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## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 1, 2011

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

**SUBJECT:** PROPOSAL TO NAME THE PARK LOCATED AT 3500 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY RUBY TUCKER PARK

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**ISSUE:** Proposed naming of the property located at 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway Ruby Tucker Park (Attachment 1).

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council: (1) receive the recommendation of the City Council Naming Committee to name the property located at 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway Ruby Tucker Park (Attachment 2); and (2) set the proposal for public hearing and consideration on Saturday, February 12.

**DISCUSSION:** On September 20, 2010, the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission received a letter from the Lynhaven Citizens Association requesting that the Commission consider naming the park property located at 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway Ruby Tucker Park.

The late Ruby Tucker was an ardent advocate for her Lynhaven neighborhood. She served for 12 years on the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority where she was a voice for extending services to the City's most needy residents. She was a caring mother not only to her own children but to scores of foster children she cared for throughout her life, was a passionate founding member of her church, a City elections official for more than 30 years, and was a Senior Services of Alexandria board member and was a director of the ALIVE Child Development Center. Beginning in the 1970's and 1980's, Ruby Tucker led a small and dedicated group of neighbors who banded together to combat the drug and nuisance activity in the Lynhaven community. Until her death, Ruby Tucker continued to be an advocate for the Lynhaven neighborhood.

In response to the proposal from the Lynhaven Citizens Association, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities solicited public comment on the proposed park naming from October 7, 2010 through November 8, 2010 (Attachment 1).

Community members were notified of the public comment period by City eNews, neighborhood canvassing of the eNews release, the RPCA website, and through "word of mouth" assistance from the Lynhaven Citizens Association. Public comment received was unanimously in favor of the proposal to name the park property Ruby Tucker Park.

On January 27, 2011, the City Council Naming Committee (Councilman Frank Fannon, Councilwoman Del Pepper and City Manager James Hartmann) held a meeting that included Joseph A. Bondi, President, Lynhaven Citizens Association, and Rosa Byrd, Lynhaven resident and friend of Ruby Tucker, to discuss the naming proposals. The City Council Naming Committee voted unanimously to recommend to City Council that the property located at 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway be named Ruby Tucker Park.

I recommend that Council schedule these proposals for public hearing and consideration on Saturday, February 12.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1. Proposal to name park property in honor of Ruby Tucker

Attachment 2. Map of proposed location of park to be named Ruby Tucker Park

**STAFF:**

Michele Evans, Deputy City Manager

James Spengler, Director, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

Jack Browand, Division Chief, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2010

TO: MICHELE EVANS, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

THROUGH: JAMES B. SPENGLER, DIRECTOR  
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES 

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF  
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES 

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO NAME PARK PROPERTY IN HONOR OF RUBY TUCKER

On September 20, 2010, the City of Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission received a letter from the Lynhaven Citizens Association requesting their consideration in naming the park property located at 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway Ruby Tucker Park (Attachment 1).

Known as the "Queen of Lynhaven," Ruby Tucker served for 12 years on the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority where she was a voice for extending services to the City's most needy residents. She was a caring mother not only to her own children but to scores of foster children she cared for throughout her life, was a passionate founding member of her church, an elections official for as long as anyone can remember, and the director of the Alexandria Senior Services Agency and the ALIVE Child Development Center. In the 1970s and 1980s, Ruby Tucker lead a small and dedicated group of neighbors who banded together to put their foot down on the illicit activity in the Lynhaven community. Until her death, Ms. Tucker continued to be an advocate for the Lynhaven Community.

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities solicited public comment on the proposed park naming from October 7, 2010 through November 8, 2010 (Attachment 2). Community members were notified of the public comment period by City eNews, neighborhood canvassing of the eNews release, the RPCA website, and through "word of mouth" assistance from the Lynhaven Citizens Association. Public comment received was unanimously in favor of the proposal to name the park property Ruby Tucker Park (Attachment 3.)

Please let me know if further information is needed to move this proposal forward in the City's naming process.

- Attachments:
1. Lynhaven Citizens Association Park naming Request
  2. Park naming Community Comment Announcement
  3. Proposed Ruby Tucker Park Naming Public Comments



September 20, 2010

Park and Recreation Commission  
Alexandria City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

To the Park and Recreation Commission:

I am humbled to write a letter today in support of naming a City of Alexandria park in memory and honor of one of our most dynamic citizen-activists. Ruby Tucker was known as the "Queen of Lynhaven" and we believe her lifetime of service to not only our neighborhood but the city as a whole makes this a fitting honor.

