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Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 12:11 AM
To: Mary Hynes
Subject: Lyon Park Community House Renovation

FA - For Future.

November 17, 2011

Dear Mary,

We urge you to support the zoning request to enable the renovation of the Lyon Park Community House. The Community House and the park land it sits upon are wonderful neighborhood resources for both the Lyon Park and Ashton Heights neighborhoods. The numerous community events hosted at the Community House benefit the adjacent neighborhoods and Arlington County. For instance, the Community House is a local polling location and hosts the Annual Turkey Run, which draws runners from the entire County. Regrettably, the Community House cannot serve the persons with disabilities, a feature to be corrected with the renovation. As you are aware, the park and community house are self sustaining, relying primarily upon rental revenue for their upkeep. The park is home to two of Arlington's Champion Trees (the largest 2 white ash trees in the County) and nearly 50 other trees, the maintenance of which is also funded by the rental operation of the Community House. The park also welcomes families and children to freely use its playground equipment and picnic tables.

The surrounding neighborhoods and Arlington County have benefited from Lyon Park and its Community House since 1924. The Community House renovation design process during the past two years fostered the cooperation of neighbors and park users, where neighbors listened and considered the opinions and concerns of their neighbors in reaching a consensus for the renovation. The resulting design has the consensus support of the community. Remarkably, the costs of renovating this community resource will be provided entirely by private funds.

Please favorably consider the requested rezoning in order to allow this wonderful neighborhood project to move forward.

Sincerely,

Bill and Dale Anhut

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