



# City of Cambridge

31.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 11, 1995

MAYOR REEVES  
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
 COUNCILLOR BORN  
 COUNCILLOR DUEHAY  
 COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
 COUNCILLOR MYERS  
 VICE MAYOR RUSSELL  
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Park** was dedicated in October of 1988; and

WHEREAS: Now entering into its seventh year of constant use, The Friends and Neighbors of the **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park** are concerned that without some additional maintenance, and replacement, that in two years the park will again need total renovation at a much larger scale and cost; now therefore be it

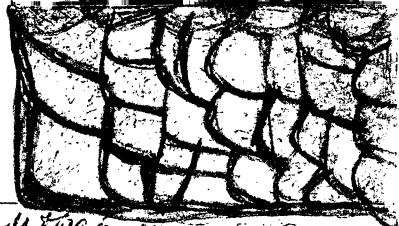
RESOLVED: That the City Manager confer with the Department of Public Works with respect to the following improvements which need to be made to the **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Park**: new sand, alternative surface to large field area, tree maintenance, general maintenance of equipment, and new seeding for slopes along the older children's play area.

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 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
 Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
 City Clerk



Councillor SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: Due to the constant use of the MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NEIGHBORHOOD PARK, the residents have expressed concern for the park's upkeep, therefore be it

Ordered:

That the City Manager be and hereby is

Requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public

Works to take the necessary maintenance

steps <sup>for the preservation</sup> of the MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Neighborhood PARK. AS follows:

- \* Sand to be removed and replaced throughout the park.
- \* Equipment inspection and repairs made wherever necessary for the safety of the children.
- \* Seeding along the slopes of the older children's play area.
- \* Replacement and close inspection <sup>to ensure the growth</sup> of new trees planted outside the younger children's play area, and last, but not least
- \* dust from the center field eliminated or reduced by means of underground irrigation, rubber matting or surface alternative.

CS,

Dear Deputy Commissioner White:

We the user of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Park, first would like to commend the City for such a wonderful recreational space. We have continued to benefit from its presence in our neighborhood since the dedication in October, 1988. Now entering into its seventh year of constant use, not only by the neighborhood but also the school community. We are concerned that without some additional maintenance, and replacement, that in two years this park will again need total renovation at a much larger scale and cost.

Areas of major concern include:

New sand, children for the past two summers have developed rashes, this sand should be removed completely and replaced.

Large field in the center continues to be a major concern for all of the abutters during the spring and summer. DUST, grass did not appear to be an answer as it is a heavily used active area for the children, without under ground irrigation the dust becomes a major problem when winds are open, also when it rains the run off leaves a heavy residue on Hayes Street as it makes it way to the catch basins. Maybe rubber matting or a surface alternative.

The trees around the large field never survived because the soil is to compacted with no drainage.

The equipment needs to be checked for loose boards, bolts, and sanded for splinters.

Slopes along the older children's play area needs new seeding or sod.

The two very old large trees outside of the younger children's area, seem to be in distress or dying.

We appreciate the work of the maintenance crew during the week, but without some immediate intervention we believe the condition of the park is in jeopardy.

We look forward to meeting with you at your earliest convenience to find a solution. Please contact Elaine Thorne at 868.2045 or 349.4637.

Sincerely,

*Elaine A. Thorne*  
The Friends and Neighbors of the  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

cc: Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves  
Councillor Michael Sullivan



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Consent Order #31 Toomey, Russell

Mayor Reeves and Councillor Sullivan  
re: Improvements which need to be  
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Jr. Neighborhood Park.

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Order Adopted