

ARLINGTON COUNTY
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 414
Arlington, Virginia 22201

May 26, 2021

Honorable Matt de Ferranti
Chair, Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

RE: Erik Gutshall Plaque Request

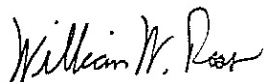
Dear Chair de Ferranti,

The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to offer our wholehearted support of the memorial plaque request for Mr. Erik Gutshall to be installed in the new Zitkala-Ša Park. Both as a volunteer and Arlington County Board Member, Erik Gutshall fought for environmentalism, affordable housing, and community outreach. Mr. Gutshall's positive impact on Arlington County will be felt by generations to come and the beautiful plaque inscription is a wonderful way to remind our community of his forward thinking energy.

It was great to hear that the location of the plaque in Lyon Park sits in viewing distance of the Gutshall family home where friends, neighbors, and family alike can celebrate Erik and his leadership in Arlington.

On May 25th, 2021 the Parks and Recreation Commission heard a presentation by DPR staff and a representative of the Lyon Park Citizen's Association and voted unanimously to recommend that the County Board approve of the memorial plaque to honor Mr. Erik Gutshall and its installation in Zitkala-Ša Park as recommended.

Sincerely,



William Ross
Chair – Park and Recreation Commission

cc: Members, Arlington County Board
Mark Schwartz, Arlington County Manager
Jane Rudolph, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation