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Mayor Cranley:

As you are aware, I have served the Park Board since 2004, first as a Commissioner then as Chair.

However, the departure of Merri Gaither Smith from the Board effective January 1, 2017 reminded me that even though the end of my term was November 30, 2015, at your request I have been serving "without portfolio" (reappointment) since that time.

Being cognizant of the Park Commissioner's bylaws which stipulate that officers can serve successive terms "provided the term of the officer as a member of the Park Commissioner has not expired" it is only appropriate that I sever my relationship with the Board and I have vacated my service as a Park Commissioner and Chair as of this date.

I wish my fellow Commissioners and the Park System all the best.

All the best,



Otto M. Budig, Jr.

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cc: ↓ Willie Carden  
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