



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2024-177: To accept a quitclaim deed from the School Board of the City of Richmond conveying a portion of the real property located at 813 North 28th Street and commonly known as Ethel Bailey Furman Park to the City and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to act on behalf of the City in executing such deed. (7th District)

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: July 16, 2024

PETITIONER

City of Richmond, Parks, Recreation, & Community Facilities

LOCATION

813 North 28th Street (Ethel Bailey Furman Memorial Park)

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept the transfer of real property from Richmond Public Schools (RPS) known as Ethel Bailey Furman Memorial Park. This ordinance would also authorize the CAO to accept deed and title to such property for the purpose of preserving and maintaining such properties as public greenspaces.

The City's Richmond 300 Master Plan aims to, "increase neighborhood access to, and through, a well-designed network of open spaces" (RVA 300, p. 103). Additionally, one of the six Big Moves identified in the Plan is to provide greenways and parks for all, ensuring that 100% of Richmonders live within a 10-minute walk of a park. By accepting this transfer of property, the City will be enhancing and preserving local greenspace, therefore contributing to the overall goals of the Richmond 300 Master Plan.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Site Description

The subject parcel is located in the Church Hill North neighborhood between O & M Street. It is currently an approximately eight-acre property, improved with a school building.

Community Engagement

PRCF will engage the surrounding community for feedback on future park improvements at Ethel Bailey Furman Memorial Park.

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