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February 16, 2022

Resolution #22-019 to rename Montrose Parkway as Josiah Henson Parkway

POSITION: Support

Dear Board Chair, Casey Anderson, and Members of the Montgomery County Planning Board

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The Lincoln Park Historical Foundation fully supports renaming Montrose Parkway as Josiah Henson Parkway because it is an important part of Black history in Montgomery County. A story that needs to be shared and understood by all. Moreover according to the research conducted by the staff of Montgomery County Planning Department confirmed that a portion of Montrose Parkway does run through the northern part of the property where Josiah Henson was enslaved and eventually became a national figure across this country and internationally. So, yes we can count Rev. Josiah Henson as a man who made a difference in our community, culture, State of Maryland, Montgomery County and within the history books. Moreover, African American history is not vivid in this part of the County, with the exception of a few properties that are identified on your list of historical sites.

In 2006, County Executive Douglas M. Duncan purchased the property, known as the Riley Plantation, Anita Neal Powell was asked to accept the deed on behalf of all residents of Montgomery County. See attached photo and remarks in the attached article. Ms. Powell has always been a champion for this property from day one and she is today. She is serving on the Josiah Henson Museum and Park Advisory Committee. While I understand the importance of renaming the street others can appreciate the footprints behind the name of the parkway.

We respectfully request that you consider this information and vote in favor of Resolution #22-019.

Thank you for your time, attention and consideration. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Anita Neal Powell
President

cc: Gwen Wright, Planning Director

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

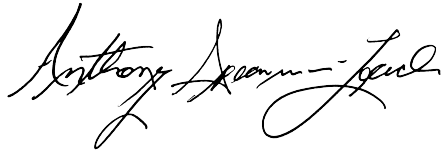
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Montgomery County Planning Board,

I write to you today in support of Councilmember Hans Reimer's resolution to rename Montrose Parkway in honor of Reverend Josiah Henson.

Montrose Parkway is the tail end of Randolph Road; a 17 mile stretch from North Bethesda to Colesville, Maryland. In electing to rename the parkway in honor of Rev. Henson, the county is recognizing the work and dedication of a monumental leader in the abolitionist movement. Highlighting the legacy of Rev. Henson will be an important step towards a greater acknowledgment of the experiences and contributions of enslaved Marylanders, and doing so on such a widely used road in the county, furthers our commitment to this message.

Very truly yours,

Anne R. Kaiser

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Good evening,

Attached please find a letter of support from Delegate Kaiser regarding the renaming of Montrose Parkway in honor of Rev. Henson.

Thank you,

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Sassanid Clay Stamp Seals Obtained From Takht-e Soleiman

Takht-e Soleiman historic site of Takab, West Azarbaijan province, is home to the largest Sassanid-era collection of clay stamp seals, head of Takht-e Soleiman archeological team said.

Yusef Moradi told ISNA that a great number of clay stamp impressions dating back to Sassanid period had been discovered in Takht-e Soleiman

by archeologists during the fifth season of the third round of excavations.

The unearthed collection would help experts obtain information about legal, administrative, commercial and militaristic configuration of the 224-651 AD period, the archeologist observed.

Turning to the results and objectives of the ongoing studies in Takht-

e Soleiman, the official expanded that the team has focused excavations in lands near Nosratabad village, some two km off the historic site.

Moradi stated that the operations aimed to delineate boundaries of Takht-e Soleiman and trace the people who deserted the area during the late Sassanid dynasty.

So far, researches conducted in the vicinity of the site have born no fruits, he stressed.

Takht-e Soleiman is located 35 km northeast of the city of Takab in south of West Azarbaijan province. The site was registered on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2003. Takht-e Soleiman was settled by Iranians during the Arsacid, Sassanid and Ilkhanid dynasties. The site was destroyed during the Moqol invasion. Remnants of Takht-e Soleiman are located on the banks of a deep lake.

Stolen Turkish Relics Found in Mosque

Historic works stolen from the Topkapi Palace in June were found in a mosque's yard in the Fatih neighborhood of Istanbul, a website reported.

Turkish citizens gathering at the Husam Bey Mosque for morning prayer found two unclaimed suitcases in the yard and called the police. After a short investigation, the squad was able to identify the historical artifacts.

The Topkapi Palace Directorate was informed about the issue. Experts, upon the request of the police to inspect the works, recorded eight pieces belonging to the Bagdat Kiosk and a historic shawl from Topkapi Palace.

A note left by the thieves, "We were not relieved when we stole these works of art, so we seek to return them" left the authorities shocked.

