

City of Cambridge

Councillor Vellucci

In City Council,

October 20, 1969.

ORDERED:-

That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is requested to appoint the Russell Community School Neighborhood Council as a responsible body to represent the people of the Russell School district, to hold a series of well publicized open meetings at which the people in the local communities can express their wishes and concern on the development of the playground and have at these meetings the assistance of a professional designer to produce a plan for the development of the Callanan Playground in accordance with the wishes of the entire neighborhood, and be it further

ORDERED:-

That the City Council be and hereby requests that the City Manager do whatever is necessary to discontinue development of the Callanan playground under the present plan.

City Council Oct. 20, 1969
as amended
Adopted by the affirmative vote
of 6 members
Paul E. Healy
City Clerk

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
 HEREBY PROTEST THE PRESENT PLANS FOR FATHER CALLANAN FIELD WITH
 THE REGULATION-SIZED HARDBALL FIELD BECAUSE IT IS UNSAFE AND
 DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

WE SUPPORT ALTERNATE PLANS INCLUDING A LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD AND
 MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATION USES OF THE BALANCE OF THE AREA.

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Mrs. Russell Jakmouk	205 Appleton St Cambridge
2. Daniel J. Murphy	200 Appleton St. Cambridge
3. May Elizabeth Murphy	200 Appleton St. Cambridge
4. Mary S. Bag	182 Appleton St., Cambridge
5. Mrs. Margaret Howley	180 Appleton St.
6. Leo Peterson	188 Vassal Lane
7. Mrs. M. Downing	173 Appleton St
8. Mrs. John Murphy	151 Appleton St.
9. Mrs. Brian Thompson	170 Appleton St.
10. Brian Thompson	170 Appleton St.
11. Richard N. Cowell	16 Appleton St.
12. Letitia F. Wamocka	202 Appleton St.
13. Edwina H. O'Neil	17 Gurney St.
14. John F. Gifford	27 GURNEY ST.
15. Anni Turgon	33 Gurney St.
16. Joseph Powers	26 Gurney St.
17. Alice M. McRae	32 Gurney St.
18. Eileen M. Connelley	32 Gurney St.
19. F. Elaine Gifford	27 Gurney Street
20. A. Szymku	138 Vassal Lane
21. Mrs. Mae Szymku	160 Vassal Lane
22. Mrs. May Reale	180 Vassal Lane Camb.
23. (Mrs.) Kathleen Kelly	196 Vassal Lane, Cambridge
24. William R. Kelly	196 Vassal Lane, Cambridge
25. Esther Strauch	153 VASSAL LANE, CAMB

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NAME	ADDRESS
1. Jane Sheenfeld	153 Vassal Lane, Cambridge
2. Anne B. Washburn	423 Concord Ave Cambridge
3. Harold G. Washburn	423 Concord Ave. Cambridge
4. ANTOAN KOZEDAL	419 CONCORD AV, CAMBRIDGE, MASS
5. Katarzyna Kozedal	" " " "
6. Stella Kellian	417 Concord Ave. Camb.
7. Mary Krien	413 Concord Ave. Camb.
8. Louise C. Smith	35 Huron Ave, Camb.
9. Helen Sepulveda	25 Chilton St Camb
10. Margaret M Flynn	43 Chilton St, Camb.
11. George Bellamanna	43 Chilton St. Camb.
12. Belle S. Montague	39 Chilton St - Cambridge - Mass.
13. Thomas E. Weisskopf	39 Chilton St. Cambridge Mass.
14. Susan Contratto	39 Chilton St. Cambridge
15. Susan Fisher	35 Chilton St Cambridge
16. Lois Wetzel	33 Chilton St, Cambridge, MASS
17. Mrs. B. W. D. Daffenthal	33 Chilton St " "
18. the Frederique Appel	37 Alpine St Camb. Mass.
19. Ann Lorenz	74 Chilton St. Camb. Mass
20. Christopher Moran	66 Chilton St. Cambridge "
21. Sophie Benmos	60 Chilton St. Camb.
22. Joan Nass	56 Chilton Mass.
23. Katharine O. Parker	50 Chilton Cambridge
24. Cassie MacNeil	46 Chilton St. Camb.
25. Jean Butler	46 Chilton St. Camb.
26. Mildred Braungren	46 Chilton St. Camb.
27. Rita G. Kelleher	42 Chilton St. Camb.