Ruby was a tireless advocate for Alexandria's children and underserved populations. She served for 12 years on the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority where she was a voice for extending services to the city's most needy residents. She was a caring mother not only to her own children but to scores of foster children she cared for throughout her life. She was a passionate founding member of her church, an elections official for as long as anyone can remember, a director for the Alexandria Senior Services Agency and for the ALIVE Child Development Center. In short, she was superwoman.

Here at home, Ruby was part of a small and dedicated group of mostly women who banded together to put their collective foot down on the issue of drugs and prostitution in Lynhaven. In the 1970s and 80s, this neighborhood was Alexandria's locus of drug activity and prostitution. Good families were scared to come out of their homes. But a team of dedicated citizens, led by Ruby Tucker, decided enough was enough and they teamed up with the City and the Police Department to clean up the neighborhood, block by block, alley by alley. Their efforts led to the City's highly touted Community Oriented Policing (COP) Program. More importantly, it led to the livable neighborhood I and others sought out over the last 15 years.

One of the last things Ruby did for Lynhaven before she passed away was to work hard on having a park created from a barren half-acre of land along Jefferson Davis Highway at the end of Lynhaven Drive. Like with most things she did, she never gave up until our neighborhood was made better by this new park space. What was an unsightly stretch of roadside desertion is now a wonderful expanse of green with park benches, a shiny new bus stop and even a horseshoe pit.

Parks and Recreation Commission  
September 20, 2010  
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It is this park we would like to have named for Ruby Tucker. It was the last of a lifetime of efforts to make Lynhaven and Alexandria better places, and now it is our turn to honor her. The park at the end of Lynhaven Drive serves as the public face of our neighborhood. As Ruby's family told me, "she never hid her light under a bushel"; naming this park for Ruby is a very public way to say thank you for her decades of service. As more and more development springs up on the eastern side of Route 1, a new Ruby Tucker Park will become the gateway to Lynhaven, proudly announcing to the world that you have arrived at our quaint and charming neighborhood.

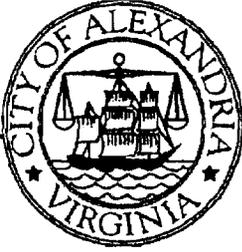
When I first moved to this neighborhood, Ruby Tucker was still president of the Lynhaven Citizens Association, the oldest continually-operating civic association in Alexandria. I knew from my first meeting how special she was. Although we lost Ruby a year ago today, she remains a constant and palpable presence in our neighborhood.

I hope you will agree that naming a park in our neighborhood for the Queen of Lynhaven is an important thing to do.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Bondi". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joseph A. Bondi, President  
Lynhaven Citizens Association



# City of Alexandria, VA

City Hall, 301 King St. Room 3500, Alexandria, VA 22314

## eNews Release

For Immediate Release: October 7, 2010

### City of Alexandria Seeks Public Comment on Proposal to Name Park to Honor Ruby Tucker

The City of Alexandria is seeking public comment on a proposal to name the park property located at 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway Ruby Tucker Park (end of Lynhaven Drive and Jefferson Davis Highway). The proposal was forwarded by the Lynhaven Citizens Association in response to Ruby Tucker's tireless advocacy for their neighborhood as well as Alexandria's children and underserved populations.

Known as the "Queen of Lynhaven," Ruby Tucker served for 12 years on the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority where she was a voice for extending services to the City's most needy residents. She was a caring mother not only to her own children but to scores of foster children she cared for throughout her life, was a passionate founding member of her church, an elections official for as long as anyone can remember, and the director of the Alexandria Senior Services Agency and the ALIVE Child Development Center.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Ruby Tucker lead a small and dedicated group of neighbors who banded together to put their foot down on the illicit activity in the Lynhaven community. Through their efforts, the community teamed up with the City and the Police Department to clean up the neighborhood, block by block, alley by alley. Their efforts led to the City's highly touted Community Oriented Policing (COP) Program.

One of the last things Ruby Tucker did for the Lynhaven community before she passed away was to work hard on having a park created from a barren half-acre of land along Jefferson Davis Highway, at the end of Lynhaven Drive. Like most things she did, she never gave up until the community was made better by this new park space. What was an unsightly stretch of roadside desertion is now a wonderful expanse of green with park benches, a shiny new bus stop and even a horseshoe pit.

