



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Christine Griffin, Deputy Director of Policy and Government Relations

Date: September 25, 2023

Re: 23-0423 City Property - Renaming Cottage Avenue Park to Candy Stripe Park

Position: Support

The Department of Real Estate is responding to the request for a report on City Council bill 23-0423 City Property - Renaming Cottage Avenue Park to Candy Stripe Park. The purpose of this bill is to change the name of Cottage Avenue Park, located at North East Side 30 Foot Alley 2nd South West of Cottage Avenue Rear 3700-36 Cottage Avenue (Block 3335, Lot 067), to Candy Stripe Park. The bill would take effect 30 days after it is enacted.

Cottage Avenue Park has become a safe haven for the Park Heights community. Cottage Avenue Park developed the nickname Candy Stripe from the neighborhood children identifying it by its metal dividers painted red and white. The name Candy Stripe has been an ongoing name used by the community for over 40 years. Cottage Avenue Park is a place where all community members feel welcomed. Cottage Avenue Park has become a place where neighbors' accomplishments are celebrated, and it remains a place where the surrounding communities have appreciated what this green space brings to their lives. Cottage Avenue Park is the place where everyone is known as family.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Real Estate supports the passage of 23-0423.

CC:

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