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We believe the Public Parks Incentive Program furthers the City Beautiful's mission of encouraging more urban parks by incentivizing property owners in the Design & Innovation Overlay District to provide much needed, publicly accessible greenspace for the benefit and enjoyment of the Merrick Park neighborhood. Unfortunately, most of the projects in this area have been constructed up to the property line, leaving limited public open space to serve the residents. Additionally, the open spaces that are provided are predominantly hardscaped with little shade cover, which limits their ability to be enjoyed as outdoor spaces for passive uses.

As a result, we fully support the Public Parks Incentive Program and encourage your support and approval of the proposed text amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code.

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