The public is invited to provide comment on the proposal to name the park property Ruby Tucker Park through Monday, November 8. Those interested in providing comments will be able to record their comments by email to [jack.browand@alexandriava.gov](mailto:jack.browand@alexandriava.gov), subject line: Ruby Tucker Park, or in a notebook on display at the Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 W. Reed Ave. Comments may be mailed to Recreation and Parks, Attn: Jack Browand, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria VA 22314. All comments received or postmarked by Monday, November 8 will be reviewed by the City Council Naming Committee.

For additional information, contact Jack Browand, Division Chief, at 703.746.5504 or by email at [jack.browand@alexandriava.gov](mailto:jack.browand@alexandriava.gov).



Ruby Tucker  
Patricia Yancey to: jack.broward

10/07/2010 05:55 PM

History: This message has been replied to.

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*Greetings Mr. Broward,*

*The park located at the end of Lynhaven Drive should definitely be named "The Ruby Tucker Park". My family was blessed to know this awesome , beautiful, hard-working, sometimes stubborn "Angel". As a matter of fact, she was my mother's (Rosa Byrd) best friend thus I know firsthand the tireless work performed by both to make the Lynhaven Community what it is today. Also, for the past 17+ years, my family and I are proud homeowners on the same block (Lynhaven Drive) thus another reason why Ms. Ruby Tucker deserves this honor.*

*Thanks for your support on this endeavor and look forward to a positive outcome .*

*Sincerely,*

*Patricia A. Yancey & Family*



**Ruby Tucker**  
Judy Lowe to: jack.browand

10/07/2010 08:13 PM

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History: This message has been replied to.

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My name is Judy Lowe. I am a 52-year Del Ray resident. I knew Ruby well and loved her just as much as anyone in the neighborhood. I cannot think of anyone who gave more to the City of Alexandria than she did. She served long, hard and conscientious for the people of the City that needed her. I think this honor of naming the park for her is absolutely perfect.

Judy Lowe  
judylowe36@comcast.net  
703-548-1713 (H)



**Ruby Tucker Park**  
Sharon Annear to: jack.browand

10/07/2010 10:44 PM

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History: This message has been replied to.

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Dear Mr. Browand,

I have had the privilege of knowing most of Alexandria's legendary civic activists during my 45 years as a resident of this city. I can not think of anyone who took on more incredibly difficult, hands-on tasks to improve this community, both in Lynhaven and all of Alexandria, than Ruby did. Nor can I think of anyone who was more successful in achieving what she set out to accomplish. Without a doubt the park at Rt. #1 and Lynhaven Drive should be named for Ruby Tucker.

Sharon Annear  
1118 N. Howard Street  
Alexandria, VA 22304  
703-751-9130



**Ruby Tucker Park**  
Henry S. Brooks to Jack.Browand

10/08/2010 10:00 AM

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History

This message has been replied to.

I would like to add my voice to those who wish to honor the name of the late Ruby Tucker. When I ran for and later served on the Alexandria School Board, she was a source of continuing support and love for all of Alexandria's children. She was a source of information and support on the success of the educational program at Cora Kelly School. As the school board representative to Cora Kelly School, I interacted with Ruby almost constantly. She was a treasure of community knowledge and was a constant supporter of doing the best we could for each child.

Henry Sidney Brooks



**Ruby Tucker Park**  
Mandee Eversley to: jack.browand

10/08/2010 10:32 AM

History.

This message has been replied to.

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Good Day Mr. Jack Browand:

I am writing to ask that you please name the park property located at 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway Ruby Tucker Park (end of Lynhaven Drive and Jefferson Davis Highway). She was the "Queen of Lynhaven," by serving for 12 years on the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority where she was a voice for extending services to the City's most needy residents.

One of the last things Ruby Tucker did for the Lynhaven community before she passed away was to work hard on having a park created from a barren half-acre of land along Jefferson Davis Highway, at the end of Lynhaven Drive. Like most things she did, she never gave up until the community was made better by this new park space. What was an unsightly stretch of roadside desertion is now a wonderful expanse of green, with park benches, a shiny new bus stop and even a horseshoe pit.

Since she was the one who worked so hard on having the park created, we can honor her by naming the park after her.

Thank you,

Amanda Eversley



**Ruby Tucker Park**  
3d2002 to: jack.browand

10/08/2010 10:40 AM

History

This message has been replied to.

