

Wilmington, Delaware  
July 3, 2024

**#0453**

**Sponsor:**

**Council  
Member  
Darby**

**WHEREAS**, Eastlake Park is located at the intersection of North Madison Street and 30<sup>th</sup> Street in the 19802 neighborhood. Constructed in 1939, the park features Eastlake playground, basketball courts, a sitting area, and common space for residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, parks are a significant conduit of positive youth development. They provide recreation and facilitate the strengthening of community bonds. Access to outdoor activities and greenspace has been associated with improved physical and emotional well-being, as well as community violence reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington City Council's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan prioritizes a "Wilmington for All Ages." Kaboom!, a nationally known non-profit dedicated to achieving "playspace equity;" has extended an invitation for the City of Wilmington to apply to participate in a community-led process to renovate the Eastlake Playground, which is located in Eastlake Park. To defray the costs of building playgrounds, Kaboom! assists in mobilizing volunteers as well as identifying financial support for the projects, provided the municipality submits an application for consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration has entered into discussions with the 76ers franchise regarding the feasibility of sponsorship for the basketball courts located at Eastlake Park; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of the community, including the members of the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Community Civic Association, have expressed their willingness to work collaboratively with both Kaboom! and the 76ers franchise to renovate Eastlake Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Council encourages the Administration to make every effort to work

in tandem with the community members residing in the vicinity of Eastlake Park, Kaboom!, the Philadelphia 76ers Franchise, and all other relevant parties to acquire the resources and requisite technical assistance to renovate Eastlake Park, including but not limited to the Eastlake Playground and basketball courts located on the site.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council urges the Administration to designate a time and manner to meet with community members, representatives of both Kaboom! and the 76ers franchise, and other relevant parties to confer about the feasibility of the renovation process and to develop meaningful steps for advancing this project by December 31, 2024.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** In accordance with the Wilmington City Council's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan goal of promoting a "Wilmington for All Ages," this Resolution encourages the Administration to work collaboratively with all interested parties, including but not limited to individuals residing in the vicinity of Eastlake Park; relevant community organizations; Kaboom!, a nationally known non-profit dedicated to achieving "playspace equity;" and other relevant parties to renovate Eastlake Park.