

INTRODUCED: May 12, 2014

AN ORDINANCE No. 2014-111-84

To abolish the Monroe Park Advisory Council; to repeal Res. Nos. 97-R37-48, adopted Mar. 10, 1997, and 98-R36-45, adopted Mar. 9, 1998, to terminate the terms of the Council's members; and to amend City Code §§ 2-836 and 2-1028 to remove references to the Council; and to repeal City Code § 2-1029, concerning terms of members of the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks.

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Patron – President Samuels

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 27 2014 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 97-R37-48, adopted March 10, 1997, the City Council established the Monroe Park Advisory Council for the purpose of providing advice and neighborhood communication to the City and Virginia Commonwealth University regarding the use of Monroe Park; and

WHEREAS, by an Agreement and Deed of Lease entered into pursuant to Ordinance No. 2014-10-50, adopted April 14, 2014, the City will lease Monroe Park to the Monroe Park Conservancy for a term commencing at the time certain planned improvements to Monroe Park are substantially completed; and

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ADOPTED:      MAY 27 2014      REJECTED:        \_\_\_\_\_      STRICKEN:        \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the Monroe Park Advisory Council is no longer needed and that it is in the best interests of the City of Richmond that the Monroe Park Advisory Council be abolished;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That (i) the Monroe Park Advisory Council is hereby abolished, (ii) Resolution No. 97-R37-48, adopted March 10, 1997, and Resolution No. 98-R36-45, adopted March 9, 1998, be and are hereby repealed, and (iii) the terms of the members of the Monroe Park Advisory Council be and are hereby terminated.

§ 2. That sections 2-836 and 2-1028 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004) be and are hereby **amended and reordained** as follows:

**Sec. 2-836. Eligibility of members to succeed themselves; term of members.**

(a) Notwithstanding any possible section in this Code to the contrary, no citizen member of a board or commission, other than persons appointed by the council to serve as members of the Capital Region Airport Commission (chapter 380, Acts of Assembly 1980) or the Greater Richmond Transit Company Committee, shall be appointed to more than two successive full terms on a board or commission; provided, however, the members of [~~the Monroe Park Advisory Council and~~] the Highway Safety Commission may serve up to three successive full terms and provided, however, a person appointed to fill a vacancy (that is, an unexpired term) may serve two successive full terms upon completion of the unexpired term for which the person has been appointed. However, this subsection shall not apply to governmental authorities created by the city.

(b) Unless otherwise specified by general law, ordinance or resolution, the term of office for the members of any board, commission, or committee the members of which are appointed by the council shall be three years.

**Sec. 2-1028. Created; composition.**

There shall be an Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks consisting of 13 members. All members of the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks shall be appointed by resolution of the Council. One member shall be ~~[selected from the membership]~~ nominated by the Board of Directors of the Monroe Park [Advisory Council] Conservancy to represent the Conservancy, one member shall be ~~[selected from the membership of]~~ nominated by the Board of Directors of the Maymont Foundation to represent the Foundation, and one member shall be ~~[selected from the membership of]~~ nominated by the Board of Directors of the [Richmond Recreation and Parks] EnRichmond Foundation to represent the Foundation. One member shall be selected from the staff of the City's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities. One member shall be selected from each of the nine Councilmanic Districts of the City, with each such member to be a resident of the Councilmanic District nominated by the Council Member representing such Councilmanic District; provided, however, that should the Council Member representing such Councilmanic District fail to nominate a resident of the Councilmanic District within 90 days of a vacancy, whether created by the expiration of a term or otherwise, in the seat assigned to that Councilmanic District, any Council Member may nominate a resident of any Councilmanic District to fill such vacancy.

§ 3. That section 2-1029 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004) be and is hereby **repealed** as follows:

**[Sec. 2-1029. Terms of office.**

~~Those members of the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks selected from the membership of the Monroe Park Advisory Council, the Board of Directors of the Maymont Foundation and the Board of Directors of the Richmond Recreation and Parks Foundation shall be appointed for terms coincident with their terms as members of the respective [council or] boards. All remaining members of the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks shall be appointed for terms in accordance with section 2-836 of this Code.]~~

§ 4. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Ordinance/Resolution Request

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**TITLE** Replacing a member of the Monroe Park Advisory Council on the Advisory Board of Recreation & Parks with a representative of the Monroe Park Conservancy, Amending the representation of EnRichmond & Maymount Foundations on the Advisory Board of Recreation & Parks

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance**  **Resolution**

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

Charles Samuels

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

The patron requests that ordinance(s) be drafted to amend City Code Section 2-1028 so that a representative of the Monroe Park Conservancy, who is nominated by its Board of Directors, can serve as a member of the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks instead of a member of the Monroe Park Advisory Council, which is being abolished after completing its work.

Furthermore the patron requests that Section 2-1028 be amended so that a representative of the Maymount Foundation and the EnRichmond Foundation can be appointed to the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks rather than require that a member of the Board of Directors serve in that capacity.

Finally, the patron requests that Section 2-1029 regarding terms of Office on the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks be repealed. The Section is no longer necessary given the amendments requested in the above.

**BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the Monroe Park Advisory Council was to provide advice to the City government and Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) on the use and development of Monroe Park. Over the course of its history Monroe Park Advisory Council has advised the City on methods of renovating Monroe Park and has developed plans for the park's renovation. The basic mission of the Monroe Park Advisory Council is now complete and it can be dissolved. City Council recently approved a lease of Monroe Park to Monroe Park Conservancy (Conservancy). The terms of the lease require that the Conservancy raise \$3,000,000 to help the City fund \$6,000,000 in renovations to Monroe Park and partner with Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) to manage and secure the park. The Conservancy representative will replace the Monroe Park Advisory Council member on the City's Advisory Board for Recreation and Parks.

Allowing representatives of the Conservancy, Maymount Foundation, and the EnRichmond Foundation to be appointed to the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks rather than requiring a member of the Board of Directors will allow them greater flexibility in choosing persons from their organizations to participate on the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact	\$ 0	
Note: N/A		

Attachment/s      Yes  No