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One of the last things Ruby Tucker did for the Lynhaven community before she passed away was to work hard on having a park created from a barren half-acre of land along Jefferson Davis Highway, at the end of Lynhaven Drive. Like most things she did, she never gave up until the community was made better by this new park space. What was an unsightly stretch of roadside desertion is now a wonderful expanse of green, with park benches, a shiny new bus stop and even a horseshoe pit.

Since she was the one who worked so hard on having the park created, we can honor her by naming the park after her.

Thank you,

Donna Davis



TERRI HENRY to: jack.browand

10/09/2010 01:29 PM

History: This message has been replied to.

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To: [jack.browand@alexandriava.gov](mailto:jack.browand@alexandriava.gov)  
Subject: Ruby Tucker Park  
Date: Fri, 8 Oct 2010 10:32:17 -0400

Good Day Mr. Jack Browand:

I am writing to ask that you please name the park property located at 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway Ruby Tucker Park (end of Lynhaven Drive and Jefferson Davis Highway).

She was the "Queen of Lynhaven," by serving for 12 years on the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority where she was a voice for extending services to the City's most needy residents.

One of the last things Ruby Tucker did for the Lynhaven community before she passed away was to work hard on having a park created from a barren half-acre of land along Jefferson Davis Highway, at the end of Lynhaven Drive. Like most things she did, she never gave up until the community was made better by this new park space. What was an unsightly stretch of roadside desertion is now a wonderful expanse of green, with park benches, a shiny new bus stop and even a horseshoe pit.

Since she was the one who worked so hard on having the park created, we can honor her by naming the park after her.

Thank you, TERRI DAVIS



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**The Ruby Tucker Park**  
Ethel Nelson to: jack.browand

10/11/2010 08:52 AM

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The park located on Lynhaven Drive to be named Ruby Tucker Park in her memory would be awesome and to remember the work she did for the citizens, young and old in this city. I was a classmate of Ruby's, both attending Parker Gray High School in Alexandria. Ruby has always been a person, once her mind was made up, she would follow through on her tasks and see them done. She should be remembered for her hard work, not only for the elderly but the youth of this city.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Ethel V. Nelson



**Fwd: Please submit your comments on Ruby Tucker Park !**  
Ben Sylla to: jack.browand

10/12/2010 09:19 PM

History

This message has been replied to.

Dear Jack Browand

I am writing to express my support for the proposal to name the park property located at 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway as 'Ruby Tucker Park.' Doing so would be a fitting commemoration of Ms. Tucker's contributions to the Lynhaven community.

Sincerely,  
Ben Sylla  
3517 Wilson Ave.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Joe Bondi** <[joebondi@gwu.edu](mailto:joebondi@gwu.edu)>

Date: Thu, Oct 7, 2010 at 3:44 PM

Subject: Please submit your comments on Ruby Tucker Park!

To: [lynhaven@googlegroups.com](mailto:lynhaven@googlegroups.com)

Dear neighbors,

At our meeting in October, I talked about the process for having the park at the top of Lynhaven near Jefferson Davis Highway named for Ruby Tucker.

The first step in that is replying to a request for comment that is being distributed by the City of Alexandria. That release is attached. Please send your comments to Jack Browand at [jack.browand@alexandriava.gov](mailto:jack.browand@alexandriava.gov). The more positive feedback he receives the better!

Thanks for your support.

Joe Bondi

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Visit Lynhaven on the web at <http://www.lynhavenva.com>

You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google

Groups "Lynhaven Residents" group.

To post to this group, send email to [lynhaven@googlegroups.com](mailto:lynhaven@googlegroups.com)

To unsubscribe from this group, send email to

[lynhaven+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:lynhaven+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com)

For more options, visit this group at

<http://groups.google.com/group/lynhaven?hl=en>



Proposed Ruby Tucker Park Comment eNews.pdf



**Fwd: Ruby Tucker**  
rebyrd to jack.browand  
Cc: rebyrd

10/13/2010 07:07 AM

history

This message has been replied to.

Good Morning, Jack

I believe it was predestined that we would be writing letters requesting a park in Lynhaven be named the "Ruby Tucker Park. From the time of our initial meeting at a Lynhaven Citizens Association in 1961 until her death, Ruby was a driving force in the everyday lives of Lynhaven residents as well as others in the city. During her many years as association president, Mrs. Tucker, served as a warrior, a protector and a promoter.

