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HEARING REPORT ON RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Present at the hearing held at 9:00 P. M. in the City Council Chamber on February 15, 1973 were: Mayor Ackermann, Councillors Duehay, Clinton, Owens and Vellucci, City Manager, John H. Corcoran, and Paul Cowles, Superintendent of Recreation.

Councillor Vellucci stated that park cleaning and maintenance should be placed in a separate department.

Mr. Cowles stated that 27 men and one women are now engaged in cleaning the city parks and submitted a detailed schedule of the personnel involved and their individual assignments.

Councillor Clinton stated that a daily inspection should be made of all parks and playgrounds.

Mr. Cowles stated that an experiment with neighborhood senior citizens on a two hour basis had worked well in the past and he would like to expand this program to include 26 locations between April 1st and Nov. 1st, 1973 that an additional 10 locations were staffed already - and he requested input from interested neighborhood groups.

Councillor Duehay stated that foremen should be reporting daily to the Superintendent on the conditions of each park and submit their recommendations for repairs as required, that all maintenance be centralized in one department. Paul Cowles stated that he has applied for an additional two vehicles to supplement the four vehicles presently in the department.

Mayor Ackermann stated that she ^{avored} a budget increase in the Recreation Department.

Steve Meacham requested that a full basketball court be installed at Alberico Park.

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Councillor Vellucci made a motion that the City Manager be requested to install a full basketball court at the Alberico Playground which motion was adopted.

Councillors Vellucci moved that the City Manager confer with MDC Commissioner, John Sears, relative to the possibility of acquiring Lindstrom Field in the Magazine Street Area for a playground for the children in this area, which motion carried.

Councillor Vellucci further requested that the City Manager report to the City Council the result of this conference with Mr. Sears.

Paul Cowles stated in response to Councillor Duehay that he would report within 30 days on how the new schedule was working.

Mayor Ackermann stated that the people are in ^{favor} of neighborhood people being involved in the cleaning and maintenance process.

City Manager Corcoran stated that he was willing to put additional dollars in the budget for playground cleaning and maintenance.

The Manager further requested that Steve Meacham draft a similar proposal and submit same to Mr. Cowles for his consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

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