

Introduced by: Councilmember Schultz

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION #2015-7

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEP APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF THE WASHINGTON-MCLAUGHLIN SCHOOL PARCEL 3 PROPERTY

WHEREAS, members of the “Plan B” group of Takoma Park residents donated \$53,000 towards the auction bid made by the City of Takoma Park for the property known as Washington-McLaughlin School Parcel 3; and

WHEREAS, donations were made by the residents with the intent to preserve the natural forested character and tree canopy of the property; and

WHEREAS, these donations allowed the City to be the winning bidder at the January 22, 2015 auction for the Parcel 3 property; and

WHEREAS, large additional costs related to the acquisition of the property will need to be paid before the City has clear title to the property; and

WHEREAS, the property requires considerable work to remove invasive species of plants in order to protect the woods and tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is responsible for the maintenance of natural areas it owns as well as property, such as the nearby Poplar Mills/Sligo Mills parkland, that is owned by others but maintained by the City under a Memorandum of Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the residents who donated towards the purchase of the Parcel 3 property are interested in acquisition, conservation, and appropriate maintenance of natural wooded areas city-wide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park expresses great appreciation to the “Plan B” residents group for their financial donations towards the bid for the Washington-McLaughlin Parcel 3 property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT donations over the \$53,000 that was specifically dedicated for the bid for the property will go towards the additional costs related to the acquisition of the Parcel 3 property or towards a fund dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of wooded open space in the City of Takoma Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT clear records will be kept and available for inspection related to the use of the donated funds so that donors can be assured of the appropriate use of their contributions.

ADOPTED THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk