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214 Broadway
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November 20, 1980

Paul E. Healy
City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

The Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee, Inc., has forwarded to us your letter of November 12th. That organization has requested a hearing before the City Council on the problems at the Market Street Tot-Lot; the hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 24th, and several members of our organization expect to attend along with Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee staff.

We would appreciate that the enclosed copies of letters be included in the hearing as part of the official record. Please note that this problem extends back several years and has resisted all efforts towards a solution. Our organization has asked that the tot-lot be replaced by low-to-moderate income homes. We feel that the original purposes of the tot-lot are not being met today, and consequently the site does not reflect the intentions and wishes of the neighborhood.

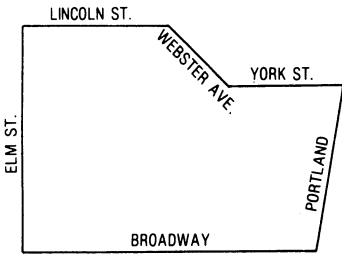
The neighbors and abutters to the site have been threatened and intimidated, and their properties vandalized repeatedly, by the youths who nightly congregate on the lot, using the playground for drinking, dope transactions and toilet facilities. It is these violations of the peace to which we object and hope that the City Council will address by recommending that the tot-lot use be reconsidered in the context of neighborhood needs and desires.

Thank you for your consideration and interest.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Spilewski, President

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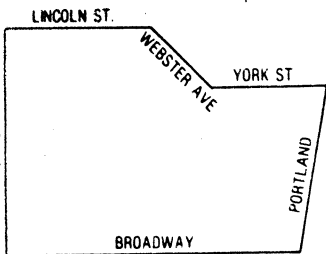
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List of Enclosures to Letter:

1. July 26, 1978: Letter to Just-A-Start Corporation. No reply.
2. August 30, 1978: Letter to Chief Davenport. No reply.
3. June 11, 1979: Minutes of Southside Neighbors CDC meeting.
4. June 19, 1979: Letter to Joseph F. Tulimieri, CRA
5. June 29, 1979: Reply from Mr. Tulimieri to June 19, 1979 letter.
6. July 26, 1979: Copy of CRA letter to Gordon Gottsche of Just-A-Start.
7. July 26, 1979: Copy of CRA letter to Chief Davenport.
8. July 26, 1979: Letter from Joseph F. Tulimieri, CRA to Southside.
9. August 15, 1979: Letter to Chief Davenport. No reply.
10. August 17, 1979: Letter to James Bentubo of WHCC.
11. August 21, 1979: Minutes of meeting of WHCC.
12. September 17, 1979: PETITION of neighbors and abutters to the Tot-lot, addressed to James Bentubo, WHCC.
13. September 17, 1980: Minutes of meeting of WHCC, showing there continues to be a severe problem on the lot.



SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORS

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July 26, 1978

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William Furtado,
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William Furtado
President
Just-A-Start Corporation
49 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Bill,

Please regard this letter as a formal petition from Southside Neighbors following discussion at our most recent meeting. We ask that the Just-A-Start Corporation remove the roof from the gazebo in the Market Street Tot-Lot.

As you know, our organization had some time ago requested the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to screen the park area from view of neighbors at the sides and rear following several ugly incidents involving the youths, mostly 15 to 20 years old, who nightly drink there, and police over complaints from abutters. Recent developments suggest that a better use for this site must be considered. In the meantime, however, some effort must be made to curb the congregation of youths, the drug and the drinking problems, and the general vandalism. As a first step, we feel the removal of sheltered areas might help.

To continue to ignore the extremely deleterious effect this playground, which acts as a magnet for non-resident youths in the evening and nights hours, is having on the neighborhood is to encourage eventual decline and blight.

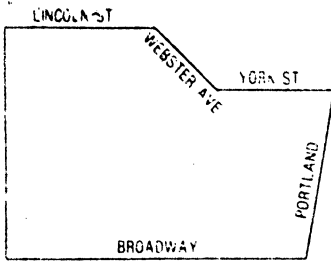
We further suggest that the Corporation consider acquisition of this site for its "Buy-A-House" program, strengthening the residential character of the neighborhood.

