



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Mr. John B. Atkinson, City Manager

Date June 26, 1945

From Mr. Stephen H. Mahoney, Supt. of Parks
& Recreation

Reference

Subject

TAYLOR SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

In reply to your request about the progress of the Taylor School Playground in East Cambridge, I beg to make the following explanation. It has been our experience that the first requisite for a children's playground is its proper enclosure. Accordingly, we requisitioned and a purchase order was placed on November 10, 1944, for the fencing of the lot. All kinds of difficulties with the federal authorities have held up this material, but a few weeks ago I was informed by the vendor, and on inquiry today received the same information, that the government regulations would be lifted as of July 1st and that shipment could be expected very early thereafter.

A similar situation has existed relative to equipment for the playground. However, I did secure and erect a set of large swings which have been in use for the past five or six weeks. We have also just received a set of smaller swings for the young children and a jungle-gym apparatus which I shall endeavor to erect at once. At the same time we will install some benches and other equipment. Therefore, it appears that within the next ten days this playground should make considerable progress.

I want you to know that I have been personally greatly concerned over the delays we have encountered on this project, and that I propose to give it priority over a large number of other pressing undertakings which we have ahead of us.

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S. H. Mahoney



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JOHN B. ATKINSON
CITY MANAGER

June 26, 1945

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In connection with the question raised by Councillor Neville at yesterday's meeting concerning the Taylor School Playground, I wish to inform your Honorable Body I have been in touch with Mr. Mahoney, Superintendent of Recreation, and he has given me information which I am transmitting to you in the attached communication.

In addition to the information given in this letter Mr. Mahoney informs me there has been and will continue to be a recreation instructor on duty at this playground. He also informs me it is his intention in the fall, after the fences are up, to set out trees all around the playground in order to afford shade there, but he feels this should not be done until the fences are erected.

I have also requested and Mr. Mahoney has agreed to put up within the course of the next week nets for an outdoor basketball court.

Very truly yours,

John B. Atkinson
City Manager

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COMMUNICATION
from the City Manager trans-
mitting one from General Supt. of
Parks relative to the progress
of the Taylor School Playground

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