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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Susan Schlesinger, Asst. City Manager, CDD

Subject: Response to Council Order #183 dated 9/8/97 RE: REPORT ON
COMPLETION DATE FOR SILVA PARK, EAST CAMBRIDGE.

Date: September 17, 1997

SILVA PARK CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:
(updated September 17, 1997)

Funds for the renovation of Silva Park were budgeted by the City Council for the 96-97 Fiscal year. Shortly after it was decided that some of the play equipment in the park was unsafe and should be removed. This equipment was removed in the Spring of 1996. The community process for the design of the park occurred May 5th 1996 with the attendance of forty residents and at one additional community meeting in the winter of 1997 with the attendance of thirty residents. The design was finalized in the spring of 1997, with bid drawings prepared and put out to bid in the spring of 1997. The bids were opened on July 3rd and the low bid was selected on July 10.

The remaining equipment in the park, also in poor condition, was removed by DPW at the end of July to prepare for the beginning of site work. The use of DPW for demolition is an established City policy to provide additional funds for actual playground construction rather than devote budgeted playground funds to demolition. Material samples and shop drawings for play equipment, benches, lights, etc. were submitted to CDD on August 22nd. Shop drawings were reviewed and approved and play equipment order placed August 29th. Delivery of play equipment, benches and lights is anticipated in 7-9 weeks from the when the order was placed (mid to late October). Site layout, preparation and utility work (electrical conduit, water and drainage conduit) will start October 1, with some grading and planting work during the week of October 7. Installation of pavement, curbing, play equipment and fencing is expected to occur starting the middle of October through the end of November. Tree planting will be finished in late March 1998. Park will be set to reopen in April 1998.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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September 22, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 27, regarding a report on the completion of Silva Park, received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Susan Schlesinger.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda #13

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number
Twenty-seven, regarding a report on the
completion of Silva Park.

In City Council September 22, 1997

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