Before that, however, your cooperation is requested in making it difficult for these scores of youths and young adults to congregate.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Spilewski,
Chairperson

cc: Joseph Tulumieri, CRA



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August 30, 1978

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Chief of Police
Cambridge Police Department
5 Western Avenue
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Laurence May, Jr.,
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Dear Chief Davenport:

At our regular monthly meeting last evening, the topic of discussion on our agenda which occupied most of the time was the continued problem of teenage and young adult drinking, drug-taking and vandalism in the Market Street playground/tot-lot.

This problem affects the entire neighborhood and is worsening day by day. Whatever the attraction, there are at times as many as fifty youths congregated in the relatively small lot. They are loud, boisterous and use the filthiest language this side of Walpole prison. We do not object to what these youths do, but rather object to the manner and place it is done; by their behavior they involve those of us on the periphery of the playground. I am sure you will agree that forty to fifty youths drinking, smoking marijuana, urinating and, yes, defecating in a small playground from dusk Friday night to early AM on morning is a situation no neighborhood should have to tolerate. And for many of the people around the playground it is intolerable, so much that they flee their homes to quieter surroundings.

Over the past month several youths have begun using Market and Clark Streets, and Crossland Street, as "drag strips." The evidence of rubber streaks is obvious. What is less obvious, however, is the number of very close calls these kids have had with traffic approaching from other areas. And with kids out after dark to get ice creams from the truck. There may be a very serious accident in this area as a result of this racing.

Members of Southside Neighbors are not desirous of living in an idyllic setting; we are well-acquainted with city problems. Nonetheless, this problem cannot persist. We ask that you have a policeman detailed to the playground nights on weekends, in particular, and car observation during the balance of the week. For our part, we are requesting the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to redesign the playground as a tot-lot, as was its original intent, by removing the shelter and other older youth attractions, and closing at dusk.

Thank you for your interest and consideration.

Sincerely,

William Furtado
Corresponding Secretary

she knew the members of Southside Neighbors were as anxious to finish their end (of the Wellington-Harrington Urban Renewal Area) as we are to finish our end. She stated that the Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee supported Southside Neighbors in its desires. She said she wished the Dante Alighieri Society were being built on Warren Street rather than at Hampshire and Portland Streets. She urged Mr. Ussia and Mr. Fair to ready plans for submission to Southside Neighbors, but stressed that both parties must be ready for compromise.

Mr. Therrien suggested that Southside Neighbors try to find a spot for the salvage yard. As a motion, it was voted upon and agreed that Southside Neighbors would offer informal assistance to the salvage yard in the matter of relocation.

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. Ussia what is the present timetable? Mr. Ussia said there was none. Mr. Hayes suggested and the membership approved that Mr. Ussia return to Southside Neighbors with final plans sometime immediately after Labor Day.

Item II on the Agenda, the Market Street "Tot-Lot" was discussed. Mrs. Nicoloro said she wanted to keep the land as open space.

A representative from the Cambridge Police Department was scheduled to appear but no one came during the meeting. (It was noted that this was the third occasion when a police representative had been scheduled to appear and did not.)

Mr. Hayes pointed out that the police are well aware of the problem, and the youths involved, and that this was a City-wide problem as well. What could be done about the problem was the question.

Members discussed the violence, drinking and drug-taking (and drug selling) among youths of all ages, and among older persons who frequent the tot-lot, the constant noise at all hours from radios and yelling, the lack of facilities for the youths to relieve themselves, causing them to use the bushes or play spots designed for tots, the traffic problems and the general deterioration of the site. It was noted that a man who had been hanging around the tot-lot was being held by police as the suspect in a murder of a 13-year old boy from the area. Neighbors told of harassment from the youths when they walked through the area. The Just-A-Start Corporation under a Community Development Block Grant funding had a playground manager, but according to Mr. Gottsche of the Just-A-Start Corporation, the City took back funds and the playground manager was let go.