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1. Judith Balogh	88 Larch Road, Cambridge
2. Sandra J. Farnas	82 Larch Rd., Cambridge
3. Helen L. Gray	36 Larch Road, Cambridge
4. John C. Gray	36 Larch Road, Cambridge
5. Julian Tully	537 Brattle St, Cambridge
6. Sybil J. Kinnicutt	15 Larch Rd., Cambridge
7. Walter Redmon	19 Larch Rd Cambridge
8. Dora Garcia	19 Larch Rd Cambridge
9. Susan W. Finn	37 Larch Rd Cambridge
10. Donald M. Stewart	103 Aberdeen Ave.
11. Laura C. Fernstrom	130 LAKEVIEW AVE. CAMBRIDGE
12. Mary L.B. Vincent	77 Larch Rd. Cambridge 02138
13. Mary C. Hazard	89 Larch Rd., Cambridge 02138
14. David J. Sawyer	100 Larch Road Cambridge 02138
15. David Sawyer	100 Larch Rd - Cambridge
16. Lance Daugherty	114 Larch Rd. Cambridge
17. Evelyn Simka	98 Larch Road, Cambridge
18. Grand Uristawski	146 Larch Road Cambridge
19. Leslie Harroff	138 Larch Rd Cambridge
20. Ethel M. Wilkshiro	492 Huron St, Cambridge
21. M. W. Grace	172 Larch Rd
22. Sandra Nayak	174 Larch Rd, Cambridge
23. Judy Welke	178 Larch Road, Cambridge
24. Toni Helen Hartman	180 Larch Road, Cambridge 02138
25. Lois J. J. J. J.	182 Larch Rd. Cambridge, Mass.

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1. Elizabeth A. Pugatch	41 Alpine St
2. Louis Engelman	29 Alpine St.
3. Lyle H. Bell-Dor	
4. William M. Humphrey	38 Alpine St.
5. Sales and Cycle Shickland	48 Alpine St.
6. Louise C. Smith	55 Alpine St.
7. Marshall S. Smith	55 Alpine St.
8. Joseph Tierney	50 ALPINE ST.
9. Cornelia C. Tierney	56 Alpine St.
10. Lee E. Tanner	32 Alpine St.
11. Carl Engelman	29 Alpine St.
12. John Bewick	36 Alpine St.
13. Hannah Bewick	36 Alpine St.
14. Elizabeth S. Spitzer	20 Alpine St.
15. Cynthia Bowling	22 Alpine St.
16. George S. Borhing	22 Alpine St.
17. Edward T. Ford	24 Alpine St.
18. Lucy P. Prohaska	24 Alpine St.
19. Wood See Trust	24 Alpine St.
20. Joan F. Randell	42 Alpine St.
21. Therese C. Randell	42 Alpine St.
22. Iris Millwolland	35 Alpine St.
23. Lucia Tanner	32 Alpine St.
24. Carla Chador	25 Alpine St.
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1. Mrs Eva Burns	25 Standish St.
2. Mrs. Carmela Vitale	25 Standish St.
3. Mrs. Lillian Alexander	35 Standish St.
4. Mrs Robert M. Mera	69 Standish St.
5. Paul H. Stanton	7 Standish St.
6. Mrs Rachel O'Connor	25 Standish St.
7. Mrs Catherine Crowley	17 Standish St.
8. Mrs. Julia Conroy	9 Malcolm Rd.
9. Emily M. Ladd	9 Malcolm Rd.
10. Miss J. A. Donelan	9 Malcolm Rd.
11. Mrs A. J. Coyne	21 Standish St.
12. Mrs. Ruth Murphy	3 Malcolm Rd.
13. Mrs. James Crowley	230 Lexington Ave.
14. Mary J. Mahoney	208 Lexington Ave.
15. Beatrice Crowley	226 Lexington Ave.
16. Mary Santos	9 Hawthorne Park
17. Carol Santos	9 Hawthorne Park
18. Sally Byrne	11 Hawthorne Park
19. John J. Byrne	11 Hawthorne Park
20. Bessie S. Taylor	9 Malcolm Rd.
21. Ann M. Luskany	7 Malcolm Rd.
22. Mr. Frank J. Mastromatteo	5 Malcolm Rd.
23. Mrs Mary L. Mastromatteo	5 Malcolm Rd.
24. Fred Snyder	12 Malcolm Rd.
25. Rose M. Donohue	10 Malcolm Rd.