As a **warrior**, she fought the closure of Cora Kelly Elementary School, absentee landlords, drug trafficking, influx of rooming houses, Jack Kent Cook's Redskins Stadium at Potomac Yards, a Pot-Belly Pig on Wesmond Drive, invasion of rodents (Rat Patrol), established monthly inspections of Lynhaven by city departments; over abundance of subsidized houses; added cul-de-sacs on Lynhaven Drive, Evans Lane and Wesmond Drive to reduce cut-through traffic.

As a **protector**, Ruby played a leadership role in the re-opening of Cora Kelly School; assisted in the establishment and maintenance of three Lynhaven parks; began a huge neighborhood Halloween Party; was a Red Cross Volunteer for the evacuation of Four Mile Run flood evacuees; started a "Adopt-A-Player" meal plan to feed TCW football players before each away games; and served as guardian ad-litem for senior citizens.

As a **promoter**, Mrs. Tucker, was a founding member of First Agape Church; a mentor for teen moms; served on ARHA board; served on Senior Services Board; operated an AIDS program and was the chief election judge at Cora Kelly Precinct for more than 35 years.

Last but not least, Ruby was my devoted friend and I witnessed many other acts of kindness and devotion to Lynhaven. One of her favorite hymns was, "Let the Life I Lived Speak for Me". Naming this park to honor her would change that title to "Let the Life I LOVED Speak for Me.

Thanks,



Ruby Tucker Park

Elzinga, Pat - Washington, DC to: jack.browand@alexandriava.gov

10/13/2010 08:29 AM

History

This message has been replied to.

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As a resident of Lynnhaven I strongly support the naming of the park in honor of Ruby Tucker. I benefit today with a wonderful neighborhood because of her diligent work to restore it from the sad state it had fallen. I have only been there a year but the stories I have been told, by long term residents, it took courage to stand up for Lynnhaven. Now I enjoy sitting on my front porch in peace, meeting my neighbors as they stroll by. I can garden in my back yard in peace and entertain there without incident. I owe this to Ruby Tucker and her compatriots.

Pat Elzinga

143 Lynnhaven Drive



**Ruby Tucker Park**  
Raffe1015 to: jack.browand

10/16/2010 08:28 PM

History:

This message has been replied to.

I applaud all who wish to see the new Lynnhaven Park named for Ruby Tucker. I knew her through our Alexandria Chapter of Church Women United. Ellen Horton



**Ruby Tucker Park**  
Joe to: jack.browand

10/18/2010 02:35 PM

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History: This message has been replied to.

I have known Ruby for thirty years and I know of her untiring work for the community. She cared for the community and the city, therefore, I support the effort to name the park to Honor Ruby Tucker.

Thank you.

Joe Smith



Emailing: Ltr Naming Ruby Tucker Park.docx  
Sandra Fowler to: jack.browand@alexandriava.gov

10/27/2010 03:21 PM

History

This message has been replied to.

Mr. Browand,

Attached is a letter of recommendation from the Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority to name the Ruby Tucker Park.

The hard copy with signature has been mailed.

Sincerely,

Sandra Fowler

Sandra Fowler  
Public Information Officer  
Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority  
600 N. Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
703-549-7115 Ext 231



Ltr Naming Ruby Tucker Park.docx



Ruby Tucker Park  
ExecDirALIVE to: jack.browland

10/29/2010 01:00 PM

History: This message has been replied to.

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Jack Browland  
Division Chief  
Alexandria Department of Recreation

Mr. Browland,

I write in support of naming the park property located at 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway, Ruby Tucker Park.

In September of 2009, the City of Alexandria lost a leading citizen and ALIVE! lost an advocate and guiding light. Ms. Ruby Tucker worked at ALIVE!'s Child Development Center (CDC) for over 20 years and served twelve of those years as the CDC's Director.

Hired in the mid-seventies as a Teacher's Aide, she enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Program at Northern Virginia Community College and, at 57 years of age, earned an Associate in Applied Science degree and was quickly promoted to teacher and eventually Director of the CDC. Ruby was instrumental in securing accreditation for the school and became a working member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

When she retired in 1995, Alivel's President Bill Noonan wrote, "Ruby Tucker is one of those rare people of whom it can be said that when God formed them, He destroyed the mold. Generous to a fault with her time, money and talents, Ruby has been the foster mother of more than a dozen children and has been active in her church, Alexandria politics, her neighborhood and school affairs, including the T.C. Williams Booster Club."

