

Introduced by: Councilmember Kostiuk

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2019-27
DECLINING A BEQUEST OF REAL PROPERTY AT 6507 KANSAS LANE**

WHEREAS, accomplished musician and Takoma Park native Milton T. Phibbs resided at 6507 Kansas Lane and passed away on March 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phibbs' will included a provision offering the property at 6507 Kansas Lane to the City for use as a natural wildlife area after the home on the property was razed or, if such offer were not accepted by the City, the property with the home would be sold and the proceeds distributed to charity; and

WHEREAS, because the property is small and not connected to other natural areas, the City Council has determined that the property is not suitable for use as a City-owned natural wildlife area; and

WHEREAS, the City is greatly honored by the good will towards the City that was exhibited by the generous offer by Mr. Phibbs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council regrets that uses for the property that might have been able to advance his wishes in an alternative fashion were not able to be discussed with Mr. Phibbs before his death; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to see that the memory of Mr. Phibbs and an appreciation of his many musical contributions be made available to current and future residents of Takoma Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the City Manager convey to Mr. Phibbs' attorney that the City Council has declined the bequest of real property at 6507 Kansas Lane; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that information concerning Mr. Phibbs and his career be conveyed to the Commemoration Commission in order to celebrate his musical contributions as a Takoma Park native; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that information be provided to the public about options for making donations to the City and encouraging those who might be considering such donations to confer with City staff in advance to discuss options that might work best for both the donor and the City.

Adopted this 19th day of June, 2019

Attest: _____
Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk