



June 8, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Since 1989, Park Pride is the only Atlanta-based nonprofit that provides programs and leadership to help communities realize their dreams for neighborhood parks. We write to you to express support for the formation of an Advisory Committee for Rodney Cook, Sr. Park to assist in the creation of a community Friends of Park group.

Friends of the Park groups create the framework for an inclusive, collaborative, and systemic approach to transforming greenspaces. Despite differences in size and scope, every Friends of the Park group features a group of park users and supporters actively working to improve one or more parks in a neighborhood. Friends of Park groups are open and inclusive groups that allow people to have a direct impact and influence in public spaces. Groups must allow others to participate even if their views differ. To the extent that the proposed Advisory Council will be helpful in setting up a successful community Friends group, Park Pride is supportive.

Furthermore, any funding provided to the Friends group will be held in trust by Park Pride through our Fiscal Sponsorship Program to be used for community-based initiatives in the park, giving this nascent group the strongest possible start. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MICHAEL HALICKI". The letters are in all caps and have a cursive, slightly slanted appearance.

Michael Halicki