The thieves had entered Topkapi Palace on 27 June, 2005 by breaking the window, and stolen eight historic works. The robbery in the palace, one of the world's so-called best protected museums, brought the security weaknesses to the surface.

Discovery of Largest Brass Collection In Khorramabad

Looting in Khorramabad's Sangtarashan area, northwestern Lorestan province, led to the discovery of tens of historical brass objects piled haphazardly at the site, head of the team in charge of archeological excavations in Sangtarashan said, ISNA reported.

Mehrdad Malekzadeh observed that the unearthed ancient site bears no similarity to any historical cemetery or archeological area already discovered in the country.

"No graves or architectural structures relating to the ancient civilization have been found yet in the area. The issue makes the discovery of the historic collection more perplexing," the expert expanded.

He revealed that 100 brass objects had been excavated during a three-day archeological operation.

The team working at the site has not yet found any human bones, the expert reiterated.

He said the artifacts had been located unsystematically as evidenced by the discovery of a heap of about 18 brass daggers or swords, an axe, a teapot and a cup.

Highlighting that 56 of the excavated brass items were tangled together, Malekzadeh stated that archeologists would finish the operations very soon with the observance of excavation standards due to security concerns.

"Numerous reports on illicit excavations at the ancient site made Lorestan Cultural Heritage and Tourism Department to give consent for emergency archeological operations," the official explained.

According to the expert, since artifacts in Sangtarashan historic site date back to the late Iron Age, they are mostly corroded and looters had recklessly smashed the objects with their pickaxes.

Archeologists initially believed that Sangtarashan was an ancient cemetery, he said.

"But no graves and few potsherds were found there, while primitive humans used to bury bronze and pottery in their graves," Malekzadeh stressed.

The first season of archeological excavations in the Iron-Age Sangtarashan site, which was started late Dec., would wrap up on Jan. 20.

Rainfall and cold winter weather have slowed down the team's endeavors. Archeologists hope that the second round of excavations, scheduled for the warm season, will shed light on archeological facts in the northwestern site.

Luminaries

Manouchehr Atashi



Manouchehr Atashi was born in Dashtestan, Bushehr province on Sept. 24, 1931. He was a poet, contemporary poetry critic, researcher and translator of modern world literature. Atashi was one of the last students of Ali Esfandiyari (Nima Yushij), the father of modern Persian poetry.

He obtained his high school diploma in his hometown. Then he started working as a teacher in Dashtestan. In 1960, he left for Tehran where he studied English language and literature at Tehran's Institute of Higher Education. After obtaining his bachelor's degree, he became a teacher at Qazvin high schools.

Atashi began publishing his poetry collections in 1954. In a short time, he became one of the renowned temporary poets. His first poetry book "Another Song" was published in Tehran in 1960. His other works include "Song of Soil" (Tehran, 1968) and "Meeting at Dawn" (Tehran, 1969).

Atashi translated "Fontamara," a novel by Italian author Ignazio Silone in 1969. His other translations include "The Woman of Andros" by Thornton Niven Wilder and "Vladimir Ilyich Lenin" by Vladimir Vladimirovich Mayakovsky.

His other poetry books include "Wheat and Cherry," "More Beautiful Than World's Old Shape," "How Bitter Is This Apple!" and "Accident in the Morning."

The late writer Mohammad Mokhtari penned a book about the poet titled "Manouchehr Atashi." The contemporary poet Farrokh Tamimi also authored a book on Atashi called "The Leopard of Dizashekan Valley."

Atashi's book was awarded Book of the Year prize two years ago. He was also commended as the literary luminary of the current Iranian year (March 2005-06).

Atashi passed away because of a heart attack in Sina Hospital of Tehran, on Sunday evening, November 20, 2005.

He was planning to publish a literary monthly before his death.



Remnants of Takht-e Soleiman in West Azarbaijan province

Ludwig Wittgenstein (Austrian philosopher, 1889-1951):

The limits of my language mean the limits of my world.



An old house in Dellaman, eastern Gilan (Photo by Shohreh Haqiqat)

Anecdote

When dad gave me my pocket money, mom said, "Put it into your piggy bank!"

Piggy Bank and I

Everyday the belly of my piggy bank rattles with coins, while my penniless belly grumbles with hunger!

Real Uncle Tom's Cabin to Be Preserved

The slave cabin that inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's 1852 novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be preserved thanks to Maryland officials who agreed to buy it for \$1 million, Reuters reported.

