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Rupert says, "Shoot with a Camera--Fight with a Pen—Tow with Greenwood".

This page will be hand-dropped in every mail slot on the block—it concerns the Block. It is also sent out by e-mail and posted on the WEB. It's been awhile.

The Unit South Durham, Inc. is STILL in the final stages of the purchase of 7 South Durham Street—the park and parking—WE BELIEVE THIS TO POSSIBLY BE TRUE—or not. The deal is yet to be finalized, thus individual dues are still being held onto for the purchase of the park and insurance. Personal out-of-pocket money from two represented homes and one responsible landlord are used for the upkeep of the park for now.

RECAP: We began actively pursuing the status of the pocket park in 2005. We had been led to believe that the park belonged to the block; we learned otherwise. After phone calls to Councilman Kraft's office it was suggested we send the councilman a letter. This was done P.O.Express. We followed up with many phone calls and e-mails: All went unanswered. Days after the 2006 election Sheila Dixon became Mayor. A Survey Crew measured the park at the behest of Calvert title and a law firm. A letter was hand delivered to Senator Barbara Mikulski. The day after we received a letter from the Senator that the package had been forwarded to Councilman Kraft's office, we received an e-mail and phone call. It was a Saturday. After attending many meetings and walking down many dead end streets, we formed a non-profit in March, 2007. We purchased insurance February 2008 AND VOTED on and approved bylaws by April 1. Since that time we have had an offer by way of Conti, Fenn and Lawrence for a section of the park and been given a price for settlement by Calvert Title. Jerry Withers has been great in acquiring other title companies. Otherwise we have been enveloped in a quagmire by the City of Baltimore and its agents.

We would like to enforce the parking rules but some feel privileged since they have been lifted by the tow truck once before—go figure. Blocking the street outside the posted boundaries is a hazard to the safety of the neighborhood. The bylaws are available at the site listed at the top of the page. It is also necessary to keep the walkway clear in the park for the rest of the neighborhood; please do your part in asking the drug addicts and drunks to move along.

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