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1 **WHEREAS**, two-hundred thirty-five (235) suggestions, more than one quarter of the total
2 submissions, recommended that the Park be renamed David C. Driskell Community Park and a
3 public hearing was held on April 5, 2021, at which the majority of participants expressed support
4 for renaming the park David C. Driskell Community Park; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Driskell, a long-time resident of the City of Hyattsville and
7 Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland, transformed the field of African
8 American art through his scholarship, innovation, and humanity and played a critical role in
9 bringing awareness to the art of African Americans at a time when these artists and their works
10 were overlooked; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Driskell was trained as a painter and art historian who worked primarily
13 in collage and mixed media, and printmaking; he was a naturalist and colorist, and a lot of his art
14 focused on trees, nature, and landscapes; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Driskell passed away from complications related to Covid-19 on April
17 1, 2021; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the City Council that the residents of the City of Hyattsville
20 overwhelmingly support renaming the Park “David C. Driskell Community Park,” to honor and
21 commemorate a member of the community who was dedicated to telling the story of the African
22 American experience through art; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the joint committee also recommended that the Park secondarily be named
25 “Community Park” to indicate that everyone is welcome.
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that “William Pinkney Magruder Park” shall
28 be renamed “David C. Driskell Community Park”; and
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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City shall strike any reference of “William
31 Pinkney Magruder Park” from the City Charter, City Code, and any City regulation, policy, or
32 other document, signage or the like, and replace the same with “David C. Driskell Community
33 Park”; and
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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall become effective upon
36 recordation of the necessary quit claim deed removing the restrictive covenants.
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38 **INTRODUCED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a
39 regular meeting on June 7, 2021, at which meeting copies were available to the public for
40 inspection.
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42 **ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a
43 regular meeting on June 7, 2021, at which meeting copies were made available to the public for
44 inspection.

APPROVED:

City of Hyattsville, Maryland

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Date

Kevin Ward
Mayor

ATTEST/WITNESS:

City of Hyattsville, Maryland

Date

Laura Reams
City Clerk