



City of Cambridge
Department of Human Service Programs
51 Inman Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139, 498-9076

Donnelly Field Tot Lot
Chronology of Events

I. June 6, 1985 - Donnelly Field

***Meeting with:**

Bill Ryan - Assistant Commissioner - DPW
Jim Woods - DPW
Laura Garton - Program Manager - DHSP
Phil Giroux - Harrington Community School Coord.
Paul Ryder - Director of Recreation

***Summary**

1. DPW agreed to remove all potentially dangerous tot lot equipment and wood structures from the site.
2. A decision was made to move metal swings away from tot lot to an area closer to the Harrington School.
3. The site will be graded.

II. June 13, 1985 - Community Development

***Meeting with:**

Bill Ryan - DPW
Kathy Spiegelman - CDD
Paul Ryder - DHSP

***Summary**

1. Kathy Spiegelman was informed of the current situation at Donnelly.
2. The committee recommended that the Donnelly Tot Lot be contracted for improvement with the planning process and document preparation in FY 86 and reconstruction in FY 87. A cost assessment and recommendation would be required before the Capital Budget is set for FY 87.

III. July 18, 1985 - Harrington School

*Meeting with:

Les Barber - CDD
Paul Ryder - DHSP - Recreation
Laura Garton - DHSP - C & Y
Phil Giroux - DHSP - C & Y
Community members

*Summary:

1. Community members were informed by Les Barber and Paul Ryder of the planning and design process involved in the re-construction of the tot lot. Strong emphasis was put on community involvement in all phases of the planning and design.
2. Les Barber informed the community members that the Community Development Department would be responsible for over-seeing the project.
3. Paul Ryder recommended that the community members make site visits to a number of tot lots in order to have a better understanding of equipment and site lay-outs. In addition, Paul Ryder stated that he would send each community member present a list of tot lots to visit.
4. A subsequent meeting was scheduled for August 22, 1985 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrington School to discuss design concepts and time frames.



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INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To : Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Date : August 5, 1985

From : Everett R. Kennedy *ERN*
Commissioner of Public Works

Reference

Subject : Council Order No. 2 - Councillor Vellucci - 7-15-85
Donnelly Field & Jefferson Street Tot Lots

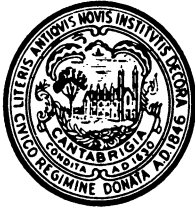
The following information is submitted concerning the status of the two lots:

Jefferson Street - As a request of the neighborhood the Department of Public Works cleaned the area, painted equipment and benches, planted bushes, mulched planting areas and repaired swings. An order has been given for repair of fencing, an item that historically takes place and is subject to continual vandalism. The ultimate disposition of the lot, re: reconstruction, is a subject of review; the Department has no money in its budget at this time for a capital improvement.

Donnelly Field - Following meetings with the Community Development Department and a neighborhood group, the Department removed timbers and leveled off sand areas and added additional swings. The neighborhood was assured that planning for reconstruction of this play area would be included as part of a Public Investment recreational planning process in which the neighborhood was asked to play a part. Hopefully, funds for reconstruction can be included in the fiscal year 1987 budget.

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August 5, 1985

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to City Council Order No. 2 of July 15, 1985, relative to the Donnelly Field and Jefferson Street Tot-lots, enclosed please find copy of reports from Paul Ryder of the Recreation Department and Everett R. Kennedy, Commissioner of Public Works.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

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Re: reports of the Recreation Dept. & Public Works Dept. on Donnelly Field & Jefferson St. tot-lots.

Agenda

In City Council,

August 5, 1985

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