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1. ^(Beth B.) Mrs. Rodney Johnson	21 Standish St.
2. Miss Fontaine	7 Standish St.
3. Mrs. Sandra Peasey	183 Lakeview Ave.
4. Mrs. Priscilla A. Bentz	183 Lakeview Ave.
5. Mr. Rodney S. Johnson	21 Standish St.
6. Mrs. Madeline Yalovian	37 Standish Street
7. Mrs. Gutud A. Bitts	60 Standish Street
8. Mrs. Carol A. Mahoney	64 Standish St.
9. Stephen Bosolich	65 Standish St.
10. ^{Mr. &} Matthew J. Mahoney Jr.	69 Standish St.
11. Mrs. C. F. Donaldson	72 Standish Street
12. Mrs. Eleanor M. Gibson	69 Standish Street
13. ^{Mrs. &} Madeline Stone	78 Standish St.
14. Mrs. Catherine Kelley	53 Standish St.
15. Mrs. Eileen Masci	53 Standish St.
16. Mrs. Tina Petreino	53 Standish St.
17. Mr. James Wells	52 Standish St.
18. Mrs. Catherine Wells	52 Standish St.
19. Susan Mae Lellan	68 Standish St.
20. Antoinette Targonski	60 Standish St.
21. Frank Targonski	60 Standish St.
22. Clifton E. Perot	183 Lake View Ave. Camb.
23. Mary F. Mae Lellan	68 Standish St, Camb.
24. Mrs. J. F. Howard	13 Standish St. Camb.
25. Grace K. Bowley	13 Standish St. Camb.

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1. Catherine G. Moore	8 Alpine St.
2. John P. Moore	8 Alpine St.
3. Bill W. Holland	11 Alpine St.
4. B.D. Holland, Jr.	11 Alpine St.
5. Linda L. Lee	15 Alpine St.
6. Egan Skidland	48 Alpine St.
7. W. Humphrey	38 Alpine St.
8. Allen Ward	
9. Mary Jane Gellespee	12 Alpine St.
10. Faith Chase	16 Alpine St.
11. Arthur M. Wood	23 Alpine St.
12. Alice S. Wood	23 Alpine St.
13. Stephen Chen	47 Alpine St.
14. Joyce May	47 Alpine St.
15. Charles E. Shuckland	48 Alpine St.
16. Azop Cranesian	37 Alpine St.
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1. Richard Carter	95 Chilton St Cambridge
2. Ethel Williams	390 Walden St - Cambridge, Mass.
3. Walter Cybanski	390 Walden St - Cambridge, Mass.
4. John Carter	97 Chilton St Camb.
5. Sylvia D. Kantor (or) Sylvia Kantor	108 Chilton St. Cambridge
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10. Katie Carter	97 Chilton St,
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20. Leonard Carter	97 Chilton St Cambridge
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25. Earl W Patterson	390 Walden St

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1. Anna Swartz	15 Arlington St.
2. Mrs. Mildred Chase	16 Ivy Street
3. Mt. Gardiner	18 Ivy St.
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5. Mrs. Schmitt	250 Garden Street
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7. Faith Chase	16 Alpie St.
8. Edward C. Chase	16 Alpie St.
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1. <i>Barbara J. Amestrad</i>	<i>66 Fresh Pond Parkway</i>
2. <i>Sam Allen</i>	<i>66 Fresh Pond Parkway</i>
3. <i>Gloria Ann Waddie</i>	<i>150 Vassal Lane</i>
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A PETITION

