



City of Cambridge

22.

IN CITY COUNCIL
February 28, 1994

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
COUNCILLOR WALSH
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: This City Councillor is in receipt of a communication, dated February 14, 1994 from the "Friends of Russell Field" to Metropolitan District Commissioner Bhatti; and

WHEREAS: In this communication, the friends have outlined a series of observations and suggestions concerning the McCrehan Pool on Rindge Avenue, Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: This facility has served the North Cambridge Community for some two decades affording area residents with both active and passive recreational activities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record strongly supporting and encouraging the efforts of the "Friends of Russell Field" in their endeavors to open the McCrehan Pool on June 18, 1994; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this City Council further urges Commissioner Bhatti to play a leadership role in the resolution of this situation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Cambridge's Legislative delegation, Commissioner Bhatti and the "Friends of Russell Field" on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 28, 1994.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk

FRIENDS OF RUSSELL FIELD
c/o 106 Dudley Street
Cambridge, MA 02140

14 February 1994

Mr. I. Bhatti
Commissioner
Metropolitan District Commission
20 Somerset Street
Boston, MA

Dear Mr. Bhatti:

We are Cambridge residents who are concerned that the McCrehan Pool on Rindge Avenue open on time and in good condition this summer. Specifically, we are concerned about the following:

1) Testing and **repair of the plumbing** both for the pool and the bath house should begin **immediately** so that the pool opening is not delayed as it has been every year for the past ten because of problems with these systems. Careful inspection and repair of the toilets and showers is also critical.

2) The pool should open **no later** than Saturday, June 18th with full staffing and programming in place. The pool should be available to the City's summer camping programs.

3) Hire an **experienced** manager and assistant manager who are able to make a long term commitment to the recreation program (so that there isn't a new manager each year). Either the manager or the assistant manager should be on duty at all times that the pool is open and the lifeguard staff should be closely supervised. Failure to meet the highest professional standards of lifeguarding should be grounds for immediate dismissal.

4) The highest standards of **safety and cleanliness** of the facility should be expected of the staff. Routine cleaning of the facility, throughout the day, should be expected of all staff members.

5) Twenty-four hour **policing** of the area is crucial. Responsibility for patrol of the area must be coordinated between the State Police and the Cambridge Police and a responsible and accountable agency identified. The pool manager must have a "hotline" to the responsible police force and a protocol must be developed to guarantee prompt response. In the past, the manager's ability to control behavior at the pool has been seriously hampered by his inability to get prompt police backup when a situation occurred.

6) The baby pool should be repaired and open at the same time as the big pool.

7) The gate between the baby pool and the large pool should be open so that it is possible to pass freely from one pool to another.

8) There should be a regular program of swimming lessons throughout the summer.

9) There should be a regular, publicized schedule of open swimming, family swimming, adults only swimming, etc.

10) Information about both the swimming lessons and the swimming schedule should be aggressively disseminated.

11) A structure to provide shade (e.g., awnings) should be constructed in the area near the baby pool and another one near the big pool.

12) A shaded picnic area within the pool grounds should be constructed and outfitted with picnic tables and benches.

13) A simple snack bar (similar to the one at the Arlington Reservoir) should be constructed within the pool area.

14) Chairs, blankets, towels, toys and picnic items should be permitted in the pool area. (Toys should be allowed in the baby pool, not in the big pool).

Given that June 18th is **only four months away**, time is of the essence. We are requesting that you meet with the neighbors of Russell Field as soon as possible to discuss your plans for addressing these concerns. Please contact Nancy Cyr at 354-1859 or Ginny Berkowitz at 354-2043 to arrange a meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

cc: Rep. Charles Flaherty
Rep. Alvin Thompson
Sen. Robert Havern
Sen. Michael Barrett
Mayor Kenneth Reeves
Cambridge City Councillors

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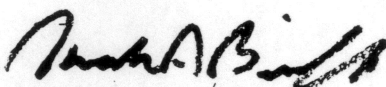
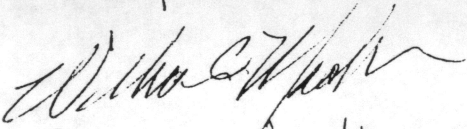
Signatures (cont'd)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Vancey Brigham Ly	106 Dudley St	354-1859
Edward H. S.	Cambridge 02140	354-1859
Washington Taylor	106 Dudley St.	868-6219
Dikoral Kue	7 R.C. Kelley St.	
Kocie C. Noel	17 Hollis St	497-5650
	Cambridge 02140	492-8137
	402 Rindge Ave	
Zita Wellington	402 Rindge Ave.	576-2003
Jeffery D. Foxon	402 Rindge Ave #7E	547-6346
Kemberley A Webb	627 Clifton St.	491-3370
Chyl M Ntn	64 Clifton St	491-6004
Laah good	94 Clifton St #2	547-6463
Martha E. Clune	118 Clifton St.	876-8927
Russell A. Bronfield	"	"
J Mad dea	67 Clifton St.	547-1679
Nathan Mackdon	67 " "	"
Sunny E. Jimenez	67 CLIFTON ST	354-8803
Gene Schnapp	32 Clay St.	547-0860
Gunny Belkowsky	13 Verdun St.	354-2043
Marlene Jones	107 Clifton St	547-8893
Christine I. Balha	93 1/2 Dudley St	547-3819
Ivan Evans	21 Reed St	547-5229

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	#1 Dudley St. Camb.	442-7355
Michael Bink	31 Jackson St. CAMB 02140	547-2546
Hackon J. Chevalier	21 Gold Star Rd. Camb, 02140	491-4460
Beryl Minkler	21 Gold Star Rd. Camb, 02140	491-4460
Michael Koutz	34 Clay St. Camb 02140	497-9155
McNamara Buck	20 Gold Star Rd Camb 02140	491-44 354-3468
Michael Rome	20 Gold Star Rd Camb 02140	354-3468
James C. Eggleston	39 Jackson St. Camb. 02140	547-3590
Robert D. Egerton	39 Jackson St. Cambridge 02140	547-3590
Maurice Martin	16 Locke St 02140	864-2704
Weg A. Bond	61 Dudley St. 02140	661-3713
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Susan Miller	16 Locke St. 02140	864-2704
Betty Gilchrist	119 Dudley St 02140	497-5717
Alison Haden-Fleming	77 Pemberton St 02140	547-5280

Also please don't allow minors to supervise toddlers (I've
seen 8 yr olds watching 2 yr olds)

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Elizabeth Stog	34 Clay St. Camp!	497-9155
Kate Reist	24 Locke St. Camp. 02140	547 5085
Penny Brigham	61 Clyton 02140	8664-0580
Kostia Beyman	54 Fairfield St 02140	661-6776
Libby Zimm	54 FAIRFIELD ST 02140	661-6776
Filoucan Janderberg	77 Pemberton St. 02140	547-5280
John Hubert	24 Locke St.	547-5280
Wendy Blum	2 Belmont Ct	492-3017

Consent.

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Councillor Sullivan

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Consent Order #22
Walsh, Russell, Reeves
Councillor Sullivan re: Friends
of Russell Field.

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Order Adopted

In City Council,

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