

Residents of Rockville Park

c/o Phyllis Kavanagh, 717 Grandin Ave
Janet Hunt-McCool, 709 Grandin Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

March 7, 1997

Dear Mayor Krasnow and Members of the City Council:

We have contacted you or City Council members twice in the past year with our concerns about the future use of the Tower lot of the 700 block of Grandin Avenue. This letter puts our concerns in writing, and requests action by the council to preserve the status of our residential neighborhood. To this end, a number of concerned neighbors have signed this request.

As we mentioned, this water tower is not in use and scheduled to be taken down in 1997 or 1998. Because of the work of the Kavanagh family and others, this lot now contains a beautiful rose and flower garden that is the pride of our neighborhood.

Unfortunately, our neighborhood is very small, surrounded by commercial roads, metro and rail lines, and suffers already from recent development. (We all sleep at night under the purple glare of the Marlo sign from 355, and our houses shake with each metro and rail train.)

We are deeply concerned that budget considerations will cause the city to sell this lot (or lots) for development. We would like to offer our efforts and our labor, in exchange for your consideration of continued use of this lot as a park.

We would like to have the council take official action to designate this property as a small park, which we will maintain without expense to the city in exchange for a promise not to sell this property for 20 years.

Our community, though not listed as historic, contains a number of historic buildings including homes built by West, the premier Victorian architect of Rockville. In consultation with Peerless Rockville, it has been suggested that we seek historic status due to the history of our neighborhood as the railroad stop and summer homes for district residents. Originally, this land was the farm of Dr. Stonestreet. It is not an exclusive neighborhood in that there are a range of homes and incomes. The common denominator is our pride in our small community, which is surrounded by Roads 28, 355, Baltimore Road, and Viers Mill. There are many young families in our neighborhood, and there is no park for them.

We respectfully request that the city declare this lot as a park site, and if possible, also to finance 2 benches and a sand box for children. We do not need or desire lights. We can and will maintain the grounds.

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Please keep us posted by mail or phone with your plans for this lot. We will assist the Council in any way we can to preserve the residential character of Rockville Park.

We are also open to other alternatives. For example, the sale of this lot at a nominal fee, which we will maintain, and agree to resell to the city in 10 years if the city budget or plans dictate a preferred use of the property at that time.

Sincerely,

Name

ADDRESS / (Tel. Optional)

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Thank you!