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2 **“Fowlkes Community Park”** - For the purpose of designating certain City-owned property as a
3 Pocket Park; naming the Pocket Park the “Fowlkes Community Park”; and generally relating to
4 dedicating said Pocket Park.

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6 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
7 **City of Annapolis**

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9 **Resolution 16-21**

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11 **Introduced by: Alderman Paone and Alderwoman Pindell Charles**

12 **Co-sponsored by: Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney**

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14 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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16 **“Fowlkes Community Park”**

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18 **Referred to:**

19 **The Heritage Commission**

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21 **FOR** the purpose of designating certain City-owned property as a Pocket Park; naming the
22 Pocket Park the “Fowlkes Community Park”; and generally relating to dedicating said
23 Pocket Park.

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25 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Lloyd Fowlkes and Mrs. Gilda Addison Fowlkes are native Annapolitans; and

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27 **WHEREAS,** For over 4 decades, Mr. Fowlkes and “The Pipe Dreamers” provided thousands of
28 hours of musical enjoyment and entertainment to Annapolis and Anne Arundel
29 County residents as well as to music lovers beyond our borders; and

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31 **WHEREAS,** The professional talents of Mr. Fowlkes as an electrician were very necessary as a
32 valued member of the BGE family for 35 years; and

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34 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Fowlkes has educated children in the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County
35 communities for 55 years; and

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37 **WHEREAS,** In 1966, Mrs. Fowlkes began her professional career with Anne Arundel County
38 Public Schools at Germantown Elementary School, she then transferred to Tyler
39 Heights Elementary School, and later to Germantown Elementary School –
40 although she retired in 2006, she is currently employed as a very valued member of
41 the Georgetown East Elementary School staff; and

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43 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Fowlkes served these schools as a Title I Teaching Assistant, making home
44 visits, and serving as a community liaison between the home and the schoolhouse,
45 oftentimes using recreation as a catalyst; and

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** For over 45 years, Mrs. Fowlkes has served as the Supervisor and Director of our
2 Summer Camps, writing her own programs for the camps, of which 6 have been
3 located in Annapolis schools; and
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- 5 **WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. Fowlkes have resided on McGuckian Street in Ward 2 since February
6 1975, where they have raised their family; and
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- 8 **WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. Fowlkes’ home is at the very end of McGuckian Street, which backs
9 up to the intersection of Russell Street/S. Villa Street/Smithville Street; and
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- 11 **WHEREAS,** At that intersection is a small park-like area of City-owned property that is located
12 adjacent to 1200 McGuckian Street where Mr. and Mrs. Fowlkes and their family
13 have served as volunteer caretakers of this property, at their own expense, since
14 they have resided at this location, sprinkling grass seed and straw, doing a little
15 weeding, etc; and
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- 17 **WHEREAS,** At times, there have been situations that have required resources beyond their
18 capabilities (for example, illegal dumping on the property, the presence of snakes,
19 etc.) and Mr. and Mrs. Fowlkes have sought assistance from the City, to which
20 requests for assistance the City has obliged; and
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- 22 **WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. Fowlkes continue to enjoy watching the activity in this area—
23 passersby stopping to reenergize themselves, oftentimes with toddlers and babies
24 and strollers in tow, children playfully walking to and from their schools; and
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- 26 **WHEREAS,** In 2020, Alderman Fred Paone and Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell Charles saw the
27 need to tangibly recognize the great works of Mr. and Mrs. Fowlkes as embodying
28 the true spirit of Annapolitans, especially Mrs. Fowlkes’ almost 5 decades of
29 dedication to children through her work with the Annapolis Recreation and Parks
30 Department (ARPD), which oversees the City’s parks system; and
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- 32 **WHEREAS,** On March 5, 2021, an on-site meeting was scheduled with Mr. and Mrs. Fowlkes,
33 Alderpersons Paone and Pindell Charles, ARPD Director Mr. Archie J. Trader, III,
34 and Parks Supervisor Mr. Rodney Dillard to discuss the creation of a Pocket Park
35 at this location; and
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- 37 **WHEREAS,** On March 5, 2021, it was the consensus of those present at the meeting that a City
38 Pocket Park would be established adjacent to 1200 McGuckian Street, with 2-3
39 benches, a Marker, and other park amenities as may be determined; and
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- 41 **WHEREAS,** On March 5, 2021, the group also agreed that the Pocket Park be named “Fowlkes
42 Community Park” in tangible recognition and celebration of the educational,
43 recreational, and musical enjoyment and entertainment that Mr. and Mrs. Fowlkes
44 have provided to our communities for almost 6 decades - and they’re still going
45 strong; and
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1 **WHEREAS,** As Mrs. Fowlkes aptly puts it: “Fowlkes Community Park has a people and family
2 friendly ring to it!”
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4 **WHEREAS,** the City Council wishes to designate a Pocket Park on City-owned property located
5 adjacent to 1200 McGuckian Street in Ward 2 of Annapolis, Maryland and name
6 the Park the “Fowlkes Community Park”.
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8 **NOW, THEREFORE,**
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10 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City-owned property
11 located adjacent to 1200 McGuckian Street in Ward 2 of Annapolis, Maryland, be designated a
12 Pocket Park and named “Fowlkes Community Park” in recognition of Mr. Lloyd Fowlkes and
13 Mrs. Gilda Fowlkes and their family, all of whom embody the true spirit of “One Annapolis”.
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15 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that 2 to 3
16 benches be installed on the Pocket Park, a Marker, and any other park amenities as approved by
17 the City Council.
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19 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that such
20 Pocket Park dedication shall take effect upon the passage of this Resolution.
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23 **EXPLANATION**

24 Underlining indicates matter added.

25 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken.
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