



MID-COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

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The Honorable Isiah Leggett  
Montgomery County Executive  
101 Monroe Street  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Mary Bradford  
Director of Montgomery Parks  
Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
9500 Brunett Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901

Dear Mr. Leggett and Ms. Bradford:

On behalf of the Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB), I am writing to express the MCCAB's support for the Greater Olney Civic Association's (GOCA) request to dedicate the playground at the Norbeck Meadows Neighborhood Park in memory Ron Berger who passed away in December 2011. Furthermore, the MCCAB supports GOCA's request to waive any fees per the Maryland National Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) guidelines.

Mr. Berger's sustained and tireless dedication to his neighborhood and to the entire Olney community over several decades (as described in the two attached GOCA documents) warrants such a special tribute. While we appreciate the purpose and reasons for the financial commitment per the M-NCPPC guidelines especially in tough economic times, we believe that in some exceptional cases, the value of the honoree's dedication and commitment to the well-being of the community and the related benefits derived by the community are sometimes incalculable. This is one of those rare exceptions (for which such exceptions may be allowed per the guidelines).

We thank you for your consideration in this matter and hope that you will support us in this request.

Sincerely,

Gamunu Wijetunge, Chair  
Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board