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Summary

To urge the DC Council to pass the Lafayette Elementary School Grass Field Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, scheduled for hearing on Tuesday, June 11.

Background and Rationale

ANC 3/4G has passed two prior resolutions with respect to the ball field at Lafayette Elementary School, on [February 26](#) and [March 25](#), calling for natural grass.

On May 7, the Council passed an emergency resolution regarding Lafayette Elementary, stipulating “the Council must act to prevent the agencies (Department of General Services, et al) from installing a synthetic turf field over the strong objections from the community, and instead require that the remediation project continue with the installation of a natural grass field.”

At the time, the Council tabled the temporary legislation with deference towards a possible non-legislative resolution.

Immediately following the May 7 Council meeting, Councilmember Janeese Lewis George wrote to the Department of General Services to ask, among other things, that DGS re-engage ANC 3/4G to discuss the department’s criteria for choosing artificial turf. DGS has not done so.

DGS’s refusal to engage ANC 3/4G and Chevy Chase residents broadly continues a pattern of disregard for the community.

Resolved

ANC 3/4G urges the Council to pass the Lafayette Elementary School Grass Field Temporary Amendment Act of 2024.

ANC 3/4G further recommends that the District henceforth reassess its use of artificial turf at all public schools, parks, and recreational facilities in favor of natural grass.

APPROVED at a regular public meeting, notice of which was properly given and at which a quorum of seven (7) of seven (7) members were present on June 10, 2024, 2024, by a vote of (4) yes, and (3) abstentions.

Lisa Gore, Chair

Bruce Sherman, Secretary