Mrs. Nicoloro said that she had heard the tot-lot was a problem, but was appalled at the stories she was hearing from neighbors and abutters about how they were living in the middle of filth, violence and worse.

Mr. Spilewski said that the roofed gazebo seemed to offer shelter to the youths at all hours and all kinds of weather, that as a start the gazebo should be removed.

Mrs. Nicoloro said that she was in favor of removal of the shelter/gazebo if we felt that would help the situation.

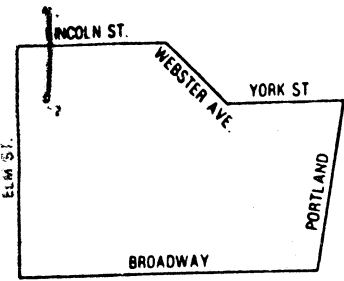
On a motion, it was unanimously agreed that the gazebo should be removed immediately, and that the entire park tot-lot should be removed and replaced with a home(s) sponsored by Southside Neighbors Community Development Corporation.

Mr. Therrien made the motion that it be noted that the persons who were in favor of building the tot-lot in the first instance now recognized their error and were asking it to be removed. The motion was approved.

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214 Broadway
Cambridge, Mass. 02139
June 19, 1979

Joseph F. Tulimieri
Deputy Executive Director
Cambridge Redevelopment Authority
336 Main St.
Cambridge, Mass. 02142

Dear Mr. Tulimieri:

JUN 21 1979

RFR	TJT	RLW	GRT
✓FT	✓KR	PWS	PPR
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JJI	✓LD		
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At the June 11, 1979 meeting of the Southside Neighbors Community Development Corporation, Item II on the Agenda was the most recent series of incidents in the so-called "tot-lot" at the corner of Market and Bristol Streets.

The first week of June saw upwards of fifty youths in the park, in the early and late evenings and into the morning hours, drinking, using drugs, breaking bottles, urinating and defecating and fighting, amongst themselves, primarily. It was noted that the suspect in the homicide of a young boy from the neighborhood who was found with his throat slit, frequented the tot-lot, as did his 13-year old victim. The suspect is in his mid-thirties.

This past weekend saw the outbreak of a very ugly racial incident involving a neighbor to the tot-lot who found it necessary to defend his home from fireworks being aimed at his roof and upper windows. He was threatened with a knife. Had it not been for his coolness under pressure, the incident would have escalated seriously, for the man is black and his assailants, all of them, white.

The Cambridge Police have been notified frequently, but seem to have other things to do as well as patrol the park. As soon as the youths are dispersed, they return and regroup soon thereafter.

Consequently, the only solution is to eliminate the park from the neighborhood altogether, and use the site for a one or two-family home, such as the Buy-A-House sites planned elsewhere.

We had a playground manager, and at least the broken glass was cleaned up regularly and the youths quieted. The manager has been removed for lack of funds, according to Mr. Gottsche.

I should note here that every member of Southside who had been in favor of the tot-lot being built years ago is now unalterable opposed to its continuance.

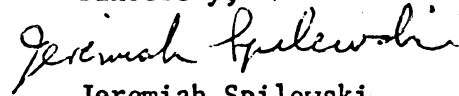
Further, Mrs. Mary Nicoloro of the Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee, attending our June 11 meeting, said she was appalled at the situation and in favor of anything being done to stop the problems and the threats to persons in the area.

As a first step, it was suggested, and voted upon unanimously, to request the CRA to remove the gazebo/shelter where the youths congregate. We ask that the gazebo be removed immediately.

As step two, the membership voted to ask the CRA to remove the entire playground and replace it with home(s).

Please let me know of your reply to our requests as soon as possible so I may communicate it to our membership.

