


Councilmember Jim Graham

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor the legacy and impact of Ann H. Hargrove as a visionary historic preservationist by designating the park bounded by Kalorama Road, N.W., 19th Street, N.W., and Columbia Road, N.W., as “Ann H. Hargrove Park”, in Ward 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
That this act may be cited as the “Ann H. Hargrove Park Designation Act of 2014”.

Sec. 2. Findings.

(a) Ann H. Hargrove was a Washington community activist who battled proposed freeway encirclement of downtown Washington, D.C., worked to preserve historic neighborhoods, and fought hotel expansion into residential areas.

(b) Ann Hughes was born in Houston on January 4, 1936. She graduated in 1957 from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and came to Washington in 1963 after she received a master’s degree in political science at the New School for Social Research in New York. Mrs. Hargrove passed away at her home in Washington, D.C. on November 7, 2014.

(c) Mrs. Hargrove was a key figure in a broad coalition that forced the abandonment of such road proposals as the North Central Freeway and the Three Sisters Bridge in the 1970s.

(d) In 1976, Mrs. Hargrove helped found the Citizens Planning Coalition to give residents a voice in preparing comprehensive urban plans. She served on the task force that helped draft the city’s historic preservation law.

1 (e) Mrs. Hargrove helped organize public protests and persuaded the D.C. Zoning
2 Commission to adopt regulations in 1980 that banned hotel expansion into residential
3 neighborhoods citywide. The regulations subsequently prevented the Washington Hilton
4 Hotel from demolishing nearby apartment buildings.

5 (f) In the 1990s, Mrs. Hargrove was a legislative aide to D.C. Council Chairman
6 David Clarke, and later chief of staff to Frank Smith, then a Ward 1 councilmember. She
7 was also a past chairwoman of the Committee of 100 on the Federal City, an urban
8 planning organization.

9 (g) Finally, Mrs. Hargrove helped eliminate the last vestiges of industrial zoning
10 in the Reed-Cooke neighborhood of Adams Morgan in Northwest Washington, where she
11 had been an advisory neighborhood commissioner.

12 Sec. 3. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.05 notwithstanding, pursuant to section 401 of
13 the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March
14 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code §9-204.01), the Council designates the
15 park bounded by Kalorama Road, N.W., 19th Street, N.W., and Columbia Road, N.W., as
16 “Ann H. Hargrove Park”, in Ward 1.

17 Sec. 4. The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this act, after it
18 becomes effective, to the Surveyor of the District of Columbia, who shall record in the
19 Office of the Surveyor “Ann H. Hargrove Park” as the name of the park.

20 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

21 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the
22 fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home

1 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-
2 206.02(c)(3)).

3 Sec. 6. Effective date.

4 This act shall take effect following approval by the mayor (or in the event of a
5 veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of
6 Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home
7 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 State. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-
8 206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.