



City of Cambridge

31.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 9, 1996

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

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In City Council September 9, 1996
 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
 Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*
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 City Clerk

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Sharon Stentiford
305 Washington Street #6
Cambridge, MA 02139

August 19, 1996

Re: Safety Signs and Reduced Speed Zone for Columbia Street Playground

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Ms. Susan E. Clippinger, Director
Traffic, Parking and Transportation

August 15, 1996

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Re: Safety Signs and Reduced Speed Zone for Columbia Street Playground

Dear Ms. Clippinger:

Thank you for your support of the efforts to get safety signs around the neighborhood surrounding Columbia Street Park. I've received your mailing that contained the "Children at Play" symbol used on some of the signs, as well as the map showing where Playground and Slow signs should be.

Together with family and friends, I carefully checked each site indicated on the map, by car and on foot, and found that although three of the signs were located where the map said they should be, four were not. Of the three signs that were present, two needed to have tree branches cut back in order to see them clearly. One sign not on the map but actually there needs realignment in order to increase visibility. The following checklist addresses each of the seven signs mentioned in your cover letter:

1. The Playground sign on Columbia was there but visibility was obstructed by tree branches -- pruning back the branches would solve this.
2. The Slow sign on Columbia was fine.
- 3&4. There are supposed to be two Playground signs on Market Street but we saw none.
- 5&6. Neither of the two Slow signs shown on the map were actually found on Pine Street between Washington and Bishop Allen.
- 6a. (However, a Playground sign not indicated on the map was found on Pine Street near Washington. The angle on this sign is not positioned well for clear visibility to approaching traffic -- this can be solved by turning the angle of the sign on its current post so that it better faces Pine Street traffic.)
7. There was a Playground sign on Harvard Street -- again, tree branches obstructed the view and need to be cut back.

Ms. Clippinger, thank you for your concern and action on this issue. I'm sure that with this documentation helping to pinpoint the problem spots, that the missing signs can be installed and the visibility greatly improved by cutting back tree branches and re-aligning where needed.

On behalf of all the people who signed the petition to increase children's safety in Area 4: We very much appreciate your seeing this project through, making sure that the work is completed thoroughly and properly.

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around the Columbia Street Playground.

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