

RESOLUTION NO. R-14-57

Old Town Square Park

WHEREAS, parks are vitally important to establishing and maintain the quality of life in our community, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the city; and

WHEREAS, in November 2000, city voters were asked to respond to an advisory referendum on the ballot to allow the City to dedicate funds to the purchase open space and park land in the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the City established the Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, at the recommendation of Open Space Citizen's Advisory Committee, the City purchased 0.37 acres of land in July of 2005 next to Old Town Hall at 3999 University Drive formally known as the Weight Watchers building site for future park land; and

WHEREAS, the City has desired to expand and improve the access to Kitty Pozer Garden located in the center of the property; and

WHEREAS, a new park will provide opportunities for the public to enjoy year round recreation, arts, and historic activities, events, concerts, and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, this park can be a catalyst for a vibrant and robust downtown attracting new visitors and tourist to the businesses in the downtown; and

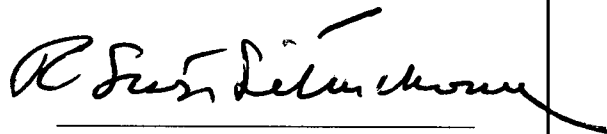
WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Commission on the Arts, Community Appearance Committee, Historic Fairfax City, Inc. and Economic Development Authority have unanimously recommended that this park be named "Old Town Square"; and

WHEREAS, the park has a unique opportunity to commemorate the origins of the Kitty Pozer Garden and educate the public through interpretive signage about the history of our great city and the role the Ratcliffe family played in the establishment of Old Town Hall and the surrounding plot of land; and

WHEREAS, the park site will be uniquely linked with the City owned property, Old Town Hall for City events and users of Old Town Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fairfax agree that the park property at 10415 North Street at the corner of University Drive and North Street and extending east to Old Lee Highway and south to Old Town Hall be known as "Old Town Square".

Adopted this 9th day of September, 2014.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

The vote on the motion to approve was recorded as follows:

VOTE:

Councilman DeMarco	Aye
Councilman Greenfield	Absent
Councilmember Loftus	Aye
Councilman Meyer	Aye
Councilmember Miller	Aye
Councilmember Schmidt	Nay