



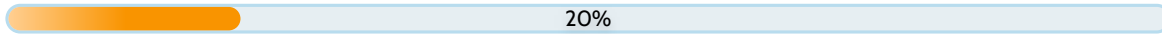
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# Save the Kensington Street Playground!

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Board of Alders of the City of New Haven: Don't Take Our Park! Fix Our Splash Pad! The Parks Department and City Plan both voted to give our Playground to the Community Builders for a parking lot and more housing. Where was the sign in the Park about this? No mailing, no flyer, no notice, no respect! Don't approve taking our playground!

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## COMMENTS

Shannon Larsuel

Oct 15, 2020

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Green spaces are important to adults' and children's development and well-being. It is well known that one form of

environmental racism is limiting access to green spaces and reducing the number of trees in specific neighborhoods. Studies have shown that neighborhoods with more trees and green spaces have lower rates of crime during summer months as green spaces and trees help to mitigate the effects of excessive heat. Eliminating this park in favor of building "affordable housing" will not serve the community. The developers of this project are creating a false dichotomy by that park must go in order to create more affordable housing. There are other options and plots of lands to create affordable housing while also maintaining this vital space for the community.

**Josh Pinto Taylor**

Oct 15, 2020



Oct 15, 2020

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I love educating kids and parks!

**Emily Pinto Taylor**

Oct 15, 2020



Oct 15, 2020

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Invest in the neighborhood of Kensington with renovations to the playground and splash pad!

**Amanda Mangler**

Oct 14, 2020



Oct 14, 2020

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Outdoor spaces are important for children's development and residents' well-being.

**Asha Evans**

Oct 14, 2020



Oct 14, 2020

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Green spaces (yes, even small spaces like this one!!) matter and are important parts of a healthy community. Do not take this park away!

**Victoria Sansing**

Oct 13, 2020



Oct 13, 2020

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Green space is the last place to develop. It will never come back once developed, and adds priceless value to the neighborhood.

**Robert Dubrow**

Oct 04, 2020



Oct 04, 2020

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Green space helps mitigate urban heat islands, provides space for physical activity, and improves mental health. The neighborhood needs this green space.

**Anonymous**

Oct 04, 2020



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04,

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438 Whitney Ave. #8

**Kierra Jackson**

Oct 03, 2020

Oct 03, 2020



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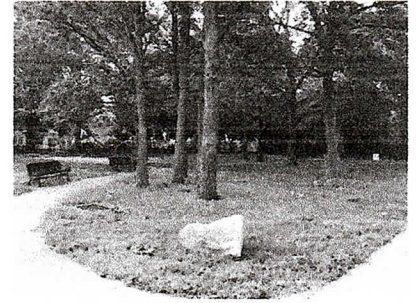
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Green space is a vital part of urban planning and layout. Don't take this away from residents. Find another space. Affordable housing is essential but not at the expense of trees, grass, and places for children in New Haven to play and folks to gather. Kierra Jackson, RN

**Chantal Rodriguez**


Oct 02, 2020

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Public parks are so important to the health of a community. Please save the Kensington Street Playground

**Rachel Hennein**


Oct 02, 2020

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We need green spaces!

**Thomas Connolly**

Oct 02, 2020

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Everyone needs a neighborhood park!!!

**Katie Smith**

Oct 01, 2020

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Please save the park!

**JOHN J GIAQUINTO JR**


Oct 01, 2020

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50 Marlin Drive

**Tyler Fielstra**


Oct 01, 2020

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Open space for children is of utmost importance for their development. Please keep this space open to kids and families.

**Kat Hale**


Sep 30, 2020

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Inner city parks are a crucial resource for child development!!!

**Jeffrey Wickersham**


Sep 30, 2020

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Public parks are not for sale. Please preserve this precious greenspace.

**Eoin Burke**


Sep 30, 2020

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Long time New Haven resident. I'm opposed to turning community shared space into more buildings.

**Vicky Sigworth**


Sep 30, 2020

 Sep 30, 2020  
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This playground serves children who have little access to green spaces. Wisdom and compassion must begin to overtake greed, and here is an opportunity to do so!

**Hannah Croasmun**

Sep 30, 2020

 Sep 30, 2020  
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We need safe outdoor spaces for our kids to play!

**J Goins**


Sep 30, 2020

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318 Willow Street  
New Haven, CT.

**Alicia Pittard MD**


Sep 30, 2020

 Sep 30, 2020  
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As a pediatrician in the community (Hill Health Center), I can speak to the crucial role that outdoor play serves in the physical and social-emotional development as well as the health of children. Safe, quality outdoor play space that is within walking distance of someone's home can make the difference between an entirely sedentary lifestyle and a healthy one.

