Attachment 8- Community correspondence on Broadacres Local Park renovation

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SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

April 29, 2003

Mr. Derick Berlage, Chairman Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Berlage:

The Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board is writing to support renovation of Broad Acres Park including installation of new playground equipment this summer. We understand that revitalization of Broad Acres Park is being considered for inclusion in the County's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget for 2005-2010, and may be done in stages, perhaps undergoing reconstruction while the adjacent Broad Acres Elementary School is being rehabbed.

The Broad Acres community sorely needs enhanced recreational facilities, given the large population of lower-income families renting at Northwest Park apartments. This community is also physically isolated from services that are normally provided within neighborhoods, including neighborhood retail, as well as services such as a library and community center. For these reasons, we urge that renovation of Broad Acres Park remain a priority within the CIP.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a letter of support for Broad Acres Park during your April 24 public hearing.

Peter B. Esker

Sincerely.

Chair

cc: Tanya Schmieler, Park Planning Supervisor, M-NCPPC

BROAD ACRES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PTA - Parent Teacher Association



May 1, 2003

Mr. Derick P. Berlage, Chairman Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Dear Mr. Berlage:

We are writing to express our support for the renovation of our neighborhood park under the Capital Improvements Programs funded by the Department of Park and Planning. As you know the Broad Acres community remains isolated from recreation, library, and other sites. The only area in which our children can play and our community can gather is the parkland adjacent to Broad Acres Elementary School.

As a community, we are very pleased to be working with Rusty Wallace of the Silver Spring Regional Services Center and Tanya Schmieler of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission so that plans for the park renovation will reflect the needs of the community. It is imperative that these park renovation plans be funded, especially as there are plans for the removal of other services such as the Bookmobile from a community which is already underserved.

Our community has organized its own soccer program, using the Broad Acres park. Right now we have over 175 children and 17 coaches in this very successful program. In addition to working on soccer skills, we are also teaching children community values such as respect and responsibility. The PTA started this program and as a result parental involvement has increased.

We thank you for your consideration and would welcome your visit to our community. Please feel free to contact me at 301-439-2098 if I can answer any questions.

Respectfully.

Mr. Jose Otero PTA President

Broad Acres Elementary School

Attachment: Parent Signatures of Support

We, the undersigned members of the Broad Acres community, support the funding of the renovations of the Broad Acres park:

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January 12, 2004



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Mr. Derick Berlage, Chairman Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

Mr. Berlage:

The Silver Spring Recreational Advisory Board would like to voice its support of the initiatives in place for the renovation of Broadacres Local Park. Our board had the opportunity to tour the area this past weekend and found that the plan, as it has been conceptualized, will greatly meet the needs of the community. The funds coming from the Broadview park reimbursement is vital to see this plan reach fruition. As you may know, the neighborhood around Broad Acres Elementary School is densely populated with over 900 apartment units within walking distance of the school grounds.

The objectives of the park renovation plan to complement improvements at the school itself will have a very real and profoundly positive impact on the community particularly when you consider that this park is the <u>only</u> space for outdoor recreation for the population living within walking distance there. The efforts to have student input is especially endearing, as it will no doubt help the children of the area. We also find that the effort the plan makes to improve the park's appearance and usability while keeping it a safe and secure environment is something this board strongly endorses.

Finally, we would like to point out that as the renovation is completed, the park signage should appear with the same spelling as the adjacent school. Currently, the park is identified as "Broadacres Local Park" while the school is "Broad Acres."

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued efforts on behalf of the Silver Spring community.

Raymond Farmer, Chairman
The Silver Spring Recreational Advisory Board