



June 25, 2007

Mr. Edward Anthony, Director
Office of Asset Management and Disposition
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
417 E. Fayette St.
10th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Ward 2, Section 3, Block 1735, Lot 068

Dear Mr. Anthony,

Unit South Durham Homestead Houses, Inc. has been working closely with Councilman James Kraft's office and staff for the past 15 months. Upon their urging we have formed a 501(c)(4) non-profit Corporation as of February, 2007 and received federal approval as of May 29, 2007 for the purpose of maintaining the greenspace and parking easement which was established by the City in 1976

We have received encouragement from Marco Cocito-Monoc of the Southeast CDC, Laurie Feinberg from Southeast housing and planning, members of the Parks and People Foundation, and much encouragement from many dogwalkers in the area by their efforts of picking up which have changed dramatically over the past six months.

We had been encouraged to ask the City to help us bring the Park up to code and I believe we are getting a little help here and there. But there is much work to do and the neighborhood seems poised to step up to the task of creating a better Greenspace and Block than when the Park was new 31 years ago.

We hope to receive permission from Senator Mikulski to name the park after her, since she was very involved at its inception.

Therefore we respectfully request that Housing and Community Development move forward with the sale, at a nominal price, of the space known as 7 South Durham Street (Block 1735, Lot 068) to UNIT SOUTH DURHAM HOMESTEAD HOUSES, Inc. The conditions of the sale would include that the Park remain a public greenspace with the continued maintenance and upkeep provided by the homeowners of the Block in exchange for their continued parking





easements, and that Homestead Houses would be responsible for maintaining Liability insurance for the space known as 7 South Durham Street "Ward 2, Section 3, Block 1735, Lot 068,"

Respectfully yours,

Lorie A Mayorga, President

William J. Withers, Treasurer

Ken Piaskowski, Registered Agent

cc: Sylvia Paylor
Councilman James Kraft