For some 30 years in the early 19th century, the gray log cabin was home to Josiah Henson, a slave Stowe used as a model for the Uncle Tom character in her novel, a global bestseller that ignited abolitionist fervor in the United States before the Civil War.

Montgomery County's planning board voted unanimously to buy a one-acre (0.405 hectare) property in the heart of one of the Washington area's hottest real estate markets. The parcel includes both the cabin and an attached 18th century house and will

be turned into a public historic site. The cabin and house, once part of a 3,700-acre (1,497 hectares) tobacco plantation, sit behind a fringe of trees on a busy suburban thoroughfare a few miles from the Washington Beltway.

Stowe's Uncle Tom was a long-suffering, dutiful servant to his white masters—a portrayal so vivid that even 154 years later, the name continues to be a pejorative term for a black person seen as submissive to white authority figures.

Far from fitting that description, Henson, who was born in Maryland in 1789, used his strength and determination to try to buy his freedom. When the plantation owner reneged on that transaction, Henson and his

family escaped to Canada in 1830 via the Underground Railroad, a network of routes and safe houses that helped slaves make their way to free states.

In Ontario, Henson became a preacher and founded Dawn, a settlement for escaped slaves with a school to upgrade their skills. His 1849 memoir, "The Life of Josiah Henson," is largely credited with inspiring Stowe, who wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin" largely in Brunswick, Maine.

Anita Neal Powell, head of the Leroy E. Neal African American Research Center in nearby Germantown, Maryland, said educational tours of the cabin can deepen understanding of how slavery shaped American history.

Village, Tribal Ecomuseums on Agenda

Two village-based and three tribal ecomuseums will be established by the end of the Fourth Development Plan (2005-2010), ILNA reported.

Massoud Nosrati, director general of State Museums Department, told ILNA the first rural ecomuseum will be

established in the Caspian Gilan province.

Setting up another ecomuseum in the neighboring Mazandaran province is on the agenda of the department. "Another village-based ecomuseum would be set up in Kurdistan."

Nosrati said tribal ecomuseums will be founded in Chaharmahal-Bakhtiari, Kohgiluyeh-Boyerahmad and East Azarbaijan provinces which are home to the most tribal population.

He expressed hope that establishment of the tribal ecomuseums would be an effective step toward introducing the culture of nomadic tribes and preserving their heritage.

The official added a desert ecomuseum would for the first time be established in the country, the executive operations for which are due soon.

"In excess of 30 billion rials is required for creating every tribal ecomuseum," he pointed out.

Imperial Chinese Tomb Excavated

About 400 pieces of cultural relics were excavated from an ancient tomb dating from over 600 years ago in Zhongxiang city of central China's Hubei province, Xinhuanet reported.

The unearthed cultural relics include quite a number of gold and jade items, lacquer work and porcelain utensils, in which five or six pieces were of state-level, said



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Many objects have rotted in the tomb because they had been in water for so long.

"This tomb is the imperial one in the early Ming Dynasty which remains intact and shows clear information of burial date and persons," said Wang Hongxing of the institute.

The imperial tomb was constructed for Zhu

Dong and his wife. Zhu, also known as Yingxiang, was the twenty-third son of Zhu Yuanzhang, the first emperor of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644).

The tomb was damaged by the Japanese invaders in 1937 and grave robbers coming afterwards. The local archeology bureau began to excavate the tomb in 2005 and the tomb will become a museum.

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Yusef Moradi told ISNA that a great number of clay stamp impressions dating back to Sassanid period had been discovered in Takht-e Soleiman

by archeologists during the fifth season of the third round of excavations.

The unearthed collection would help experts obtain information about legal, administrative, commercial and militaristic configuration of the 224-651 AD period, the archeologist observed.

Turning to the results and objectives of the ongoing studies in Takht-

e Soleiman, the official expanded that the team has focused excavations in lands near Nosratabad village, some two km off the historic site.

Moradi stated that the operations aimed to delineate boundaries of Takht-e Soleiman and trace the people who deserted the area during the late Sassanid dynasty.

So far, researches conducted in the vicinity of the site have born no fruits, he stressed.

Takht-e Soleiman is located 35 km northeast of the city of Takab in south of West Azarbaijan province. The site was registered on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2003. Takht-e Soleiman was settled by Iranians during the Arsacid, Sassanid and Ilkhanid dynasties. The site was destroyed during the Moqol invasion. Remnants of Takht-e Soleiman are located on the banks of a deep lake.