Sincerely,



Jeremiah Spilewski
President



Cambridge Redevelopment Authority

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June 29, 1979

Mr. Jeremiah Spilewski
President
Southside Neighbors Community
Development Corporation
214 Broadway
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Re: Initial Authority Action Relating
to Problems at Market Street Playground Site

Wellington-Harrington Urban Renewal Area
Project No. Mass. R-108

Dear Mr. Spilewski:

This letter is in response to your letter, dated June 19, 1979.

On June 13, 1979, Authority staff met with representatives of the Youth Resources Bureau (YRB) and the Just-A-Start Corporation to discuss the problems resulting from youths congregating at the Market Street Playground.

As a result of this meeting, it was agreed that the following actions would be instituted:

- (1) The Youth Resources Bureau would establish a liaison with the youth of the area to assess what actions might lessen the problems.
- (2) The Youth Resources Bureau would direct their expertise in establishing activities as rewards to heighten cooperation from the neighborhood youth.
- (3) The Youth Resources Bureau would meet with the Juvenile Officer of the Cambridge Police Department in order to establish a series of meetings with the neighborhood youth and to increase police patrols.
- (4) The Just-A-Start Corporation will begin their daily recreational program commencing in early July.

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- (5) The Just-A-Start Corporation will receive funding for and rehire a Playground Manager in early July and will prioritize his hours of employment between 7:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M.
- (6) The Just-A-Start Corporation agrees to employ one of the neighborhood youth, as referred by the Youth Resources Bureau, with some influence over his peers to assist the Playground Manager.

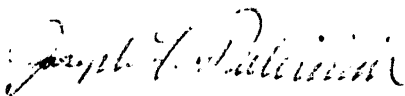
In addition to the above, the Authority has initiated the following to be in place immediately:

- (1) The Authority has authorized the Just-A-Start Corporation to rehire the Playground Manager until other funding is available.
- (2) The Authority will post the site as to allowable use and time of operation, after clearance with YRB and appropriate City Departments.
- (3) The Authority has contacted the Cambridge Police Department requesting the playground be patrolled on a regular basis between 6:00 P.M. and 2:00 A.M.

We feel that the above actions are appropriate and can lead to a firm resolution of the problems. We do not feel that any additional actions, as indicated in your letter, would be appropriate at this time. It is indeed noteworthy that you reference the presence of a "suspect in the homicide of a young boy". For that reason, a copy of your letter and this response have been forwarded to the Chief of Police and the City Manager.

If I can be of any further assistance please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph F. Tulimieri
Deputy Executive Director

JFT:aah

cc: Mr. James L. Sullivan
Chief Davenport
Ron Silva
Gordon Gottsche



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JUL 26 1979

Mr. Gordon N. Gottsche
Just-A-Start Corporation
49 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts


Re: Market Street Playground
Wellington-Harrington Urban Renewal Area
Project No. Mass. R-108

Dear Gordon:

The Authority is requesting that the Just-A-Start Corporation monitor closely all activities of its Playground Manager at the Market Street Playground and to submit a report by September 1, 1979 of your findings in order that we may evaluate the existing use.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Youngworth.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph F. Tulimieri
Deputy Executive Director

JFT:mda

cc: James L. Sullivan
Jeremiah Spilewski ✓
James Bentubo
Ron Silva



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Leo F. Davenport
Chief of Police
Cambridge Police Department
5 Western Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Re: Market Street Playground
Wellington-Harrington Urban Renewal Area
Project No. Mass. R-108

Dear Chief Davenport:

The Authority has posted No Trespassing signs at the Market Street Playground located on the corner of Market Street and Bristol Street for the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

The Authority hereby requests that your department enforce any violation of posting and that the Authority is willing to prosecute any person misusing, causing damage to, and/or trespassing on this site.

