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**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE EXPANSION OF THE ROCK CREEK PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT**

September 20, 2016

WHEREAS, the Rock Creek Park (RCP) Historic District was listed in 1991 on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service (NPS), supported by DC Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) staff, proposed in 2014 to expand the historic district boundary to include several "tributary" parks -- among them Soapstone Valley Trail and Melvin Hazen; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Historic District Amendment expands periods of significance to include archaeological resources associated with Native American settlement and occupation between 3,000 BC to 600 BC, colonial settlement of the valley between AD 1740 and 1800, and the existing 1791 to 1941 period of significance to 1972; and

WHEREAS, archaeological evidence suggests temporary camps within Soapstone Valley Trail date back to 2,000 B.C., and United States Coast and Geodetic Survey information shows modern usage as far back as 1892; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Hazen Park trail was developed in 1944 as a central component of a master plan to set aside land "for naturalists, scouts, conservationists, and nature lovers;" and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Office of Washington DC (HPO) holds that connector reservations such as Soapstone Valley and Melvin Hazen, "are integral to the history of Rock Creek Park and support the Park's significance as a historic cultural landscape;" and


WHEREAS, one of the expressed purposes for which the Soapstone and Melvin Hazen Parks & Trails Committee was established is to "research and establish facts relating to public projects in and affecting Soapstone Valley and Melvin Hazen parks.;" and

[WHEREAS, ANC 3F's Soapstone Valley, Melvin C Hazen, Parks and Trails Committee approved the text of this resolution at its meeting on September 12 2016, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of \_ in favor, \_ opposed, and \_ abstaining ( - - );]

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 3F officially supports the National Parks Service's proposal to expand the Rock Creek Park Historic District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioner Pat Jakopchek is authorized to speak on behalf of ANC 3F on this matter.

ANC 3F approved this resolution at its meeting on September 20, 2016, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.



Malachy Nugent  
Chair, ANC 3F