Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association

Jason Schupbach Director of Design Programs National Endowment for the Arts 400 7th Street SW Washington, DC 20506-0001

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Anita Hairston, President Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association P.O. Box 4457 Washington, DC 20017-9997

Dear Mr. Schupbach,

On behalf of the membership of the Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association (BNCA), I am writing in strong support of Dance Place's application for the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) "Our Town" grant program. The Dance Place Arts Park holds great promise to improve quality of life and expand local access to outlets for creativity for Brookland adults and children alike, and to the surrounding community.

Brookland is a diverse and ever-growing neighborhood in Northeast Washington, DC. Our volunteer-led organization facilitates community-building events and forums, and works to improve the Brookland neighborhood. Dance Place is a long-cherished Brookland-area institution that has held arts-focused classes and performances since 1980 that enrich the community. The anticipated installations by local artists and ongoing performances, games, film screenings, and other experiences supported by this grant would further enable Dance Place's to carry out its work to enrich the fields of dance and the arts.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for the Dance Place Arts Park. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions: brooklandcivic@yahoo.com.

Singerely,

Anita Hairston President, BNCA

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