

Resolution 10-17

Dedication to Michael “Mike” Francis Miron

The purpose of this Resolution is to dedicate the Street End Park, 6th Street and Back Creek, Eastport, to the late Michael “Mike” Francis Miron; and to approve the installation of a park bench in the Michael Francis Miron Memorial Park in his honor with a memorial plaque that shall bear his name, show his likeness, and set forth his numerous contributions to the Community of Eastport and the City of Annapolis.

Biography:

Alderman Michael “Mike” Francis Miron was a long time contributor to Eastport, having served as a Board Member of both the Eastport Civic Association and Eastport Business Association. Mike was named Admiral of Eastport by the Eastport Civic Association and in 1998, Mike helped organize the Maritime Republic of Eastport and was one of the original signers of the Unanimous Declaration of Independence of the Maritime Republic of Eastport, where he served as the Minister of Transportation.

Mike served on the Annapolis Planning Commission from 1986-1992, and served as Chair from 1987-89. Under Mike’s stewardship, the Planning Commission and the City Council adopted the Inner West Street area MX zoning; the Maritime District; and the new Central West Street Area Neighborhood Conservation District. Additionally, Parks and Paths for People was adopted, and the site Design Plan Review process and Critical Area and Tree Preservation regulations were formulated.

Mike was the Director of Economic Development for the City of Annapolis from 2001-2010, during which time Park Place and 1901 West Street were developed and during which time he spearheaded the development of the Arts and Entertainment District along West Street.

Mike was the driving force in founding the Annapolis Maritime Museum; his development of the first business plan helped transition the Eastport Historical Committee into the Annapolis Maritime Museum; he served as the Business Manager for the Museum in 2001; he spent three years building the Annapolis Maritime Museum’s digital archives of more than 150 oral histories, capturing the stories and voices of the people, watermen, and boat builders; he researched and collected archives about the many boatyards in Annapolis such as Trumpy, Owens, Annapolis Yacht Yard and more, and he was instrumental in planning the 2014 and 2015 Winter Lecture Series.

Mike was a long time business owner in Eastport, including the Eastport Shell station, where he first met his future wife, Shelley Row. Mike was a vibrant member of the Eastport community whether he was preparing delicious dinner parties or hosting poker nights at his home.

Therefore, the City wishes to commemorate the community and public services of Mike Miron by dedicating the Street End Park, 6th Street and Back Creek, Eastport, and for the Park to henceforth be known as the “Michael Francis Miron Memorial Park.”

Prepared by the Office of Law.