Stolen Turkish Relics Found in Mosque

Historic works stolen from the Topkapi Palace in June were found in a mosque's yard in the Fatih neighborhood of Istanbul, a website reported.

Turkish citizens gathering at the Husam Bey Mosque for morning prayer found two unclaimed suitcases in the yard and called the police. After a short investigation, the squad was able to identify the historical artifacts.

The Topkapi Palace Directorate was informed about the issue. Experts, upon the request of the police to inspect the works, recorded eight pieces belonging to the Bagdat Kiosk and a historic shawl from Topkapi Palace.

A note left by the thieves, "We were not relieved when we stole these works of art, so we seek to return them" left the authorities shocked.

The thieves had entered Topkapi Palace on 27 June, 2005 by breaking the window, and stolen eight historic works. The robbery in the palace, one of the world's so-called best protected museums, brought the security weaknesses to the surface.

Discovery of Largest Brass Collection In Khorramabad

Looting in Khorramabad's Sangtarashan area, northwestern Lorestan province, led to the discovery of tens of historical brass objects piled haphazardly at the site, head of the team in charge of archeological excavations in Sangtarashan said, ISNA reported.

Mehrdad Malekzadeh observed that the unearthed ancient site bears no similarity to any historical cemetery or archeological area already discovered in the country.

"No graves or architectural structures relating to the ancient civilization have been found yet in the area. The issue makes the discovery of the historic collection more perplexing," the expert expanded.

He revealed that 100 brass objects had been excavated during a three-day archeological operation.

The team working at the site has not yet found any human bones, the expert reiterated.

He said the artifacts had been located unsystematically as evidenced by the discovery of a heap of about 18 brass daggers or swords, an axe, a teapot and a cup.

Highlighting that 56 of the excavated brass items were tangled together, Malekzadeh stated that archeologists would find

ish the operations very soon with the observance of excavation standards due to security concerns.

"Numerous reports on illicit excavations at the ancient site made Lorestan Cultural Heritage and Tourism Department to give consent for emergency archeological operations," the official explained.

According to the expert, since artifacts in Sangtarashan historic site date back to the late Iron Age, they are mostly corroded and looters had recklessly smashed the objects with their pickaxes.

Archeologists initially believed that Sangtarashan was an ancient cemetery, he said.

"But no graves and few potsherds were found there, while primitive humans used to bury bronze and pottery in their graves," Malekzadeh stressed.

The first season of archeological excavations in the Iron-Age Sangtarashan site, which was started late Dec., would wrap up on Jan. 20.

Rainfall and cold winter weather have slowed down the team's endeavors. Archeologists hope that the second round of excavations, scheduled for the warm season, will shed light on archeological facts in the northwestern site.

Village, Tribal Ecomuseums on Agenda

Two village-based and three tribal ecomuseums will be established by the end of the Fourth Development Plan (2005-2010), ILNA reported.

Massoud Nosrati, director general of State Museums Department, told ILNA the first rural ecomuseum will be

established in the Caspian Gilan province.

Setting up another ecomuseum in the neighboring Mazandaran province is on the agenda of the department. "Another village-based ecomuseum would be set up in Kurdistan."

Nosrati said tribal ecomuseums will be founded in Chaharmahal-Bakhtiari, Kohgiluyeh-Boyerahmad and East Azarbaijan provinces which are home to the most tribal population.

He expressed hope that establishment of the tribal ecomuseums would be an effective step toward introducing the culture of nomadic tribes and preserving their heritage.

The official added a desert ecomuseum would for the first time be established in the country, the executive operations for which are due soon.

"In excess of 30 billion rials is required for creating every tribal ecomuseum," he pointed out.

Imperial Chinese Tomb Excavated

About 400 pieces of cultural relics were excavated from an ancient tomb dating from over 600 years ago in Zhongxiang city of central China's Hubei province, Xinhuanet reported.

The unearthed cultural relics include quite a number of gold and jade items, lacquer work and porcelain utensils, in which five or six pieces were of state-level, said

Manouchehr Atashi



Manouchehr Atashi was born in Dashtestan, Bushehr province on Sept. 24, 1931. He was a poet, contemporary poetry critic, researcher and translator of modern world literature. Atashi was one of the last students of Ali Esfandiyari (Nima Yushij), the father of modern Persian poetry.

He obtained his high school diploma in his hometown. Then he started working as a teacher in Dashtestan. In 1960, he left for Tehran where he studied English language and literature at Tehran's Institute of Higher Education. After obtaining his bachelor's degree, he became a teacher at Qazvin high schools.

