

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2004

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL (IN LIEU OF IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH), CHINQUAPIN RECREATION CENTER (IN LIEU OF MINNIE HOWARD SCHOOL), AND ST. MARTIN DE PORRES SENIOR CENTER (IN LIEU OF PATRICK HENRY RECREATION CENTER) AS POLLING PLACES IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

ISSUE: Consideration of an ordinance to establish George Washington Middle School (in lieu of Immanuel Lutheran Church), Chinquapin Recreation Center (in lieu of Minnie Howard School), and St. Martin de Porres Senior Center (in lieu of Patrick Henry Recreation Center) as polling places in the City of Alexandria (Attachment).

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council approve an ordinance to establish George Washington Middle School, Chinquapin Recreation Center, and St. Martin de Porres Senior Center as polling places in the City of Alexandria.

DISCUSSION: On September 14, 2002, City Council approved an ordinance to establish Immanuel Luther Church as a replacement for the George Washington Middle School polling place at 1005 Mt. Vernon Avenue due to the major renovation project at the school. Council approved this ordinance with the understanding that voting would return to the school when the construction project was completed. The construction project was completed in December 2003, and the Electoral Board recommends that George Washington Middle School be re-established as a polling place, since it is a more accessible and convenient location.

Construction projects are scheduled to begin at the Minnie Howard School and Patrick Henry Recreation Center in 2004 and 2005. The Electoral Board has searched extensively for polling places in each of these precincts and has determined that the Chinquapin Recreation Center is the best temporary replacement for Minnie Howard, and the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, at 4650 Taney Avenue, is the best temporary

replacement for the Patrick Henry Recreation Center. The Senior Center is across the street from Patrick Henry and more parking is available. The City will be required to install a new ramp at this location to make the facility fully accessible for all voters and staff in General Services are planning this project.

If Council approves this ordinance, the United States Justice Department will also need to approve this request to facilitate the change in these polling places, which would take affect with the June 8, 2004 Primary Election. The City Attorney has prepared a submission for the Justice Department. In addition, after the request has been approved, the Electoral Board will send notifications to all of the registered voters in these precincts, and will also advertise the change in the local newspaper.

FISCAL IMPACT: It will cost approximately \$5,000 to send notifications to all of the registered voters in the precinct, and this can be absorbed in the Office of Voter Registration and Elections operating budget. Staff is preparing an estimate of the cost of providing a fully accessible entrance at the St. Martins de Porres Senior Center. We expect to fund the ramp from our CIP ADA Accessibility Project.

ATTACHMENT: Ordinance.

STAFF:

Mary T. LaMois, Secretary, Alexandria Electoral Board
Donald E Ledwig, Chairman, Alexandria Electoral Board
Anna Leider, Vice Chair, Alexandria Electoral Board
Ignacio Pessoa, City Attorney
Sandra Whitmore, Director, Recreation Department
Janet Barnett, Deputy Director, Recreation Department
Pete Geiling, Deputy Director, General Services
Bruce Crutchfield, General Services
Tom Parkins, General Registrar
Eric Spicer, Elections Administrator

Introduction and first reading:	2/10/04
Public hearing:	2/21/04
Second reading and enactment:	2/21/04

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsection (h) (IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ELECTION DISTRICT), subsection (o) (MINNIE HOWARD SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT) and subsection (s) (PATRICK HENRY SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT), of Section 2-2-10 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES), and to amend and reordain "The Official Map of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Designating Election Districts and Voting Places," adopted by Section 2-2-13 (MAP OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES), all of Chapter 2 (ELECTIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Summary

The proposed ordinance changes the voting place within the Immanuel Lutheran Church Election District from the Immanuel Lutheran Church, located at 1801 Russell Road, to the George Washington Middle School, located at 1005 Mount Vernon Avenue; the voting place within the Minnie Howard School Election District from the Minnie Howard School, located at 3801 West Braddock road, to the Chinguapin Park Recreation Center, located at 3210 King Street, and the voting place within the Patrick Henry School Election District from the Patrick Henry School, located at 4643 Taney Avenue, to the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, located at 4650 Taney Avenue. No change is made to the existing boundaries of the election districts. However, in accordance with the practice of naming each election district after the associated voting place, the names of the districts are changed to the George Washington Middle School Election District, the Chinguapin Park Recreation Center Election District, and the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center Election District.

Sponsor

City of Alexandria Electoral Board

Staff

Tom Parkins, Registrar of Voters
Eric Spicer, Elections Administrator
Ignacio B. Pessoa, City Attorney

Authority

§ 24.2-712, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

None

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Subsection (h) of Section 2-2-10 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

(h) The ~~Immanuel Lutheran Church~~ George Washington Middle School Election District shall be bounded and described by the census blocks shown on the map adopted by section 2-2-13 of this code as comprising the said district.

The voting place within the ~~Immanuel Lutheran Church~~ George Washington Middle School Election District shall be at the ~~Immanuel Lutheran Church~~ , George Washington Middle School located at ~~1801 Russell Road~~ 1005 Mount Vernon Avenue.

Section 2. That Subsection (o) of Section 2-2-10 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

(o) The ~~Minnie Howard School~~ Chinquapin Park Recreation Center Election District shall be bounded and described by the census blocks shown on the map adopted by section 2-2-13 of this code as comprising the said district.

