



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

February 23, 2001

Bellis Circle Neighborhood Association
C/O Michael Siegell
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Cambridge, MA. 02140

Dear Bellis Circle Neighborhood Association:

Thank you for your letter and suggestions which I received on January 31, 2001, concerning Danehy Park. Although we cannot agree to the strict 8:30 p.m. shut off, I believe 8:30 p.m. could be the off time on some occasions, and I will continue to offer that we work together to experiment with times in general. Once again whenever events are not planned and during the winter months, approximately mid-December through late March, no lights will be used. As to using Neville Manor, please understand that Danehy is already under construction and that Neville Manor is a relatively small site with only enough room for a non-regulation youth soccer field, essentially for six to ten year olds, and has no space to build a track.

Although the playing schedule for evening game's will be, first priority, for the high school and our youth leagues, we will offer limited use for some adult women's soccer. The demand for soccer fields in our community is very strong and limited use by the women's leagues is something we intend to permit at Danehy.

When we last met on December 15, 2000 our consultant strongly advised that the 80 ft. poles would have the least negative impact on Bellis Circle. Although no conclusion was reached by your group, I was clear that we needed to decide the height of the poles by the end of December. Since we did not hear back from you until January 31, 2001, the 80 ft. poles with a 50 ft. lower bank for track use only have been ordered. This pole is what the consultants strongly recommend for lights which would have the least negative impact on abutters.

Again, we would be willing to continue to discuss these issues as construction is completed and the facility comes into use by May or June of this year.

Sincerely yours,

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Richard C. Rossi
Deputy City Manager



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June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-193, regarding a report on what compromises have been made with the Bellis Circle Neighborhood Group regarding the lights at Danehy Park, Deputy City Manager Richard C. Rossi reports the following:

The City has had a series of meetings with residents from Bellis Circle concerning their issues with the lights at the Park. The City installed an additional bank of 50' lights so that only the track lights will be used when games or practices are not taking place, thus allowing the 80' field lights to be shut off. No lights will be used from early/mid-December through mid/late-March. The City is also offering to continue to evaluate the times when the lights will be used and evaluate these off-times with the abutters over the first season. In addition, the main use for lights at night will be for the CRLS teams, Pop Warner practices, and Cambridge Youth Soccer. A very limited Women's Soccer schedule has been planned at this site. As requested by the abutters, times for other adult sport uses will not be available.

I have attached a copy of a letter sent to the Bellis Circle Neighborhood Association in February concerning these issues.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "H" and "Y".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment



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Awaiting Report Item
Number 01-193, regarding
a report on what
compromises have been
made with the Bellis Circle
Neighborhood Association.

In City Council June 4, 2001

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*In City Council
June 18, 2001*

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