

Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board

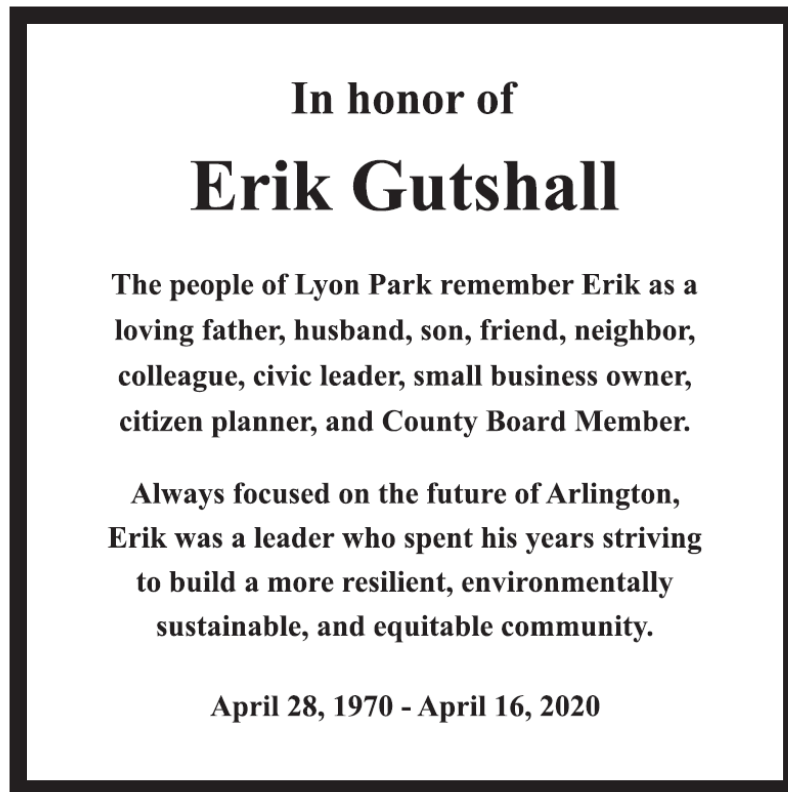
April 21, 2021

Memorial Plaque Request: To memorialize Mr. Erik Gutshall

Sponsor: Lyon Park Citizens Association (LPCA)

Proposed Location: Zitkala-Ša Park

Proposed Plaque Inscription:



Description of Request:

The purpose of the [Arlington County Memorial Plaque Policy](#) (Policy) is to provide the public with an opportunity to recognize exceptional individuals who have made a significant public service contribution to Arlington County and its residents. The policy provides criteria to assess whether an individual's contributions during their lifetime make them eligible for a memorial plaque; terms by which the plaque must be financed, fabricated, installed; a process for seeking approval of memorial plaque requests; and describes the extent to which the County is responsible towards its maintenance.

As required by the Policy, LPCA has provided a description of Mr. Erik Gutshall's contributions (Attachment I) demonstrating his significant and sustained public service contributions which

have made a lasting impact on the Arlington community and a letter of support (Attachment II) for the memorial plaque on behalf of the civic association.

LPCA is requesting to place a 12" by 12" memorial plaque, with the above inscription, attached to a boulder adjacent to a walkway within Zitkala-Ša Park. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) staff assisted in selection of the location and support the boulder placement at this site as it will be visible from the walkway and the boulder can be installed without impacting the roots of the nearby maple trees.





