Dear Mayor Gray and the City Council,

I think you should transform McMillan Park into a park where you could play or relax at instead of transforming it into a store or many stores. I think you should turn it into a open space without stores because we need clean water, a beautiful place to play, and a place for my dogs to play. It'll give parents a place to hang with their friends and family. It'll also provide oxygen. It'll give us a place to play for summertime. I believe it will be a good space for cookouts, campsouts, graduation parties, and family reunions. If you decide to turn it into a park, I think you should build a public pool. If you had a park to play at and somebody was trying to damage it, then you should probably know how we feel and stop trying to destroy our park. You aren't being fair to us and our families that would like to have a park for weekends or stuff like that. You should keep McMillan Park so we have somewhere to play on beautiful days. The only thing I think you should is add a pool for swimming lessons and stuff.

The only thing you probably think about is money and you don't even try to think about the kids for one second. If you want money, build a school. Then you can think about the kids and the money you want. If you build a school, more kids can learn and if you choose to build a school, don't build it over the park.

Sincerely, Amani Johnson
Dear Mayor Gray and council Members,

I am writing to convince you to not build buildings on McMillan Park. The reason why you should keep it park is because kids need to play. We need to exercise and be healthy. And families can have a picnic. Please keep it a park. It's the right thing to do.

You should not make it buildings because we have enough buildings. If you build buildings, you will take away oxygen. Please save the park!

Sincerely,

Aaliyah Imani Turner
Excel Academy PCS
Dear Mayor Gray and Council Members

I am writing to convince you not to build a building on McMillan Park. The reason is that people don't want to spend time watching TV and playing video games. They want to go outside and play. And they want to exercise at the park and make new friends there. They want to see the land. They want to have cookouts you should not make it a building because people want to have fun. We don't want to stay in the house all day. We want to get some fresh air.

MAKE IT A PARK.

Sincerely,

Natalie Benson
Excel Academy
Dear Mayor Gray and Council Members

I am writing to convince you not to build buildings on McMillon Park. It should be a park where we can volunteer to clean up because it might get dirty, but this one can be clean!

Another reason why it should be a park is because people can get a lot of exercise. Some people like to jog to get a lot of exercise. That is why I am persuading you to make it a park.

I think it should not be a building because grass and trees give us oxygen and we will not breathe well.

Please keep it a park!

Sincerely,

Zamira Wallace
Excel Academy Public Charter School
Dear Mayor Gray and Council Members,

I think you should make a grassy area and a playground for children to play. So they can be happy and not sad. Please be nice and make the children a playground and a grassy area so they won't be sad. Don't you love seeing children have fun like riding their bike or sitting on a playground bench and doing homework or reading a book and getting fresh air. They can lay out their blanket and sit on it and have a nice picnic. I think you should be nice man and build something for children to play on.

Now I am going to ask you one question: why do you want to get rid of that beautiful McMillan Park? Now I am going to tell you something about me. I am eight years old. I am in 3rd grade. I have a brother and a sister. I love school. Love: Amiya
June 17, 2013

Dear Mayor Gray and Council Members,

I believe that we should keep our park because we can have family time. So do not tear down McMillac Park. Also people can meditate and relax. Don't be harmful and don't mean any. Be a good worker people can do homework and read and do yoga. People can play games and go to the pond and fish at the pond people can go to the pool and beaches and just have fun and be happy and people can have birthday parties and exercise and we can grow food like wheat and mint. We can go there after school and study and go and play around and go there when they're bored. That is why we should keep our park.

Love

Yemoni

Teiti Robinson
Dear Mayor Gray and council Members,

I am writing to ask you to not build on McMillion Park. We need this park to walk dogs so they can play and get some fresh air. We also need another park so we can have picnics because I do not always want to eat at home. I would like to eat in some fresh air. People need places to play so we are not always in the house playing video games and watching TV. We need more parks so people can run and get exercise. We need to enjoy the outdoors. You should not put buildings there because we are going to have more traffic and people. We are also going to have more pollution in the air because there are going to be so many people. You should not build buildings on green space. You should tear down old buildings and make some new ones in that same spot.

Another reason why McMillion Park should be a park is when the people at the hospital are leaving, they might want to go to a nice fun park. It might be people that live there.
and play in the street because there is no
park.

Sincerely,

Jamilah Wargrove

Excel Academy public charter school
Dear Mayor Gray and Council Members,

I believe that you should not do construction on McMillan Park because we can have cookouts and ride our bikes you should on a trail at the park and you should not put condos, houses, and stores because we have enough of condos, houses, and stores. We NEED a park. Do not put that in the park because kids need some where to play at and kids will not have anything to do because if we don't have anything to do kids will be playing in the street. When we play at the park we get fresnier, and we can go to the pool and we go to yoga and do our homework you shouldn't build condos, stores, and houses because we need McMillan Park. Why do you want to put a sidewalk and knock down the park? If you knock down the McMillan it will not be the land their ANY more land and you can not get the land back. Do Not knock down McMillan Park I have one or more questions. Why do you want to knock down McMillan Park? I am going to tell about myself I'm in the
3rd grade, and I go to Excel Academy all girls school. We wear baby blue and black shoes and navy blue my teachers are named Ms. Green and Ms. Brown. My favorite color is blue and white, and I think McMillan is a good not trashy park. McMillan is so green. GO Green! Don't knock down McMillan Park. I hope you like it and have a good day at work. Don't knock down McMillan Park.

sincerely
Jade S. Snell
June 12, 2013

Dear Mayor Gray and Council Member, I believe that every adult and kid should have a place to play and exercise and jog and be free of being from your houses. Children can play with their friend. Wouldn’t you want a playground for kid to play on or your wife to do yoga and relax? Or you can take your pet out for a walk. Would you want kids to sit in their houses being bored? So what do you say? Would you be willing to turn the McMillan Park into a real park where people can have fun and relax? Would you want to have a park close to you?
So you're not just doing me a favor. You are doing the whole world a favor.

