RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISPOSITION OF SQUARE 2890; LOT 0894
FOR THE NEW COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE PARK MORTON REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS: The NCI identified Square 2890; Lot 0894 as the best possible “build first” site for the Park Morton redevelopment effort after a review of available and potentially available properties located in close proximity to Park Morton, and after meeting with community stakeholders on over 20 occasions;

WHEREAS: Square 2890; Lot 0894, currently controlled by the office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED);

WHEREAS: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B unanimously passed a resolution supporting the surplus of Square 2890; Lot 0894 at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on April 7;

WHEREAS: The goal of the New Communities Initiative is to create a vibrant mixed-income neighborhoods that address both the physical architecture and human capital needs, where residents have quality affordable housing options, economic opportunities and access to appropriate human services. NCI provides for: One for One Replacement to ensure that there is no net loss of affordable housing units in the neighborhood; Residents to Return and Stay in the Community; Mixed-Income Housing at low, middle, and market rate to end the concentration of low-income housing and poverty.

WHEREAS: The effort to redevelop Park Morton is nearly a decade old, among the Commission’s highest priorities, and critically important to all residents living in the lower Georgia Avenue community; and,

WHEREAS: The disposition of Square 2890; Lot 0894 would be to the New Communities Initiative (NCI) for the redevelopment of Park Morton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B supports the District’s disposition of Square 2890; Lot 0849 with the understanding that:

1. the property be conveyed to the New Communities Initiative to be used as the “build first” site for the Park Morton redevelopment effort;
2. the development of the site must result in a large public green space consisting of approximately half of the developed property;
3. the resulting green space must be protected in perpetuity as an open and accessible community space and maintained through formal public-private partner agreement;
4. in the event that the site not be required as a “build first” site for Park Morton, ownership shall revert back to DMPED with the understanding that an RFP be issued to identify a new use and developer; and,
5. the Commission will consider the Planned Unit Development aspects of the property as a separate issue at a subsequent meeting.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT:
The Chair or any Commissioner as delegate of the Chair, shall be authorized to communicate this resolution to and testify before any agency of the Government of the District of Columbia or the members of the Council of the District of Columbia.

Certification:

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 12 Commissioners present at its May 5, 2016, meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B voted, with 12 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.

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Chair ANC 1B, Commissioner SMD 1B09

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