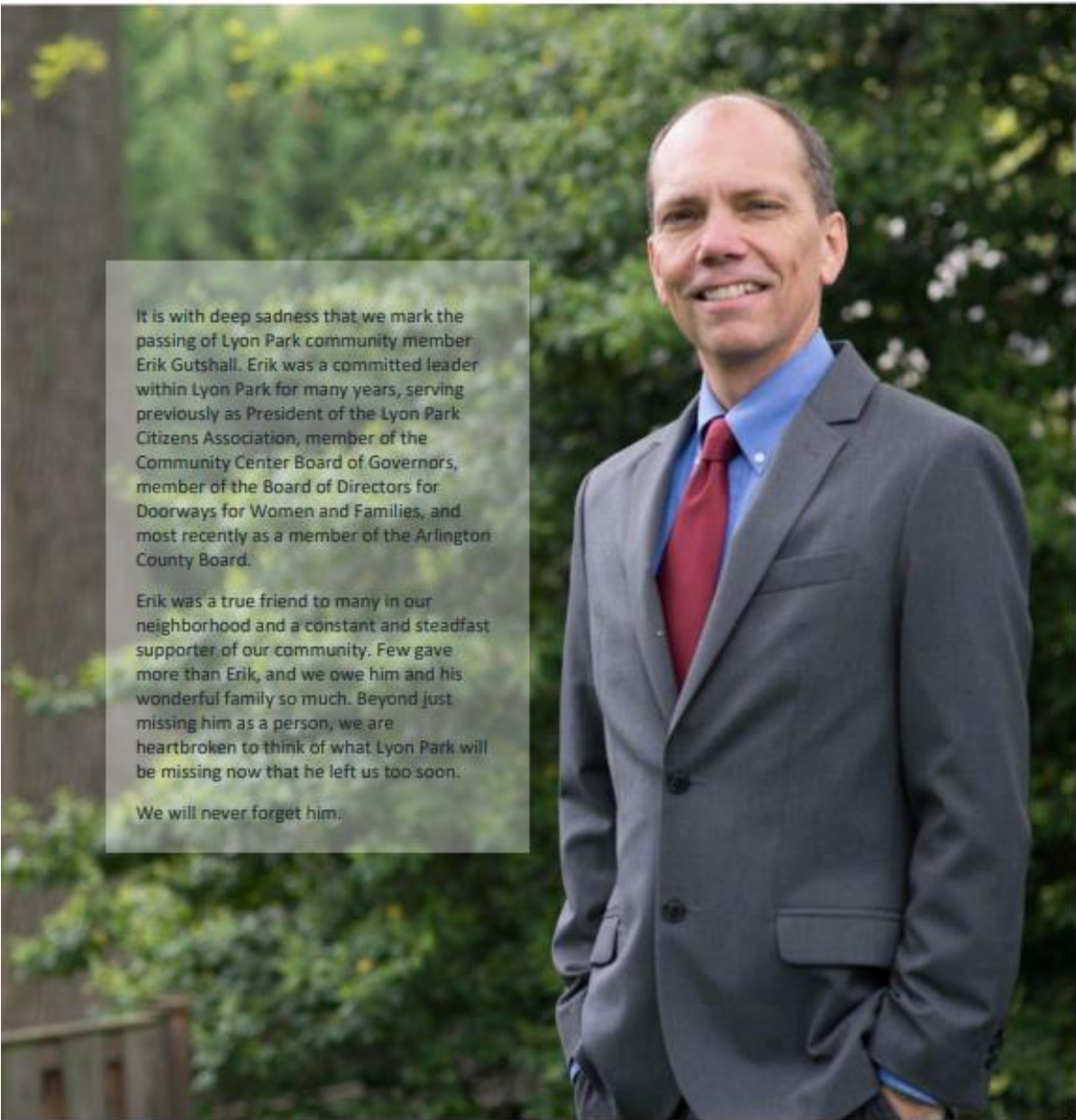
Lyon Park Citizen

May 2020

It is with deep sadness that we mark the passing of Lyon Park community member Erik Gutshall. Erik was a committed leader within Lyon Park for many years, serving previously as President of the Lyon Park Citizens Association, member of the Community Center Board of Governors, member of the Board of Directors for Doorways for Women and Families, and most recently as a member of the Arlington County Board.

Erik was a true friend to many in our neighborhood and a constant and steadfast supporter of our community. Few gave more than Erik, and we owe him and his wonderful family so much. Beyond just missing him as a person, we are heartbroken to think of what Lyon Park will be missing now that he left us too soon.

We will never forget him.



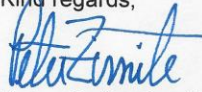
January 27, 2021

Bill Ross, Chair
Arlington County Parks and Recreation Commission
2100 Clarendon Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Mr. Ross and Commission Members,

At the January meeting of the Lyon Park Citizens Association, the members present voted unanimously in support of the proposal to place a plaque honoring the late Erik Gutshall in Zitkala-Ša Park. Erik was a pillar of our community and county, serving both in a variety of roles. The LPCA is confident that, given the countless contributions Erik made, you will agree he is worthy of this honor. We look forward to your approval.

Kind regards,



Peter Zirnite, President
Lyon Park Citizens Association