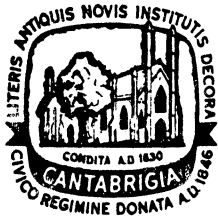
If the Authority can be of any further assistance, please contact Joe Youngworth.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph F. Tulumieri
Deputy Executive Director

JFT:mda

cc: James L. Sullivan
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JUL 26 1979

#8

Mr. Jeremiah Spilewski
Southside Neighbors Community
Development Corporation
214 Broadway
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Re: Continuing Authority Action Relating to Problems
at Market Street Playground Site
Wellington-Harrington Urban Renewal Area
Project No. Mass. R-108

Dear Mr. Spilewski:

This letter is in response to your letter, dated July 20, 1979. On July 19, 1979, Authority staff met with representatives of the Youth Resources Bureau (YRB) and the Just-A-Start Corporation to discuss the actions initiated to resolve the problems associated with the Market Street Playground.

All agreed that the actions have had no appreciable affect. YRB will continue its outreach efforts with the youth involved. However, the Authority has determined that additional action is required and will, or already has, instituted the following in order to provide security for the neighborhood:

- (1) The Authority has hired a police detail to secure the playground between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., commencing on July 20, 1979 and continuing until the Cambridge Police Department assign a foot patrol to the neighborhood or the site is secured with new fencing;
- (2) The Authority is securing bid proposals to remove the existing fencing and gates and to install a new eight foot chain link fence including gates with locks;
- (3) The Authority has transmitted a letter to the Cambridge Police Department, a copy of which is enclosed, stating that the playground has been posted and that the Authority is willing to prosecute any persons violating and/or causing damage to the site.

A meeting has been scheduled, through your organization, to be held on July 31, 1979 at 49 Hampshire Street, with all abutters and concerned residents and organizations, to discuss the problems and possible solutions.

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Further, the Authority has requested the Just-A-Start Corporation to monitor the use of the site and the efforts of its staff and to report back their findings by September 1, 1979. This information will aid the Authority in evaluating the present use.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact Joe Youngworth.

Sincerely yours,



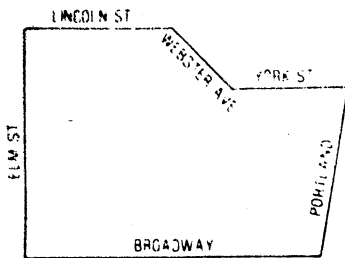
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Deputy Executive Director

JFT:mda

Enclosure

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**SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
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214 Broadway
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August 15, 1979

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Leo F. Davenport
Chief of Police
Cambridge Police Department
5 Western Avenue
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Dear Chief Davenport:

Many of the members of the Southside Neighbors live in the area near to or adjacent to the playground at Market and Bristol Streets. This site has been a constant source of trouble to them for several years. Please refer to our letters to you of 1978 and additional letters from individual members for details of the vandalism and harassment experienced by residents.

We requested the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to try to correct the situation. Their response, via Joseph P. Youngworth, has been helpful and supportive of our position. The posting of the playground as to hours, the "no drinking" sign (which has been torn down), and the efforts by outreach staff has had an impact. The greatest impact has been the paid detail of a Cambridge policeman to patrol the playground from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am, and this summer for the first time in years residents experienced some calm in the area.

We now learn that the CRA will be unable to maintain the detail after Labor Day. This means the site will again be a problem as the youths and adults who congregate there revert to their old habits.

Therefore we request the Cambridge Police Department institute a foot patrol in the Market Street area between the hours of 10:00 pm and 2:00 am. We find that patrol by car simply does not deter as does the presence of a man patrolling on foot.

May I add here that all of the neighbors have nothing but praise for the Cambridge Police Department officers who have been on detail there. We hope we can expect a patrol in the area from now on.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Spilewski

JS/jdm

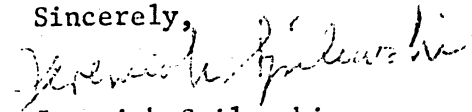
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James Bentubo

August 17, 1979

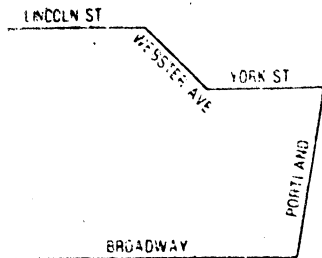
to note that neighbors who were in favor of building the playground originally now say that the site has outlived its usefulness to the community. They have lived with the problems for years and now feel that it cannot continue any longer, and that having tried so many other alternatives the only thing left is the playground to be removed from their midst.

