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Dear Friends:

We are beginning an exciting new chapter for the Friends of Clark Park. FoCP is now taking the next step forward with the "Park A" Redesign Project. We have hired Studio/Bryan Hanes to create an enduring design for "Park A." This ambitious project will culminate in a blue print for fixing the broken pathways, failing electrical system, standing pools of water, and bare turf.

We ask a lot of "Park A." From the formal events such as Spruce Hill Community Association's May Fair, Uhuru's Flea Markets, and The Food Trust Farmer's Market, to informal activities such as chess, drum circles, volley ball, and capture the flag, we have quite an impact on our park. The wear and tear of all the usage is apparent with even a casual observation. In order to help our park and accommodate all that we ask from it, we need to do more than fix our park, it is time we take the initiative and make *lasting* improvements.

We are excited to be working with such a talented design company. Bryan Hanes has worked for one of the most respected landscape architecture firms in the country. While at PHS's Philadelphia Green, Lisa Hanes worked on a number Clark Park projects including the recently completed basketball court and underground storm water system. As local landscape architects, we are confident that Bryan and Lisa Hanes' design work will take into account the needs of the park and the community.

We are also excited to announce that the FoCP is raising the money for the redesign independently, in what we are calling the "Park A Redesign Campaign" (PARC). We will be looking to public and private grants to cover as much of the expense of this project as possible, but we would really like this to be truly a community effort. Clark Park is the largest open public green space in West Philadelphia. In order to continue to enjoy this amazing treasure that we share, we hope that you will join in contributing to its improvement

Checks and inquiries should be sent to:

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