bill 24-233, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on March 10, 2022

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 budget and proposed fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill designates a subsection¹ of Francis Field, located at 2501 M Street, N.W., in Ward 2, as “Rebecca Coder Park”, in honor of the late Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner. The bill also authorizes the donation of a plaque installation that is expected to be given by the Friends of Francis Field, a nonprofit organization.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 budget and proposed fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

¹ The subsection will be bounded in the east by 25th Street, N.W., on the west by the fence surrounding the athletic field, on the north by the concrete walkway to the field’s north gate, and on the south by the loading dock driveway for the building located at 2501 M Street, N.W.

1 **DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT**
2 **Committee of the Whole**
3 **May 17, 2022**

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5 A BILL

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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To designate the park subsection of Francis Field, bounded on the east by 25th Street, N.W., on
16 the west by the fence surrounding the athletic field, on the north by the concrete walkway
17 into the athletic field’s north gate, and on the south by the loading dock driveway for the
18 building located at 2501 M Street, N.W., as Rebecca Coder Park.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
21 act may be cited as the “Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021”.

22 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401 and 402 of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition
23 Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code §§ 9-
24 204.01 and 9-204.02), the Council designates the park subsection of Francis Field, bounded on
25 the east by 25th Street, N.W., on the west by the fence surrounding the athletic field, on the north
26 by the concrete walkway into the athletic field’s north gate, and on the south by the loading dock
27 driveway for the building located at 2501 M Street, N.W., as depicted in the plat in the
28 committee report, as “Rebecca Coder Park”.

29 Sec. 3. The Council authorizes the Mayor to accept, as a gift to the District from the
30 Friends of Francis Field, a bronze plaque inset in stone to be installed at a location in Rebecca
31 Coder Park to be determined by the Mayor in consultation with the Friends of Francis Field.

32 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

33 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
34 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
35 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

36 Sec. 5. Effective date.

37 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
38 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
39 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
40 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
41 Columbia Register.