On behalf of ALIVE!, let me say that we heartily support naming the park "Ruby Tucker Park."

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Naser  
Executive Director

ALIVE! Inc.  
Selected by the Catalogue for Philanthropy as "one of the best small charities in the Washington DC Region."

2723 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
United Way # 8352 CFC # 44658



**Ruby Tucker Park**  
Judy Lowe to: jack.broward

11/01/2010 11:46 AM

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History:

This message has been replied to.

I cannot think of anything that is more suitable than to honor my friend Ruby Tucker by naming a park after her. I assume you would have a really sign. This is Judy Lowe and I live in Del Ray and am active in the Del Ray Citizens Association.

This is a wonderful idea!

Judy Lowe  
judylowe36@comcast.net  
703-548-1713 (H)



**Ruby Tucker Park**  
Linda & Mike Oliver to: jack browand

11/01/2010 11:55 AM

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History: This message has been replied to.

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Dear Mayor Euille and members of City Council we ask you please to vote to name the proposed park at Lynhaven Drive and Jeff Davis Highway in honor of our dear friend Ruby Tucker. Everything about the naming of this park is right for the lady who was, among MANY other facets , the "Queen of Lynhaven".

With thanks for your consideration, Linda and Mike Oliver

**Ruby Tucker Park**

Robyn Nichols to: jack.browand

11/06/2010 12:57 PM

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History: This message has been replied to.

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As Lynhaven's longtime police liaison officer and a friend of the Lynhaven community, I think it is very fitting that the new park there be named in honor of Ruby Tucker. Mrs. Tucker was devoted to making Lynhaven a safe place where people would take pride in their neighborhood, a place where people would want to raise their families. When Lynhaven was facing challenges from drug and nuisance activity, Mrs. Tucker worked closely with the police department and other City staff to ensure that the quality of life would be improved. She also worked to help children and people in need throughout the City by serving on boards, working in the faith community and generously volunteering her time. The naming the new park in honor of Ruby Tucker would be an appropriate and lasting tribute to her legacy. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sergeant Robyn Nichols  
Alexandria Police Department  
Criminal Investigations Section  
Violent Crime Unit  
703.838.4715

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First Agape Baptist Community of Faith  
2423 Mount Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia 22301  
(703) 519-9100

Planted October 3, 1999

October 31, 2010

Mr. Jack Browand, Department of Recreation and Parks:

The First Agape Baptist Community of Faith supports the dedication of a park to be named in memory of Mrs. Ruby Tucker, an influential community leader and strong advocate for children and families in Alexandria, Virginia. Our Faith Community endorses the park as a tribute to the numerous accomplishments of Ruby Tucker who directed her stewardship efforts (time, talent and finance) to further the cause of humanity through justice and equality for all citizens of Alexandria.

Investing in our children as the foundation for the future, Mrs. Tucker worked as a pre-school teacher for 10 years at the ALIVE Child Development Center of Alexandria, Va, and as director of the Center for 13 years. Following 23 years of service in education, Mrs. Tucker continued giving to the City of Alexandria as a member of the Alexandria Housing and Redevelopment Authority, as well as many civic and school associations who nurtured the vision of a diverse Alexandria that shared its resources and encouraged one another. Moreover, Mrs. Tucker is the recipient of numerous awards for her dedication and outstanding leadership within her community, especially to underserved and marginalized populations.

As the Pastor of First Agape Baptist Community of Faith, I wholeheartedly endorse a park to be named in the memory of Mrs. Ruby Tucker who was an icon within our community, a faithful member of our church, and a tireless, loving servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

*Daniel L. Brown*

Reverend Dr. Daniel L. Brown  
Pastor

*Robert Winfree*

Robert Winfree  
Chair, Deacon Ministry

*James Robbins*

James Robbins  
Chair, Trustee Ministry



Proposal to name the park property at 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway  
**Ruby Tucker Park**

Listed are persons in support to name the park as proposed

I, the undersigned agree with this proposal to name the park property at Lynhaven Drive and Jefferson Davis Highway Ruby Tucker Park.