To the Cambridge City Council:

We the undersigned wish that you would hear us on the subject of the present plans for the development of the Callanan Playground, which is to be done after the Tobin School is built. These plans call for a regulation-size baseball field with 350 foot foul lines, a Little League baseball diamond which is intended to share its outfield with the regulation-size diamond, a small play area primarily for children under six located on Concord Avenue next to the armory and one basketball court next to the school. The plans also call for the demolition of all the existing facilities on the field, including the high school running track.

The nature of these plans was discovered more or less by accident. This discovery is the result of the efforts of one concerned citizen who wanted more information than she had been given when she telephoned City Hall. These plans were a complete surprise to us because we had known that the Russell School Parent-Teachers Association had actively participated in the planning of the Tobin School, and we had assumed that this participation also included the plans for the Callanan Playground. We discovered very quickly that this was not the case. This lack of information has been made painfully obvious in the past two months by the wide-spread public outcry that occurred when the running track was torn up. Apparently very few people in West Cambridge knew that the plans called for the destruction of this track.

The dominant feature of these plans is the regulation-size baseball field, which occupies roughly seven-eighths of the playground area. The intended use of this field has not been made clear. Last January Mr. Paul Cowles of the Recreation Department told the City Council that the field would be used for high school varsity games, and that the additional locker room space in the Tobin School was also designed for this purpose. In April Mr. Cowles told a community meeting at the Russell School that this field would be used by the seventh-and eighth-grade boys at the Tobin School. In September Mr. Cowles told the city manager that he would not restrict the use of the field to the Tobin School team. He would have to permit other organized teams to use it as well. We can only assume that the field would be used for all of these purposes.

We object to the inclusion of a full-size baseball field in the Callanan Playground for a number of reasons. First of all, it would seriously restrict the use of the playground by the neighborhood children. The Little League diamond that is in the plans is the only facility provided for children between the ages of seven and twelve, and even that can not be used for games or practice sessions when the full-size diamond is in use. The play area for younger children has been pushed into the least accessible location. This location is also unusually hazardous because of the heavy traffic on Concord Avenue. There is no provision for the use of the playground by older children who are not involved in an organized team sport.

The use of a regulation-size baseball field by organized teams would also have a serious effect on the traffic and parking problems in our neighborhood, particularly in the area between Concord Avenue and Field Street. There would be even more aggravation if a baseball game were to coincide with a National Guard meeting.

We therefore, ask you, first, to instruct the city manager to do whatever is necessary to discontinue the development of the Callanan Playground under the present plans.

Second, we ask you to appoint a responsible body which represents the people in the Russell School district to hold a series of well-publicized open meetings at which the people in the local community can express their wishes and opinions that concern the playground, and that at these meetings, with the assistance of a professional designer, to produce a plan for the development of the Callanan Playground that is in accordance with the wishes of the entire local neighborhood.

We can suggest that at least one such body does exist. The Russell Community School Neighborhood Council was formed last June in response to City Ordinance number 769 dated July 29, 1968. It has held open meetings every month since then and it has assisted in the hiring of a professional Neighborhood Coordinator for the district. There will be Community School programs going on in the Russell School this November. Under the ordinance this body is charged with being representative of the area and as a result its membership is open to any resident of the Russell School district who wishes to join it.

Finally, we ask that when a responsible body produces a plan for the Callanan Playground that meets with the wishes of the local neighborhood, that the plan be implemented by the city.

Thank you.

John Moore
8 Alpine St.

Gloria Waddie
150 Vassal Lane

Elizabeth S. Spitzer
20 Alpine Street

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Gloria Waddie, 150 Vassal Lane and Eliza-
beth Spitzer, 20 Alpine St. requesting that
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