Atashi began publishing his poetry collections in 1954. In a short time, he became one of the renowned temporary poets. His first poetry book "Another Song" was published in Tehran in 1960. His other works include "Song of Soil" (Tehran, 1968) and "Meeting at Dawn" (Tehran, 1969).

Atashi translated "Fontamara," a novel by Italian author Ignazio Silone in 1969. His other translations include "The Woman of Andros" by Thornton Niven Wilder and "Vladimir Ilyich Lenin" by Vladimir Vladimirovich Mayakovsky.

His other poetry books include "Wheat and Cherry," "More Beautiful Than World's Old Shape," "How Bitter Is This Apple!" and "Accident in the Morning."

The late writer Mohammad Mokhtari penned a book about the poet titled "Manouchehr Atashi." The contemporary poet Farrokh Tamimi also authored a book on Atashi called "The Leopard of Dizashekan Valley."

Atashi's book was awarded Book of the Year prize two years ago. He was also commended as the literary luminary of the current Iranian year (March 2005-06).

Atashi passed away because of a heart attack in Sina Hospital of Tehran, on Sunday evening, November 20, 2005.

He was planning to publish a literary monthly before his death.



Remnants of Takht-e Soleiman in West Azarbaijan province

Ludwig Wittgenstein (Austrian philosopher, 1889-1951):

The limits of my language mean the limits of my world.



An old house in Dellaman, eastern Gilan (Photo by Shohreh Haqiqat)

Anecdote

When dad gave me my pocket money, mom said, "Put it into your piggy bank!"

Piggy Bank and I

Everyday the belly of my piggy bank rattles with coins, while my penniless belly grumbles with hunger!

Real Uncle Tom's Cabin to Be Preserved

The slave cabin that inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's 1852 novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be preserved thanks to Maryland officials who agreed to buy it for \$1 million, Reuters reported.

For some 30 years in the early 19th century, the gray log cabin was home to Josiah Henson, a slave Stowe used as a model for the Uncle Tom character in her novel, a global bestseller that ignited abolitionist fervor in the United States before the Civil War.

Montgomery County's planning board voted unanimously to buy a one-acre (0.405 hectare) property in the heart of one of the Washington area's hottest real estate markets. The parcel includes both the cabin and an attached 18th century house and will

be turned into a public historic site. The cabin and house, once part of a 3,700-acre (1,497 hectares) tobacco plantation, sit behind a fringe of trees on a busy suburban thoroughfare a few miles from the Washington Beltway.

Stowe's Uncle Tom was a long-suffering, dutiful servant to his white masters—a portrayal so vivid that even 154 years later, the name continues to be a pejorative term for a black person seen as submissive to white authority figures.

Far from fitting that description, Henson, who was born in Maryland in 1789, used his strength and determination to try to buy his freedom. When the plantation owner reneged on that transaction, Henson and his

family escaped to Canada in 1830 via the Underground Railroad, a network of routes and safe houses that helped slaves make their way to free states.

In Ontario, Henson became a preacher and founded Dawn, a settlement for escaped slaves with a school to upgrade their skills. His 1849 memoir, "The Life of Josiah Henson," is largely credited with inspiring Stowe, who wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin" largely in Brunswick, Maine.

Anita Neal Powell, head of the Leroy E. Neal African American Research Center in nearby Germantown, Maryland, said educational tours of the cabin can deepen understanding of how slavery shaped American history.



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For the February 24th Board agenda items on Montrose Parkway...



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In addition, there is much confusion between Montrose Road and Montrose Parkway. Visitors

to our area often end up traveling on the wrong street and in the wrong direction. Renaming the Montrose Parkway after Reverend Henson would clarify the difference between the two roads.

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Good evening,

Attached please find a letter of support from Delegate Kaiser regarding the renaming of Montrose Parkway in honor of Rev. Henson.

Thank you,

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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February 16, 2022

Montgomery County Planning Board,

I write to you today in support of Councilmember Hans Reimer's resolution to rename Montrose Parkway in honor of Reverend Josiah Henson.

Montrose Parkway is the tail end of Randolph Road; a 17 mile stretch from North Bethesda to Colesville, Maryland. In electing to rename the parkway in honor of Rev. Henson, the county is recognizing the work and dedication of a monumental leader in the abolitionist movement. Highlighting the legacy of Rev. Henson will be an important step towards a greater acknowledgment of the experiences and contributions of enslaved Marylanders, and doing so on such a widely used road in the county, furthers our commitment to this message.

Very truly yours,

Anne R. Kaiser

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