FULL NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT INFO	COMMENTS
Rose Stokes	Alex VA. 40 S. Ingram St.	7/757-0294	
Rev. Emma Valentine	13427 Castle Blvd S.S. ND. 20904	301/412-9151	
Touine S. S. S.	1105 Gibson St	1105 Gibson St	alex Va 22314
Touine Morrison	302 Wythe St #616	7035-495774	
Ruby Lewis	315 N. Payne St	(7) 786-5369	
Ms. Carrie A. Price	601 S. St. Asaph St	(7) 549-0325	
William M. Price	6715 Anthony Street	765 6071	
Orville J. Price	1016 Donald Ave	703 408 78417	
Betty Price	512 East Bellemeade	703 683 5630	
Carmel Daniels	1251 Wythe St Alex VA	703 836 7724	
Jessie Aborn	4 de France St	22304	Deceased
Linda G. Moore	1200 S. Courthouse Rd. # 720-Alex VA 22304	703-920-5915	
Lorelei Hudson	PO Box 6001 Alex VA	(703) 731-2933	
Evelyn Thomas	1737 Cameron St Alex VA	703 519 8989	
Millic Brooks	1021 1/2 Langley St Arlington VA 22204	703-898-5628	Deserving of the honor
Cordyla Norman	2246 Reagan St Alex VA 22304	703-566-2222	deserving
TERRY AKINS	4434 SCAPECOCK RD S.D., Alex VA	703 402 9046	
Phyllis Anderson	501 South Patrick St Alex. VA. 22314	703 836 6598	
Uplanda Townes	1737 Cameron St Alex VA	703 519 8989	
Rosa McReynolds	7830 Shepherd Hills Ct. Lexton VA 22079	(703) 541-0052	
SWEN BROW	2520 Green G. Ingram Rd Alex VA 22304	301 537-8449	

Handwritten signature: Henderson

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**Ruby Tucker Park**

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FULL NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT INFO	COMMENTS
Michelle Grigsby	2425 Mt. Vernon Ave	703-299-9232	
Stacey Grigsby	6524 Brookleigh Way Alex. VA	703-931-0067	
William Grigsby	4901 Seminary Rd Alexandria, VA	703-304-2011	
Jerry Jordan	4320 Seminary Rd	703-504-3000	
Anthony Williams	4320 Seminary Alexandria, VA	703-504-3000	
Wendy Williams	4320 Seminary	703-504-3000	
Christina Spencer	4320 Seminary Rd Alexandria, Va	703-504-3000	
Karen Hall	4320 Seminary Rd Alexandria, VA	703-504-3000	
Kari Williams	4320 Seminary Rd Alexandria, VA	703-504-3000	
Mary Lou Hollett	INOVA Alex. Hosp.	703-504-3000	
Pat Dickson	Alexandria Hosp	703-504-3000	
Yakov Bright	INova Alexandria Hospital	703-504-3000	
Jenny Adams	3022 Chassette Ave Annapolis, MD	410-267-9538	
MARTIN Grigsby	1051 St. Margaret's Dr Annapolis, MD	410-757-0177	
Dr. Karen Johnson	INOVA Alex Hosp	703-504-3000	
Steve Grigsby	Laurel, MD	240-304-8951	
Mel Grigsby	Laurel, MD	240-604-9818	
ERIKA Grigsby	Alex, VA	703-304-2011	
Phyllis Burton	INOVA Alex Hosp	703-504-3000	
Chris Edwards	INOVA Alex Hosp	703-504-3000	
Leon Grigsby	Alex, VA	703-304-2011	









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FULL NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT INFO	COMMENTS
Steve Fierman	225 S. WINTHROP ST	408-212-9016	
Mark Bates	11353 (22nd St)	703 850 7008	
Rocky Spive	1510 RANGER LOOP WOODBRIDGE VA	571-237-4476	
Horraine Whiffee	6207 WA ST NW WASH DC	202-829-9594	Prayer: The Lord She Returns - ALL GOOD THINGS -
Robert H. Whiffee	6207 14th St. NW Wash DC	202-829-9594	
ZOE MCCRAY	6924 DUKE DRIVE ALEXANDRIA, VA	703 6601239	
Jordan McCray	6924 DUKE DRIVE ALEX, VA	703 6601239	
Lydia Bates	14324 Madrigal Dr. Woodbridge Va. 22153	703-732-3887	
Rodney Bates	14324 Madrigal Dr. Woodbridge Va. 22153	703-732-3888	
John Davis	215 EVANS LN ALEX, VA 22305	703-836-0155	
Penny Layk	5800 QUINCY RD ALEX. VA 22312	571-505-1309	
Carol Gilbert	Woodsley 2268 2412 Rebecca D.	571 385 385	
Kary Gilbert	" "	301-922-7003	
JAMES COTTAGE	424 EARLE ST	301 544 5139	
BRIDGET COTTAGE	424 EARLE ST		
Jessica Fuller	8923 AMERIFOX HAVEN	103 731-5958	
Daniel Miller	6924 Duke Dr.	703-660-1231	
Therese Kelley	2101 S. 2nd St. N. Wash DC	(703) 71-7725	

