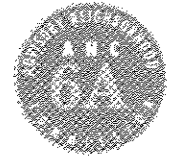


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Mr. Ray Clark  
Director, Department of Parks and Recreation  
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Director Clark:

At our regularly scheduled meeting on May 8, 2008, having a quorum present, our Commission voted to join the Friends of Lovejoy Park and the single member district representative, Commissioner Mary Beatty, in seeking a resolution to several problems at Lovejoy Park. The following issues have been identified that require the immediate attention of Department of Parks and Recreation:

- 1) Park Lighting- The lights were not turned on for over six months after the park was open, have been on inconsistently since then, and are currently off. This creates an unsafe and hazardous environment for the families that use this park.
- 2) The water faucets run continually, or not at all. Following numerous resident complaints that the water faucets were wasting water by being on continuously, DPR sent a representative who, rather than fixing the problem, shut off the water completely.
- 3) As the water was completely shut off, the faucet does not function, and the water supply to the community garden is also dysfunctional. Therefore, children have no source for drinking water and nothing can be grown in the community garden.
- 4) Areas where the grass has died need to be re-sodded,
- 5) Grassy areas need regular cutting so that the grass does not go to seed and die,
- 6) Signs that dogs must be kept on a leash should be posted.

Lovejoy Park is a relatively new park in DC, having been open a little over a year. It is a shame that it has been left to fall into disrepair so soon. We look forward to your speedy resolution of these issues to maintain this community resource.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler, Chair  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Tommy Wells, Councilmember Ward 6