The voting place within the ~~Minnie Howard School~~ Chinquapin Park Recreation Center Election District shall be at the ~~Minnie Howard School~~ Chinquapin Park Recreation Center, located at ~~3801 West Braddock Road~~ 3210 King Street.

Section 3. That Subsection (s) of Section 2-2-10 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

(s) The ~~Patrick Henry School~~ St. Martin de Porres Senior Center Election District shall be bounded and described by the census blocks shown on the map adopted by section 2-2-13 of this code as comprising the said district.

The voting place within the ~~Patrick Henry School~~ St. Martin de Porres Senior Center Election District shall be at the ~~Patrick Henry School~~ St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, located at ~~4643~~ 4650 Taney Avenue.

Section 4. That "The Official Map of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Designating Election Districts and Voting Places," adopted by Section 2-2-13 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained as shown on Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated fully by reference, to reflect the designation and description of: the George Washington Middle School Election District, in replacement of the of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Election District, the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center Election District in replacement of the Minnie Howard School Election District, and the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center Election District in replacement of the Patrick Henry School Election District.

Section 5. That the general registrar of voters be, and he hereby is, directed to record the foregoing amendments on the said map.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage; provided, however, that the changes in the Election District names and voting places herein made shall not be implemented until the changes are first submitted to the Attorney General of the United States and no objection is interposed within 60 days of the submission, as required pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

Attachment

Introduction: 2/10/04
First Reading: 2/10/04
Publication:
Public Hearing:
Second Reading:
Final Passage:

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA 2001 Precinct Census Blocks

ID TRACT BLKGRP BLOCK

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Immanuel Lutheran Church
George Washington Middle School

Immanuel Lutheran Church
George Washington Middle School

603	201300	3	3000
607	201300	3	3004
608	201300	3	3005
609	201300	3	3006
611	201300	4	4001
612	201300	4	4002
613	201300	4	4003
614	201300	4	4004
615	201300	4	4005
616	201300	4	4006
617	201300	4	4007
618	201300	4	4008
619	201300	4	4009
646	201400	2	2000
647	201400	2	2001
648	201400	2	2002
649	201400	2	2003
650	201400	2	2004
651	201400	2	2005
652	201400	2	2006
653	201400	2	2007
654	201400	2	2008
655	201400	3	3000
656	201400	3	3001
657	201400	3	3002
658	201400	3	3003

659	201400	3	3004
660	201400	3	3005
661	201400	3	3006
662	201400	3	3007
663	201400	4	4000
664	201400	4	4001
665	201400	4	4002
666	201400	4	4003
667	201400	4	4004
668	201400	4	4005
669	201400	4	4006
670	201400	4	4007
671	201400	4	4008
672	201400	4	4009
673	201400	4	4010
674	201400	4	4011
675	201400	4	4012
676	201400	4	4013
677	201400	4	4014
678	201400	4	4015
679	201400	4	4016
680	201400	4	4017
681	201400	4	4018
682	201400	4	4019
683	201400	4	4020
684	201400	4	4021

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Minnie Howard School
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79	200201	1	1000
80	200201	1	1001
81	200201	2	2000
82	200201	2	2001
83	200201	2	2002
84	200201	2	2003
85	200201	2	2004
86	200201	2	2005
87	200201	2	2006
88	200201	2	2007
89	200201	2	2008

90	200201	2	2009
91	200201	2	2010
92	200201	2	2011
93	200201	3	3000
94	200201	3	3001
95	200201	3	3002
96	200201	3	3003
97	200201	3	3004
330	200801	1	1004
331	200801	1	1005
332	200801	1	1006
333	200801	1	1007

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~~Patrick Henry Middle School~~
St. Martin de Porres Senior Center

113	200302	1	1002
130	200302	2	2014
131	200302	2	2015
196	200500	1	1000
197	200500	1	1001
198	200500	1	1002
199	200500	2	2000
200	200500	2	2001

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~~Patrick Henry Middle School~~
St. Martin de Porres Senior Center

201	200500	2
202	200500	2
203	200500	3
204	200500	3
205	200500	3
206	200500	3
207	200500	3
239	200600	5

ORDINANCE NO. 4334

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(o) The Chinquapin Park Recreation Center Election District shall be bounded and described by the census blocks shown on the map adopted by section 2-2-13 of this code as comprising the said district.

The voting place within the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center Election District shall be at the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center, located at 3210 King Street.

Section 3. That Subsection (s) of Section 2-2-10 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

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The voting place within the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center Election District shall be at the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, located at 4650 Taney Avenue.

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Final Passage: February 21, 2004

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654	201400	2	2008
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657	201400	3	3002
658	201400	3	3003

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660	201400	3	3005
661	201400	3	3006
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667	201400	4	4004
668	201400	4	4005
669	201400	4	4006
670	201400	4	4007
671	201400	4	4008
672	201400	4	4009
673	201400	4	4010
674	201400	4	4011
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EXHIBIT 1-1

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EXTRACT 1-2

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206	200500	3
207	200500	3
239	200600	5

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EXHIBIT 1-3