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Friends of McMillan Park

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Bowser to Meet with Friends of McMillan Park

Mayoral candidate Councilmember Muriel Bowser has agreed to meet with a delegation from Friends of McMillan Park (FOM) to hear the organization's call for her to support preservation of McMillan Park. The Friends delivered a [formal meeting request](#) on Thursday evening at the Bowser Ward 5 campaign kickoff that occurred in the heart of Bloomingdale on 1st and Bryant Streets, NW, just one block south of McMillan.

At the campaign event, a number of Bowser's supporters signed the FOM [petition to save McMillan Park](#), joining the more than 5,000 other signatories from across the District. Bowser, however, declined to sign it. Both Councilmembers Tommy Wells and Jack Evans have signed the petition.

During the upcoming meeting with Bowser, FOM plans to ask her to oppose Mayor Gray's plan to surplus McMillan Park, to closely examine the unusual relationship between his Administration and its development consultant (Vision McMillan Partners), and to support an international design competition for the adaptive reuse of the historic [Olmsted park](#). FOM will also ask Bowser again to sign the petition.

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