Sincerely,



Jeremiah Spilewski
President

cc: Julia Brown
Mary A. Nicoloro
Joseph Tulumieri
Joseph Youngworth
David Vickery



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214 Broadway
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August 17, 1979

James Bentubo
Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee
49 Hampshire Street
Cambridge,
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Dear Mr. Bentubo:

Over the past several years, residents of the area near to the playground at Market and Bristol Streets have been subjected to any number of constant insults and vandalism from the teenagers and adults who nightly congregate there. Most of these playground inhabitants do not live in the Wellington-Harrington area; many do not even live in Cambridge.

Mrs. Mary Nicoloro of the WHCC has discussed the problem with neighbors. Ms. Julia Brown of the WHCC lives directly across the street from the site. Both will be able to add much to your perspective of the site and problem.

On June 11, 1979 Southside Neighbors met and discussed the problem. We voted to request the CRA to increase protection for the area, to make the park less attractive to persons at night, to post the park with signs regulating conduct, and, ultimately, to remove the entire playground and replace it with home(s).

The response from the CRA via Mr. Youngworth and Mr. Tulimieri has been immediate and much appreciated. A police detail is present from 10pm to 2am. The JAS manager is there in the early hours. Nonetheless the site still attracts mobs of youths, who now drink and smoke dope on the streets outside the park/playground. We have been informed that the police detail will cease after Labor Day. Obviously the youths will move back into the park then.

Southside Neighbors Community Development Corporation still feel that the park/playground must be removed from that site and we request the Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee to join us in our petition to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to eliminate the park and replace it with a home or homes built by the Just -A-Start or other organization on the site. The status of the playground is on the Agenda for your next meeting and we expect you will vote on our request then.

Thank you for your consideration and interest. It is important

8/21/79

3. Market Street Playground

#11

Mr. Bentubo read a letter from the Southside Neighbors requesting WHCC support in a request to the Redevelopment Authority that the playground be removed.

Actions Taken

Mr. Youngworth was asked to report on what action the Redevelopment Authority has been taking to resolve the problems in the playground. He stated that the Authority instituted a paid police detail nightly to secure the playground. However, it is not possible for the Authority to continue the detail indefinitely because of the cost. Therefore efforts have been directed toward attempting to institute a foot policeman assigned to the Neighborhood.

Mr. Youngworth reported that the police detail has been successful in securing the playground, but there still remains a general problem of safety in the general neighborhood which will continue to exist whether or not the playground is removed.

Mr. Youngworth reported that in order to institute additional security for the Neighborhood, the Authority has been in contact with the Community Crime Prevention Program and that the program is unable to allocate funding to the Police Department for a foot patrolman. They have instituted a series of meetings concerning the issues at the playground and will be submitting a letter to the Chief of Police suggesting alternatives to resolve the problem.

Mr. Youngworth reported that the Authority has requested that the Chief of Police enforce the posted "No Trespassing" and "Prohibited Use of Alcoholic Beverages" signs at the playground, and that the Authority is willing to prosecute any person misusing, causing damage to, and/or trespassing on the site.

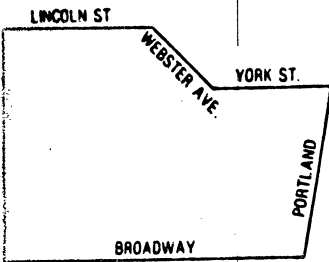
Reports Received

1. Wellington-Harrington CloseOut Agreement

Mr. Youngworth explained that the contract between the City and the Authority to perform Financial Settlement Grant activities has been initialed by the both parties as to format and is being transmitted for legal review.

