



City of Cambridge

27.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 16, 1992

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR WOLF
COUNCILLOR WALSH
VICE MAYOR CYR

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider the suggestions made by the Friends of Hastings Square to make some small improvements to their neighborhood park which are included in the attached letter.

In City Council March 16, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

Friends of Hastings Square
Three Hastings Square
Cambridge, MA 02139
March 6, 1992

Mr. Robert Healy, City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

About four years ago a group of residents living near Hastings Square formed a group, Friends of Hasting Square, to work for improvements in, and help with maintenance of the park. We have collected donations in both time and money on a yearly basis for this purpose. So far we have augmented existing plantings, weeded, watered, and in general have served as watchdogs to prevent vandalism and mis-use of the park. This park is used not only by residents, but is also popular as a lunch area for many people employed nearby. We now believe we need a small amount of help from the City of Cambridge to improve further the park, particularly in the area of safety. We have met to discuss the needs of the park and would like to make these suggestion in order of their priority for further changes and improvements:

* 1. Better lighting-- We would like five lights, placed in such a way that the paths are well lit and that the light is not obscured by trees in the summertime, which is presently the case. Because this park is on The Multiple Resource Listing of the National Register of Historic Places, we request light fixture and pole # 821.10 with either incandescent or quartz lighting. We do not want the park glaringly lighted.

* 2. Rebuilt paths--We would like the four path entrances to be enlarged and paved with brick-type material and the remaining paths resurfaced with a textured material. At the entrance to the paths we would also like granite bollards to keep vehicles out of the park.

* 3. Trash receptacles--We would like four receptacles of the type S-424 placed at the enlarged entrances to the park.

* 4. Benches--We would like four additional benches of the type made by Bench Manufacturing Co.

We do realize that presently there is a shortage of funds for such work, and we realize that these requests might have to be granted over time. However, we would like to point out that except for maintenance, no public funds have been used for improving Hastings Square since 1976. It is also worth mentioning that these improvements would result in a greatly improved public space for relatively little expenditure.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Yours truly,

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Leah Knowlton
Joan McGowan
Geneva Malenfant
Richard Soeiro
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CONSENT ORDER #27

McAuliffe, Sullivan, J. Diney, Walsh, Wolf
Councillors Russell, Myers & Duehay re:
consideration of the suggestions made
by the Friends of Hastings Square to make
small improvements to the park.

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Order adopted