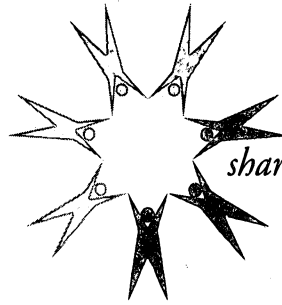


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Jill Herold
Assistant City Manager

To: Robert W. Nealy, City Manager
From: Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services
RE: Council Order Number 40, dated May 13, 1996
Date: June 14, 1996

Childcare

Commission for Persons with Disabilities

Community and Youth

Community Learning Center

Coordinating Council for 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 response to Council Order Number 40, dated May 13, 1996, regarding conditions of soccer fields, the following report is presented for your review:

In regard to the Mayor Thomas W. Danehy Park soccer fields, Field Number Three was renovated during the fall of 1994 and the spring of 1995 and re-opened primarily for use by Cambridge Youth Soccer and Cambridge Rindge and Latin Boys and Girls Soccer in late August of 1995. In September, 1995, Soccer Field Number One was taken out of play for renovations. The major difference during this renovation project was the increased use of bluegrass over ryegrass seed. Although bluegrass typically takes 180 days of "stress free" environment to fully germinate, the associated rhizomes spread will create a denser, thicker turf which will withstand the tremendous amount of youth play at Danehy. With that in mind, we are planning to implement some further improvements in the fall of 1996 to Field Number Three which will include overseeding with the bluegrass mix and adding 'washed sod' to the typical wear areas at the goals and mid-field. Washed sod will knit quickly and will provide deeper root penetration. This program of continued field renovation will be scheduled for either Soccer Fields Number Two or Four in September of 1997.

In regard to Lusitania Field, it is proposed that extensive renovations, including installation of an automated irrigation system, will occur during the Fresh Pond Water Treatment Plan Project.

The City is continually exploring the potential for new soccer fields in Cambridge. However, given that the City is well below national standards for available open space, future expansion will be difficult.



In conclusion, the following is a listing of all other soccer fields in Cambridge currently permitted for use by youth or adult soccer with their over-all condition and recommendation for future improvements:

- A. Glacken Field - youth and adult soccer - recommend turf improvements and installation of an automatic irrigation system.
- B. Cambridge Common - youth soccer - recommend turf improvements and upgrading of existing irrigation system.
- C. Ahern Field - youth soccer - over-all condition is good.
- D. Sennott Park - youth soccer - recommend turf improvements.
- E. Russell Field - youth soccer - over-all condition is good.
- F. Sacramento Field - youth soccer - over-all condition is good.
- G. Corcoran Field - youth soccer - recommend turf improvements and installation of automatic irrigation system.



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June 24, 1996

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 15, regarding a report on the condition of soccer fields in the City, received from Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #20

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Fifteen, regarding a report
on the condition of soccer fields
in the City.

In City Council June 24, 1996

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