



Agenda Item No. 06

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To the Cambridge MD City Council

The Kappa Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. thank you for the opportunity to address the Council.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., founded on the campus of Howard University in 1908 and the oldest Greek letter organization established by black women, is celebrating its 110th year of community service in the United States and abroad. The Kappa Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was chartered in Easton, MD in 1985.

Under the auspices of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated's International President Dorothy Buchanan Wilson's 2014-2018 Program theme Launching New Dimensions of Service, the **AKA 1908 Playground Project™** as part of our Environmental Ownership Target was launched to ensure that children have safe and inviting places to play. Sorority members will restore and renew 1,908 existing community and school playgrounds with its **Restore, Refresh and Renew Project™**.

As such, Kappa Theta Omega tasked members to review playgrounds in our areas to see where we might be of service in a particular community. Through preliminary discussions with the Department of Parks and Recreation Cornish Park on Douglas Street has been identified as an area where we may have an impact. We are here to request permission to partner in the "refreshing" and/or upkeep.

The Sorority has designated Saturday, May 19th as our 1908 Playground Mobilization Day, and we propose to return to Cornish Park for yearly maintenance and upkeep.

Thank you for this opportunity and look forward to discussing in further detail the specifics of a partnership to improve the Park. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Charlene DeShields, President

cc: Mrs. Joan Brooks, Event Chairman
Mrs. Lanae Bailey-Harmon, Program Chairman