Mr. Youngworth stated that the contract contains the following references to the Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee:

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Dear Mr. Bentubo:

Re: Market/Bristol "tot-lot"

As you know, Southside Neighbors Community Development Corporation has written to you in the past regarding the problems many of our members have with the "tot-lot" located at Market and Bristol Streets. The Citizens Committee through several of its members has been very helpful on this matter to all of us concerned. Throughout the summer months we have met with representatives from the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, the Just-A-Start Corporation, the police departments and Youth Resources Bureau. The meetings resulted in a paid police detail at the "tot-lot" between the hours of 10pm and 2am daily, at enormous cost to the CRA.

The detail will be leaving on September 30th. We have tried every avenue of approach to resolution of this problem in the neighborhood and have found nothing has worked. The only solution apparent which will provide the peace and tranquility abutters and neighbors of the "tot-lot" are entitled to is relocation of the facility. We ask that the Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee formally request the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to relocate the "tot-lot" facility to another area with access but with better police control and more public in nature. On the site of the present "tot-lot", we ask that the Just-A-Start Corporation consider a "Buy-A-House," and Southside Neighbors will be pleased to co-sponsor such housing.

Thank you for your interest and consideration.

Sincerely,

MEMBERS OF SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORS CDC

Janet D. May, Crossland Street
Francis X. Nayer, 11 Market St.

Manuel Joaquim 63 Hampshire St. #12

Alvina S. May 303 Clark Street.

James Gladden 18 Market St

John McGovern 16 Market St

Mary Joaquim 63 Hampshire St

Lillian F. Savill 13 Market St, Camb. Mass. Sts.

Evelyn F. ~~Ann~~ O'Connell, 13 Market St. Camb. Mass. Sts.

Kathryn Agnes Tobin, 13 Market Street, Camb. Mass. Sts.

Julia Brown 14 1/2 Market St Camb. Mass

Joseph Heliowski 114 Broadway Camb. Mass

Alfred J. Taylor 299 Columbus St Camb. Mass

John Cannon 3 Webster Ave. " "

Charlotte Stanton " " " "

Patricia Long 151 Clark St. -

Victoria Hill 19 Market St

Marie Gustaf 21 Market St

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Kenneth D. May 1 Linmore Pl.

Kathryn Reed May 1 Linmore Place

George P. Bain. 1 Crossland St.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to table the matter.

2. Market Street Playground

Mr. Youngworth reported that there continues to be a problem with teenagers congregating on or near the Market Street Playground causing a disturbance to the abutters. He reviewed the numerous actions which have been taken in an attempt to solve this problem and stated that Authority staff was considering the erection of a fence around the playground as a final possible solution. Committee members felt that funds should not be spent for this purpose as it would probably not solve the problem. They felt a decision should be made as to whether or not the playground should be completely removed. A motion was made, seconded and passed requesting that Mr. Youngworth proceed with assessing the community feeling about this matter through a public meeting.

Reports Received

1. Tract 7

Mrs. Lanza reported that good progress was being made in the development. Artspace expects to be starting construction around October 7, with occupancy expected around February or March.

2. Tract 25

Mrs. Lanza reported that the Automatic Cone Company, which had withdrawn from the development, now appears to be back in the development. She is continuing to work with the prospective developers of the site and there may be a ground breaking before the Fall.

3. Tract 17

Mr. Bentubo reported that he had accompanied Mrs. Lanza to a meeting of the Zoning Board at which the Dante Alighieri Society and its housing developer presented the plans for the site. He stated that the plans presented on that night differed from that which had been shown to the Committee and which the Committee had approved. The estimated cost of the units was also higher than the estimated cost reviewed with the Committee. For these reasons, Mr. Bentubo found it necessary to withdraw the Committee approval of the plans at that time.

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Comm. received from Jeremiah Spilewski, Pres.,
and Laurence T. May Jr., Clerk, Southside
Neighbors Community Development Corporation
re: to the hearing scheduled on the Market
St. Playground.

In City Council,

November 24, 1980

11/24/1980

Presented to the

Hearing

AT

6PM Town Hall

Sec Order Adopted

RE MEETING WITH

CHIEF OF POLICE