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Ms. Jessica Gibadlo
Interim Director, Charleston Parks Conservancy

Sent via Email: jgibadlo@charlestonparksconservancy.org

Dear Jessica,

I am writing to express Historic Charleston Foundation's support for the updated plans to improve Hazel Parker Playground. This is a project that is near and dear to my heart as its building and grounds have served several generations of my family as an important gathering place for sports, social events, and other recreational activities. When I was growing up, it was the heartbeat of downtown Charleston.

The proposed enhancements include a larger area for the dog park (approximately 35% bigger than the current one), a larger area for multi-purpose playing fields, an enlarged area for younger children to play, a total replacement of the existing tennis court, and a welcoming, park-like setting along South Adger's Wharf for residents and visitors to sit. This area will also serve as a crucial pedestrian link between the High Battery and Riley Waterfront Park.

Good luck as you gain further support and funding for this needed investment which will improve the livability of the peninsula.

All the best,

Winslow Hastie
President & CEO

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