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COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION

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and CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, October 19, 2004
10:10 a.m.

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BILL 040613 - An Ordinance authorizing the
Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf
of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire by
purchase, condemnation, or other means, an
easement in the vicinity of Poquessing
Park...

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN, Chair

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning.

3 This is public hearing of the Committee on
4 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to hear
5 public testimony on Bill No. 040613. Joining
6 us this morning are my colleagues, Councilman
7 W. Wilson Goode, Councilman Frank DiCicco, and
8 Madam President Anna Verna.

9 We will now ask the Clerk to read
10 the title of Bill No. 040613.

11 THE CLERK: Bill No. 040613, an
12 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
13 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
14 Philadelphia, to acquire by purchase,
15 condemnation, or other means, an easement in
16 the vicinity of Poquessing Park, and upon
17 completion of the City's acquisition of the
18 easement, incorporate such easement into
19 Poquessing Park and place the easement under
20 the jurisdiction of the Fairmount Park
21 Commission.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you.

23 We will now ask Karen Borski from
24 the Fairmount Park Commission and Ken Sipos
25 from the Department of Public Property to

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2 please join us and offer your testimony.

3 State your name for the record.

4 MS. BORSKI: Good morning. I am
5 Karen Lloyd Borski, Executive Director of the
6 Fairmount Park Commission.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: We're going to
8 ask you to speak extra loudly because of some
9 technical challenges we want to overcome. So
10 talk directly into the mike. Thank you.

11 MS. BORSKI: Good morning,
12 Chairwoman Reynolds Brown and Members of the
13 Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural
14 Affairs.

15 As I said, my name is Karen Lloyd
16 Borski, I serve as Director of the Fairmount
17 Park Commission. I am here today to testify
18 in support of Bill 040613, an ordinance
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
20 Property, on behalf of the City of
21 Philadelphia, to acquire by purchase,
22 condemnation or other means, permanent
23 easements to four certain parcels of land with
24 the buildings and improvements thereon,
25 situated in the vicinity of Poquessing Creek

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2 Park, McNulty Road and Townsend Road, all
3 under certain terms and conditions.

4 This bill will permit the City to
5 acquire an easement across four parcels of
6 land in the vicinity of McNulty and Townsend
7 Roads. Two of the parcels of land which the
8 easement will traverse are owned by PAID, and
9 the other two parcels are owned by Origlio
10 Beverage Distributors. Both PAID and Origlio
11 are donating the easement across their
12 respective parcels, at no cost to the City.

13 Acquisition of the easements and
14 future development of a recreation trail are
15 priority projects of the Poquessing Creek Park
16 Trail Master Plan, completed in 2001 by the
17 Fairmount Park Commission. The easement will
18 enable the Park to develop a recreation trail
19 between Poquessing Creek Park, Benjamin Rush
20 State Park and the Parkwood Recreation Center.
21 The easements and future trail will provide an
22 amenity and recreation source for employees of
23 the Byberry East Industrial Park and Parkwood
24 community residents. Upon completion of the
25 City's acquisition, the easements will be

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2 incorporated into Poquessing Creek Park and
3 placed under the jurisdiction of the Fairmount
4 Park Commission.

5 The Commission supports this measure
6 and, accordingly, I respectfully ask that City
7 Council approve Bill No. 040613. I also ask
8 that the rules be suspended so that the
9 ordinance may be passed upon the second
10 reading at Council.

11 Thank you. I will be happy to
12 answer any questions you may have.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you.

14 Any questions for Karen Borski of
15 the Fairmount Park Commission?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Very well. We
18 will now move to hear from Ken Sipos of Public
19 Property.

20 MR. SIPOS: Good morning, Chairwoman
21 Reynolds Brown and Members of the Committee on
22 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. My
23 name is Kenneth Sipos, and I'm a Real Estate
24 Specialist with the Department of Public
25 Property. I'm here today to testify in

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2 support of Bill No. 040613.

3 This bill will permit the City to
4 acquire an easement across four parcels of
5 land in the vicinity of McNulty and Townsend
6 Road. Two of the parcels the easement will
7 travers are owned by PAID, the other two are
8 owned by Origlio Beverage Distributors. Both
9 PAID and Origlio are donating the easement
10 across their respective parcels at no cost to
11 the City.

12 Acquisition of the easement will
13 assist Fairmount Park in developing a
14 recreational trail between Poquessing Park and
15 Benjamin Rush State Park, and upon completion
16 of the City's acquisition of the easement,
17 incorporate the easement into Poquessing Park
18 and place the easement under the jurisdiction
19 of Fairmount Park.

20 The Department of Public Property
21 supports this measure, and accordingly, I
22 respectfully ask the City Council to approve
23 Bill No. 040613. I also ask that the Rules be
24 suspended so that the ordinance may be passed
25 upon the second reading of Council.

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2 Thank you. I'll be happy to answer
3 any questions you may have.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Let me also
5 indicate that our colleague Councilman Darrell
6 Clarke has joined us in this hearing.

7 Councilman Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
9 Chair.

10 Good morning. PAID is donating one
11 of the properties to this particular
12 development. Where did PAID and how did PAID
13 originally come in possession of the property?

14 MS. BORSKI: It's part of Northeast
15 Development Industrial Park from the get-go.
16 PIDC owned land.

17 MR. SIPOS: I think this was part of
18 the Byberry parcel. We gave it to Byberry to
19 build Byberry Hospital. And then when they
20 de-commissioned parts of Byberry Hospital,
21 they gave it back to the City, and we
22 transferred it back into Fairmount Park for
23 development into an industrial park.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
25 Chair.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Any other
3 questions for members of the Committee?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Anyone else to
6 testify on this bill?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: That concludes
9 testimony on Bill No. 040613. This,
10 therefore, concludes our public hearing.

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PUBLIC MEETING
COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION
and CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Tuesday, October 19, 2004

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Public meeting conducted by the
Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural
Affairs, held in Room 400, City Hall,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the above date,
to consider action on the following:

BILL 040613.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN, Chair
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: We will now
3 move into a public meeting.

4 I'd like to ask Councilman Clarke,
5 can we have a motion on Bill No. 040613, which
6 includes a suspension of the Rules.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
8 Chair.

9 Madam Chair, I move that Bill No.
10 040613 be reported out of Committee with a
11 favorable recommendation, and a request for
12 suspension of the Rules to allow reading at
13 the next Session of Council.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Bill No. 040613
16 has been moved and properly seconded.

17 All in favor say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: All opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: The ayes have
22 it, and Bill No. 040613 will be reported out
23 of this Committee with a favorable
24 recommendation, and with a further
25 recommendation that the Rules of Council be

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2 suspended to allow first reading at our next
3 scheduled Council meeting.

4 This concludes the meeting of the
5 Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural
6 Affairs.

7 I want to thank everyone for their
8 attendance. And a huge thank you, President
9 Verna. Thank you for your interest.

10 (Council adjourned at 10:18 a.m.)

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