



City of Cambridge

54.

IN CITY COUNCIL

August 7, 1991

VICE MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: This City Council is committed to maintaining the highest possible environmental standards in all Cambridge neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: A number of residents abutting the King School Neighborhood Park have expressed their concern about the environmental hazard and nuisance created by blowing dust, and by mud, from the playing surface of the park; and

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WHEREAS: Parks Department maintenance workers use blowers to sweep the asphalt abutting the dirt surface and raise huge clouds of dust further endangering their own breathing and those of neighborhood residents; and

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RESOLVED: That in the course of this investigation Ms. Bet MacArthur of 29 Magee Street be consulted.

In City Council August 7, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

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