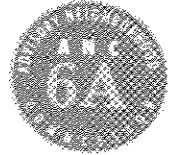


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April 4, 2008

Clark E. Ray  
Director, Department of Parks and Recreation  
3149 16th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010

RE: ANC 6A requests inspection of Kingsman Field sprinkler system

Director Ray:

At our regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on March 13, 2008, our Commission voted 7-0 (with five commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the Department of Parks and Recreation answer the requests of Commissioners Schultheiss and Beatty contained in a letter sent to your office on September 13, 2007 (See attachment #1). Specifically, our Commission requests:

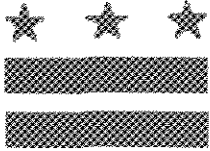
- The fence along E Street needs to be restored and new fence needs to be constructed along the northern boundary adjacent to the alley and condo property. Prior to the construction a gate existed on E Street at the alley and the community expects that these will be restored as well.
- Upon completion of the contractors restoration work, we ask that DPR repair the sprinkler control box and inspect the sprinkler system to ensure that it is working order and that the sprinkler system be actually utilized to prevent further degradation of the property.
- DPR has been asked on numerous occasions over the past three years for copies of the Kingsman Field Renovation Plans. These plans have never provided to us.

We would welcome a reply on these outstanding issues by April 25, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Omar Mahmud at (202) 546-1520. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the parks and recreation facilities in our Commission.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Councilmember Tommy Wells



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**Attachment #1**

September 13, 2007 (via email)

Department of Parks and Recreation

Attn: Clark Ray, Director  
3149 16th Street, NW  
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Re: Kingsman Field Repair Post Condo Construction

Dear Mr. Clark,

First, welcome to the job. We are anticipating great things from your stewardship of DPR. Given that you are new, we are writing to bring you up to speed on a park that is near and dear to our hearts – Kingsman Field located between the 1300 block of E and D Streets, Northeast. Approximately 5 years ago, DPR sodded the field, rebuilt the fencing, and installed a sprinkler system. Following this project, DPR failed to adequately maintain the property.

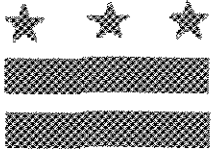
Two years ago an agreement was made with the Fountainhead Company, builders of the Lincoln Park Terrace condominium located at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and D Street to utilize an approximately 5,000 square foot area of the park for construction staging. The agreement stipulated that the field would be restored to its preexisting condition once the work was completed. DPR has a checkered history at Kingsman Field so we want to make sure that the agreement is enforced and the field is restored.

In fairness to the developer of the condos, it needs to be stated that the field was not in good condition before the construction started. The grass was dead in places, DPR failed to mow the field on a regular basis, and many of the trees had been damaged by vandalism. DPR also allowed the newly installed sprinkler system to lapse into disuse and its control box was vandalized as well. Unfortunately for the community, due to the lack of inspection and maintenance, it is not clear if the sprinkler system was fully functioning at the time the condo construction began, therefore it will be impossible to hold the contractor accountable for any damage that may have occurred to the sprinkler system during construction.

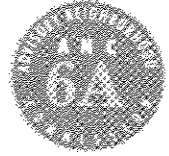
Nonetheless, we write to ask that you ensure the contractor restores the field and the fencing as agreed to. As of this writing the contractor has placed sod on the disturbed ground, completed the fence along the western edge of the field, and planted a number of trees to replace trees that were previously on site.

We want to remind DPR that the fence along E Street needs to be restored and new fence needs to be constructed along the northern boundary adjacent to the alley and condo property. Prior to the construction a gate existed on E Street at the alley and the community expects that these will be restored as well.

DPR has been asked on numerous occasions over the past 3 years for copies of the Kingsman Field Renovation Plans. These plans have never been found or provided to us. Upon completion of the contractors restoration work, we ask that DPR repair the sprinkler control box and inspect the sprinkler



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system to ensure that it is working order and that the sprinkler system be actually utilized to prevent further degradation of the property.

Moving forward we would like to partner with you to develop a plan to restore the entire site to a park worthy of a world class city.

This is an important space for a wide range of activities including youth baseball and soccer, basketball, and recreational dog exercise. It is an important community gathering space as it is the largest DPR owned park within ANC6A that is not controlled via a recreational center.

We are looking forward to working with you to make Kingsman Field a valuable neighborhood asset.

Sincerely

Commissioner William Schultheiss  
ANC 6A 06  
1225 F Street, NE

Commissioner Mary Beatty  
ANC 6A 05  
1228 Duncan Place, NE

Cc: Joe Fengler, Chair ANC 6A  
Honorable Council Member Wells, Ward 6