

AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER IVORY LEE YOUNG, JR. DEDICATING CITY OF ATLANTA OWNED LAND LOCATED AT 870 PROCTOR STREET AS A PUBLIC PARK IN PERPETUITY TO BE NAMED THE KATHRYN JOHNSTON MEMORIAL PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta ("City") owns land located at 870 Proctor Street and as described on Exhibit A attached (the "Property") located in an area English Avenue Neighborhood of Atlanta now unofficially known as Boone West Park; and

WHEREAS, the City's Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") has identified the Property as an area for the future development of a City Park and desires to dedicate the property as a public park to be named the Kathryn Johnston Memorial Park (the "Park"); and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2006 a 92-year-old Kathryn Johnston, a resident of Atlanta GA. and Atlanta City Council District 3 at 933 Neal Street, was tragically murdered; and

WHEREAS, her murder was committed by 6(six) corrupt members of the Atlanta Police Department who executed an illegal "No Knock Warrant"; and

WHEREAS, there are citizens across the city who desire to never allow this tragedy to be repeated or be forgotten, and

WHEREAS, the legacy of this tragedy resulted in a significant response by the city, including the repeal of the Disorderly Contact 6 or " Dc-6", a law that allowed for the arrest of any citizen without "Probable Cause", establishing of the Atlanta Citizens Review Board (ACRB), establishing a new narcotics unit in the Atlanta Police Department, and establishing new protocols for the issuance of warrants to the Atlanta Police Department, especially "No Knock Warrants; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to insure tragedies like these never happen again and believe that this honorable resident's sacrifice, once memorialized, will serve as a constant reminder of the ongoing efforts to insure we not only remember, but continue to educate to prevent future tragedies. Now,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS, as follows:

SECTION 1: The Property is hereby dedicated as a public park to be named The Kathryn Johnston Memorial Park" and DPR is hereby charged with all responsibility for the Property and shall

retain the land in perpetuity as a public park. Nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit the development of this property for uses consistent with generally accepted park activities, including but not limited to, trails, playgrounds for youth and for seniors, picnic areas, parking, urban farming and gazebos. Nothing in this section shall preclude a neighborhood group(s) or other private entity from maintaining all or part of the property pursuant to an agreement with the City.

SECTION 2: The Mayor on behalf of the City is hereby authorized to accept the Donations for the Property.

SECTION 3: That the Chief Financial officer is hereby instructed to establish a special fund account in the City's Department of Parks and Recreation dedicated to receiving donations to be used exclusively for implementation of the Park and for the development of this property for uses consistent with generally accepted park activities, including but not limited to, trails, playgrounds for youth and for seniors, picnic areas, parking, urban farming and gazebos.

SECTION 4: The City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare for execution by the Mayor, any and *all* deeds, instruments, or other documents that the City Attorney deems necessary or advisable to carry into effect the intent of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived for purposes of this Ordinance only, and only to the extent of the conflict.

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Workflow List:

Clerk of Council	Completed	07/02/2018 8:34 PM
Atlanta City Council	Completed	07/02/2018 1:00 PM
Community Development & Human Services Committee	Pending	07/10/2018 12:30 PM
Atlanta City Council	Pending	08/06/2018 1:00 PM
Mayor's Office	Pending	

HISTORY:

07/02/18	Atlanta City Council	REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION
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RESULT:	REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION	Next: 7/10/2018 12:30 PM
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<p>Mayor's Action</p> <p><i>See Authentication Page Attachment</i></p>	