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RESOLUTION ANC 7E-22-004

Supporting the Reconstruction of the Fort Dupont Ice Arena Under the Terms of 2019 Memorandum of Understanding TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

WHEREAS, the Fort Dupont Ice Arena has been a staple of the Ward 7 community since 1976 and the Friends of the Fort Dupont Ice Arena, the non-profit that has operated the Fort Dupont Ice Arena for 26 years.

WHEREAS, Fort Dupont 26-year successful track record in the Kids on Ice program transforming the lives of over 20,000 children, primarily from Wards 7 & 8.

WHEREAS, in 2019, the District and the Friends of the Fort Dupont Ice Arena, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) confirming the final terms under which the city would construct a new, 2 rink area. The Council subsequently reviewed and amended the MOU in passing the District’s FY 2020 budget.

WHEREAS, the parties agreed to work together to lower the current costs associated with the construction of the 2-rink facility. Those were the two key terms of the agreement-and, equally important, mutual goals: lower the costs for a 2-rink facility and include Fort Dupont as a partner.

WHEREAS, Friends of the Fort Dupont Ice Arena has met its initial obligation under the agreement by raising over \$1,300,000 by March 2020 to trigger the October 2020 “shovel in the ground” target date set by the District. That milestone is still unscheduled and regrettably, and the clear and documented record shows the District breached the MOU.

WHEREAS, it is well established that a 2-rink recreational ice arena can be constructed for about \$15,000,000 (-\$150 per square foot) in 12 to 18 months.

WHEREAS, the initial approved budget for Fort Dupont’s new rink was \$15,000,000 as numerous



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independent appraisals and cost estimates will support these figures.

WHEREAS, The Department of General Services is responsible for the demolition and construction of the new Fort Dupont Ice Arena. This project was originally approved in 2019, and included plans for a two-rink facility. As of 2021, the project was reduced to a one rink facility and with a recent budget estimate of \$37.5 million.

WHEREAS, Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena (FDIA) has expressed concerns over the budget, as additional fundraising would be required. FDIA is also concerned about the increased timeline to 27 months, instead of the initial 12-18 months.

WHEREAS, the Fort Dupont Ice Arena and its programs have survived since 1996 because of the commitment and dedication of the Friends of Fort Dupont team, the communities, parents, and children it serves.

WHEREAS, the road forward has been made more difficult by the District failure to fulfill the terms of the MOU. However, we are committed to finding a path forward and providing opportunities our kids cherish.

BE IT RESOLVED:

On behalf of the Commissioners of ANC 7E and our community at large, we request that the District Department of General Services establish an agreed upon timeline and budget with Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena for the completion of the Fort Dupont Ice Arena in accordance with clear language and obvious intent of the signed 2019 MOU Agreement.

It further resolves, District officials, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E, the Fort Dupont Ice Arena, the Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena and community work together to achieve the updated ice facility the kids deserve and need.



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ADOPTED by vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of 6 of the seven members was present on by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained.

Veda Rasheed

Veda Rasheed, ANC 7E01

Delia Houseal, ANC 7E06
Chair