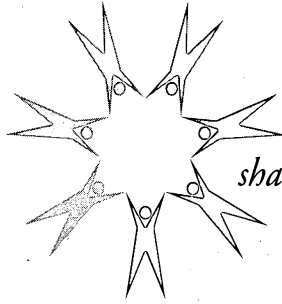


Department of Human Service Programs



sharing resources...building community

Jill Herold
Assistant City Manager

To: Robert W. Healy/City Manager

From: Jill Herold/Assistant City Manager for Human Services

RE: Council Order Number 29, dated 3/11/97 RE: USE OF
HARVARD AND MIT TENNIS AND POOL FACILITIES.

Date: May 11, 1997

Childcare

Commission for
Persons with Disabilities

Community and Youth

Community
Learning Center

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Children, Youth and Families
(Kids' Council)

Council on Aging;
Elderly Services

Low Income
Fuel Assistance

Multi-Service Center;
Homeless Services

Office of Workforce
Development

Planning & Development

Recreation

In regard to Council Order Number 29, dated 3/11/97 regarding use of tennis and pool facilities at Harvard and MIT, the following is submitted for your review:

Director of Recreation Paul Ryder has met with representatives from Harvard and MIT regarding the availability of their recreational facilities for Cambridge youth. In summary, although both institutions have a heavy demand for their athletic facilities, they are willing to work closely with the City to explore potential uses of these facilities. A copy of their respective responses is included.

The Department of Human Services will continue to work closely with representatives of Harvard and MIT to ensure future cooperative efforts.



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May 12, 1997

Mr. Paul Ryder
Director of Recreation
City of Cambridge
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Paul,

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 8, regarding community use of Harvard and MIT athletic facilities, I offer the following information which I hope will be of help to you.

The Harvard Athletic Department is interested in making its facilities available to community groups whenever possible. In addition to operating a variety of summer camps for local youngsters, the Athletic Department makes its facilities available to various groups offering community programs. Groups that have used the athletic facilities have included the Cambridge Camping Association, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, the Bay State Games and the Special Olympics. Harvard athletic facilities are presently very heavily programmed however, making it difficult at this time to arrange for additional use by community groups. Unfortunately, there is not pool time available to accommodate the YMCA team for regular practices. Harvard would be happy to explore the possibility of hosting a home meet for the YMCA. While we cannot make any commitments at this time, we will investigate the scheduling possibilities further with the YMCA coach.

In response to your request for information regarding community access to Harvard tennis courts, since their construction approximately twenty years ago, the four Harvard and Radcliffe Quadrangle courts have been open to the community with the understanding that members of the Harvard and Radcliffe community have priority. Availability and community access increase considerably in June when there are fewer students using the recreation center. I understand that this long-standing arrangement has worked well for community residents.

Please let me know if there is any further information which would be of value to you.

Sincerely,



Mary Power
Director of Community Relations



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

May 12, 1997

VIA FAX: 349-6248

Mr. Paul Ryder
Director, Cambridge Recreation Department
51 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Ryder:

In response to your communication last week concerning use of MIT athletic facilities by Cambridge youth, we would be pleased to examine this matter further with you. In the past, we have greatly valued our collaborative efforts with youth on events such as the Cambridge Youth Games, the Cambridge Public Schools' use of MIT track and field facilities, Special Olympics, physical education programs held here at MIT for school children, City Days, and practice sessions by the high school hockey team at the ice rink. We also have hosted coaching clinics for youth soccer and Pop Warner football. In addition, many members of our community assist with youth soccer coaching responsibilities.

We would be glad to meet with you to study further use of tennis and swimming facilities. Your thoughtful partnership with us on these and many other activities has been very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Parravano".

Paul Parravano

PP/jrw



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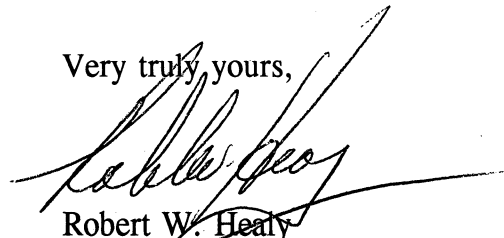
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May 19, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 7, regarding the number of tennis courts available to the public, received from Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #4

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Seven, regarding the number
of tennis courts available to the
public.

In City Council May 19, 1997

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