So will you do us one favor and make McMillan park for us, will you? Not just me.

Love, Daziana Dredd

To: The Mayor and the Council Members,
Dear Mayor Gayley and council members,

I believe whoever is trying to tear McMillan Park down should not tear it down because there are so many uses. You can play and do exercise. You can have family time and have a cook out.

I think you should save McMillan Park because it will make it more fun.

I do not want it to look like our school field. It is under construction now. I will tell you a little bit about myself. I love to read and do school work. I live with my mom, brother and step dad. My mom and are split up so I live with my dad too.
Daddy's house is my sister, my step brother & my stepmom. I like macaroni & fried chicken. And I love to dance & sing. And I love to hang out with my friends. I have the most crazy amazing teacher ms. Good she loves me so much. I don't know what I would do without her.

Love: Lennon
June 12, 2013

Dear Mayor Gray and Council Members,

I believe that you all should not build anymore condos, houses, or stores, and I believe that you should save McMillan Park. Children wouldn't have a place to play or do fun things like play tag or jump rope, and grown-ups wouldn't have anything to do either like go jogging and walk their dogs. Instead of building buildings, couldn't you build a playground with swings, monkey bars, slides, benches, and poles that kids slide down? Just like a regular playground. You can build a grassy area where kids can do gymnastics and exercise and pretty much get out of the house and not sit in the house all day playing video games. So please don't destroy McMillan Park because it means so much to the people who live near that park and their kids wouldn't have anywhere to play. Those kids would be bored for the rest of
their entire lives, and people don't want that for their kids. Maybe you can make a pool there too, for people to swim in and have fun. You can make a pond too, so that people that live near McMillan park can fish in the pond and the people can have a picnic too. Or if people want to, they can grow some more flowers, and people can read at the park. Some people could have a cookout at the park and kids can have family time at parks with their kids. Kids that live near McMillan park can play with their friends and people can take a bike ride and get some fresh air. Kids can have a race at the park, and play with their toys at the park. There's a lot of reasons why you should build a playground and not destroy McMillan park. Kids and adults would love a park for kids to play on. Why do you want to destroy McMillan park?

Sincerely, Aleah

Feggins From: Excel Academy P.C.S.
Dear Mayor Gray and the City Council,

Please keep the McMillan Park the way it is except the fence. People need more chain, water, and places to play. If you make a building right there then there would be more traffic and since people don't like traffic then nobody will vote you for mayor.

What if someone wanted a romantic place to go and there was no park? Where would they go? And the nearest park is twenty miles away. You didn't want to drive forty miles back and forth. And your house is right down the street from the McMillan Park?

You will like to go to that park. You'll say "No that park is closed for construction." You will also like to go to the park for breathing you will like to smell good air not bad air from bricks, wood, cement, and lumber. And you will not like the noise either.
And I would like peace and quiet. Now people have to play in the street because there is no neighborhood nearby. My class or the whole 3rd grade doesn't want you to turn the park into buildings but Hershey Park or Six Flags is not a romantic theme.

We need parks! If you build a building there would be more traffic. More traffic will make people late to work. And people late to work. And people need to go to work at a decent time and if they're late they can get fired from their jobs.

You won't like it if everybody got fired. Use your head you don't need anymore buildings. I wouldn't trade a park for a crooked building. So get all of your facts straight.

Sincerely,

Deyana Henderson
Dear Mayor Gray and the City Council,

Why did you and the City Council decide to tear down McMillan park? I think you should recreate McMillan park and make a new McMillan park.

One reason is that we need clean water. Don't you want people to be healthy? I have a lot more reasons why you should keep and recreate the park. Kids need places to play, it gives parents some relax time, you can walk your dog once and a while, and people need trees for oxygen.

Some more reasons are: People need a lot of green space, people can jog, it's a place to spend summers, and you can have fun with your friends and family.

You can get active at parks, less traffic and honking and horns. Oh yes, you can go camping, you can play sports, and you can meet people at parks.

All of these things can happen in parks and maybe you can have fun too. People are giving you a chance experience a chance of a lifetime before you destroy McMillan park. Mr. Mayor to me you should just have fun and loosen
I'm going to tell you about some of my experiences in a park. I have a lot of fun at parks, other people do too.

So, it was my sister's birthday and we were having a birthday party for her. It was in a big green open space. We had enough space to do 80 cartwheels 50 times around the whole park plus it smelled like nature. Not gasoline and smoke from loud cars!

People need parks. The reasons in this note I wrote are true. We all can do those things in a lot of parks. People can even have block parties, cookouts, and graduation after parties. You choose, should the park leave or stay.

Love,
Chase

P.S. I'm a Girl
Dear mayor Gray and Council Members,

I am writing to convince you not to build buildings on McMillan Park. Here is one reason why: do you ever see some people who are on the track team? Or when it's hot-out, you may see some people who have their sport clothes on? They would come out and they jog and you know that they need space to run around. Some joggers may even jog while taking their dogs outdoors.

My second reason is because some people may like to have a picnic or maybe they would sit in the sun or just lay on their blankets in the park. The reason to have a park is because DC is already too crowded! DC has way too many buildings! We need more parks.

Sincerely, lavender

Exel academy PCS
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