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Booker Murphy	314 Tancil Court Alex		
Gaynelle Didd	322 Tancil Ct Alex VA 22304		
Denise Hardy	324 Pendleton		
Terrance Green	316 Pendleton		
Michelle Robinson	315 Hopkins Ct.		
Tracy Roberts	304 Pendleton St		God is Good!!!
Mary Wilson	303 Oronoco St		
Justine Smith	304 Pendleton St Alex VA	(703) 975-2714	God is the Great!!
Ray Ford	600 N. Farnham St Alex VA	703/549-7115	
David Roberts	600 N. Farnham St	703/549-7115	
Octavia Bar	306 Hopkins Ct	571-425-3062	
Chiquita Tolbert	305 Tancil Ct.	571-315-7161	
Clifford Ross	307 Tancil Ct.	571-275-0355	
Jason Ellis	322 Tancil Ct.	703-549-7115	
Bernadette Arrington	431C Cook St.	(703) 778-7927	
Kyeshia Arrington	431C Cook St.	(703) 731-7698	
Sharon Johnson	317 Hopkins Ct.		
Luisa Reyes	300 W. H. St	703 549 7115 ext 250	
Dorothy Vatcher	303 White St	703-549-7115 ext 255	
Delmy Africa	306 Hopkins Ct.	571-275-2306	
Constance Buff	605 S. Farnham St		





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Mary Adkins	300 WYTHE ST		I think it's great
Barbara Nebo	7525 S. ...	703-684-2978	
I. ...	399 Pendleton ...		
Geraldine Wilson	320 Wythe St # 709 Alexandria, VA 22314		
E. ...	33 South ...		
L. ...	608 S. Patrick St. City.		
Cheryl ...	633 N. ...		
Dee ...	706 S. ...		
... ..	610 S. ...		
E. ...	706 ...		
Evan ...	300 Wythe St		
... ..	116 N. ...		
Catherine ...	320 S. Patrick St.		
Bernice Price	1312 Pendleton St.		
MARY Holmes	123 W. ...		
David ...	817 N. Patrick Street		
Lillian ...	510 E. ...	703-836-6239	
... ..	510 W. ...		
... ..	333 N. Patrick St. Alex.	703-548-3653	
Elyse ...	855 W. ...	703-299-9927	
Mable B. Wood	8651 ...		









Roy Priest, Chief Executive Officer

October 26, 2010

Mr. Jack Browand  
Division Chief  
Recreation and Parks  
1108 Jefferson Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

**RE: NAMING RUBY TUCKER PARK**

Dear Mr. Browand,

The Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority (ARHA) enthusiastically endorses naming the park property along Jefferson Davis Highway "Ruby Tucker Park".

Ms. Tucker served on the ARHA Board of Commissioners for 12 years. Mrs. Tucker demonstrated outstanding leadership and maintained a clear sense of purpose. Her tireless work improved the quality of life for hundreds if not thousands of low income families in Alexandria which made Alexandria a better place to live, work and play.

It should be noted that ARHA recently named one of its Community Centers for Mrs. Tucker. "The Ruby Tucker Family Center" located at the Hopkins-Tancil Court Apartments. In keeping with Mrs. Tuckers work, this center offers services to the residents which provide them an opportunity to transition from public housing to self sufficiency.

Again, The Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority wholeheartedly endorses naming the "Ruby Tucker Park" as another commemoration of her outstanding service to the residents of Alexandria.

Sincerely,

Roy Priest  
Chief Executive Officer

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**Proposed Location of Ruby Tucker Park  
3500 Jefferson Davis Highway**

**Attachment 2**

**City of Alexandria**

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**Legend for Parcel Map**

- Metrorail Stations
- City Boundary
- Address Points
- Metrorail Tracks
- Road Labels
- 2007 Aerial
- Road Centerlines
- Parcel/Primary Centerline/Assessment Centerline
- Easements
- Other Roads
- Roads
- Railroads
- Buildings
- Parks
- Water
- Metrorail Train
- Other
- City of Alexandria

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