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December 19, 2022

Joy Beasley, Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
National Register Program
1849 C St., NW (Mail Stop 7228)
Washington, DC 20240

Re: Cameron Park (Historic District) (Additional Documentation) – Wake County, North Carolina
Reference # 85001673

Dear Ms. Beasley:

Enclosed is an Additional Documentation submission for the above-referenced property to be amended in the National Register of Historic Places. Cameron Park was originally listed in the National Register on July 29, 1985. The purpose of this additional documentation is to add an additional name that the residents for this neighborhood. Additional justification is found in Section 8 of the submission.

The additional documentation is a full digital submission, uploaded to the National Park Service's secure Cultural Resources Submission Portal (CRSP), adhering to NPS guidance provided for Electronic-Only Submission Instructions updated September 16, 2022. The submission includes a .pdf file of the true and correct copy of the above-referenced additional documentation.

We trust you will find the submission to be in order. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Smith, National Register Coordinator, at jeff.smith@ncdcr.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darin J. Waters".

Darin J. Waters
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

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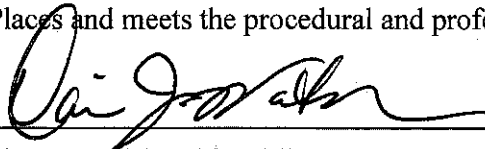
Cameron Park (Historic District)
Name of Property
Wake County, North Carolina
County and State
85001673
NR Reference Number

State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this additional documentation move removal
 name change (additional documentation) other

meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.



Dec 19, 2022

Signature of Certifying Official/Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date of Action

National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- additional documentation accepted
- other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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Section 1. Name of Property

Historic Name: Cameron Park (Historic District)Other names/site number: Forest Park (Survey site number WA0194)

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

Section 8. Statement of Significance.

Mr. Dan Parham, a representative of the (former) Cameron Park Neighborhood Association, contacted the National Park Service to rename the Cameron Park (Historic District) in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

In an email dated November 22, 2022, to Jim Gabbert, National Park Service historian, Mr. Parham wrote:

“Over the past two years, the Cameron Park Neighborhood Association made the decision to rename our neighborhood, and we chose the name Forest Park. The City of Raleigh’s Department of Housing and Neighborhoods has officially changed the name in the Raleigh Neighborhood Registry and database with the support of the City Attorney. Our neighborhood will be called Forest Park in all City of Raleigh business going forward.”

According to a March 24, 2022, news feature on the Channel 11 Eyewitness News website (the ABC broadcasting affiliate in Raleigh), Cameron Park “was named for the Cameron Family, one of largest and wealthiest slaveholding families in North Carolina.” The news segment also mentioned that the proposal to change the neighborhood’s name became a divisive issue among Cameron Park community members. Opinions on the change varied from “unnecessary” to “the “Cameron name does not properly reflect the neighborhood’s values of being a progressive, inclusive community.” The proposal was put to a vote among the neighborhood’s residents, and it passed in favor of the name change.¹

According to National Register Bulletin (NRB) 16a (*How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*), the historic name “best reflects the property’s historic importance or was commonly used for the property during the period of significance.” (NRB 16a, p.8) In order to accommodate Mr. Parham’s request to add the neighborhood’s new name to the National Register, Section 1 of NPS form 10-900 provides a space for “Other Names/Site Number.” This is the most appropriate place in the nomination form for the Forest Park name.

Section 9. Major Bibliographical References

¹ Elaina Athans. “Raleigh Neighborhood Cameron Park to be renamed Forest Parks.” ABC11 Eyewitness News, Thursday, March 24, 2022. Accessed December 2, 2022. URL: <https://abc11.com/raleigh-cameron-park-village-name-change-renaming/11678294/>.

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cameron-park-village-name-change-renaming/11678294/](https://abc11.com/raleigh-cameron-park-village-name-change-renaming/11678294/).

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