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**RESOLUTION**  
**REQUESTING DEVELOPMENT OF A DPR-MANAGED PARK ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER**  
**OF RIGGS ROAD AND SOUTH DAKOTA AVE**  
**September 27, 2017**

- A. **Whereas**, the Council of the District of Columbia approved the Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue Small Area Plan (SAP) on March 3, 2009 to develop a strategic plan and revitalization strategy for the area surrounding the intersection of Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue NE ;
- B. **Whereas**, the SAP identified a number of short-term and long-term goals;
- C. **Whereas**, one of the enumerated short-term goals of the SAP was the creation of park space on the southwest corner of Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue NE;
- D. **Whereas**, the SAP highlights the numerous benefits and importance of parks and open spaces as "invaluable assets for communities." Specifically, parks not only add to the aesthetic desirability and attractiveness of neighborhoods, but they also "contribute to community health by encouraging recreation and exercise, . . . [provide] a safe alternative to playing in the streets or gathering in parking lots, . . . provide places for social interaction, . . . [and] contribute to the environmental health of a community by reducing stormwater runoff and providing a habitat for biodiversity." (SAP, p. 18);
- E. **Whereas**, the SAP notes that the neighborhood's existing parks and open space areas are poorly lit, inaccessible to pedestrians, and underutilized. Therefore, the SAP provides a framework for new green and open spaces to be "targeted to enhance proposed development" and "assist in creating safe, accessible and aesthetically improved destinations for all." (SAP, p. 18);
- F. **Whereas**, the SAP identified the undeveloped site at the southwest corner of Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue NE next to Food and Friends as a "centrally located parcel [that] could provide an intermediate public asset" and one that "could be transferred and converted in an active, multi-functional open space." The plan states, "Landscape elements should mitigate the steep slope by making a plaza or park that is fully accessible." (SAP, p. 18),

**ANC 5A Commissioners (2017)**

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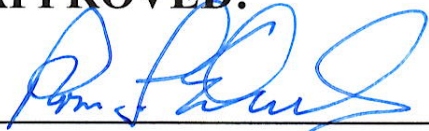
- G. **Whereas**, the implementation plan for the SAP contemplates as a short-term goal, community utilization of open space to be managed by DC's Department of Parks and Recreation. Specifically, the implementation plan creates two action items for DPR, one of which states, "After the completion of roadway improvements, consider short term park and open space uses on development sites such as the triangle parcel by Food and Friends." (SAP, p. 46; 2015 SAP Implementation Plan);
- H. **Whereas**, in accordance with the SAP, in 2011 DDOT reconfigured the intersection at Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue NE eliminating the intersection's fly-bys and creating contiguous parcels of District-owned property on the southwest corner of Riggs Road and South Dakota Avenue NE.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER FLETCHER, SMD 5A08, ANC 5A** supports action by the District government in conformity with the Small Area Plan to transfer ownership of the District-owned parcel located on the southwest corner of Riggs road and South Dakota Avenue NE to the District's Department of Parks and Recreation for the development and maintenance of safe, creative, and accessible community park space.

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*ANC 5A is comprised of eight (8) Commissioners and therefore five (5) Commissioners constitutes a quorum. On September 27, 2017, at a duly noticed special public meeting of ANC 5A, eight (8) Commissioners attended the meeting. At the time of voting on this Resolution there were eight (8) Commissioners present and voting. The ANC 5A voted 8 – 0 to support the intra-governmental land transfer subject to the aforementioned conditions.*

**APPROVED:**



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**RONNIE L. EDWARDS, Chairman**  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5A