



September 20, 2016

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

From: Daniel Schramm, President
Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association
P.O. Box 4457
Washington, DC 20017-9997

Dear Mr. Shupbach,

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 for the Arts (NEA) "Our Town" grant program. The beautiful, newly constructed Dance Place Arts Park holds great promise to improve the quality of life and expand local access to outlets for creativity for Brookland adults and children alike, as well as 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 brought enriching arts-focused classes and performances to audiences and students across Washington, DC since its founding in 1980. The anticipated installations by local artists and ongoing performances, games, film screenings, and other experiences supported by this grant would further enable Dance Place to carry out its work to enrich the fields of dance and the arts generally.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Schramm", written in a cursive style.

Daniel Schramm
President, BNCA

Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association
P.O. Box 4457, Washington, DC 20017
BrooklandCivic.org