**Noelia Marcano**


Sep 30, 2020

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Save this playground!

**Scott Dolff**

Sep 30, 2020

 Sep 30, 2020  
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<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4772216/>

Urban green spaces are correlated with community health, but also with long-term municipal financial health. It is also a matter of social justice; no one is secretly trying to develop Edgerton Park or East Rock Park. Please take the long view, Board of Alders.

**Scott Dolff**

Sep 30, 2020



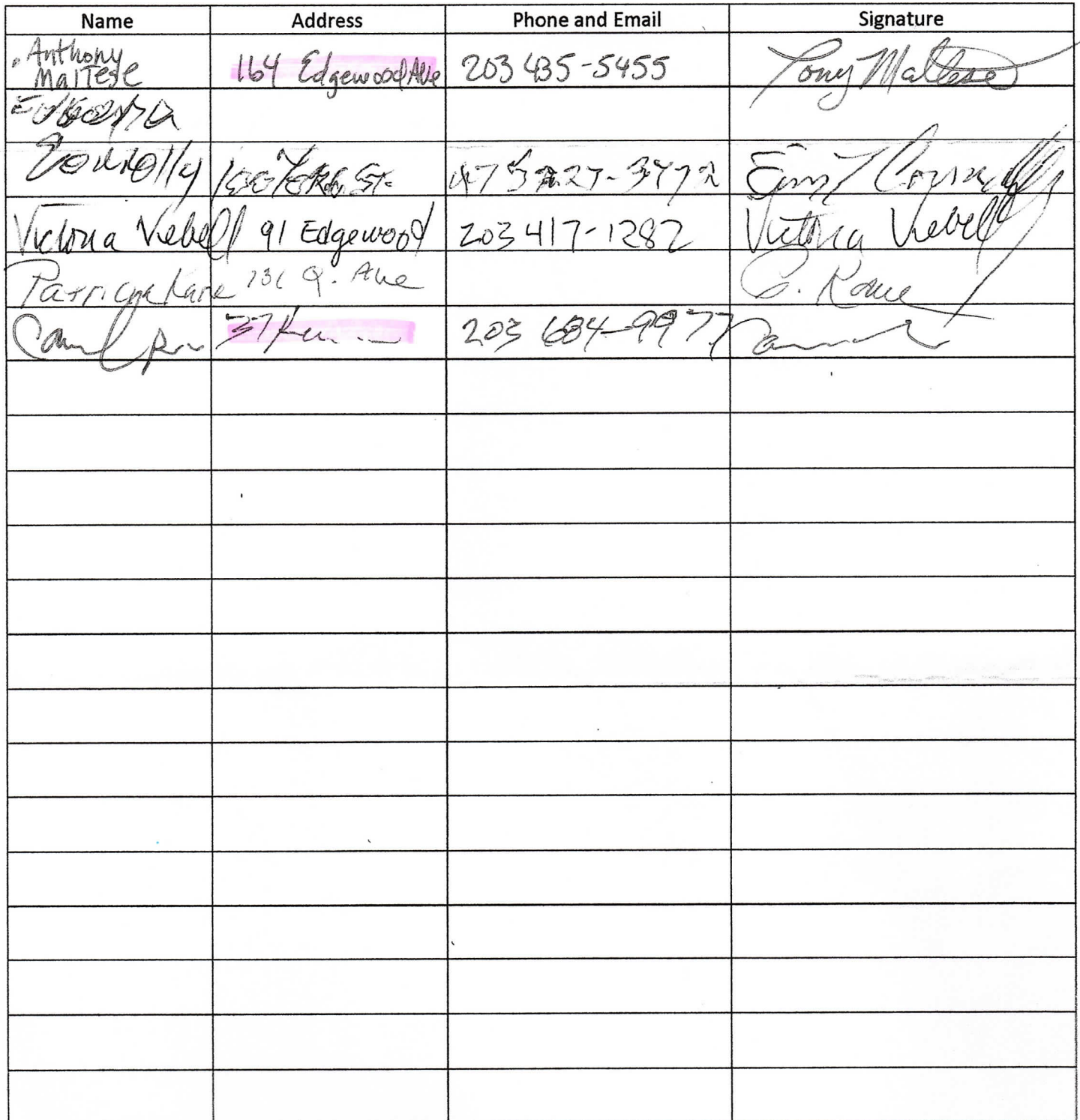


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A black and white photograph of a park area. In the foreground, a large, light-colored rock sits on a grassy lawn. Several tall, slender trees stand in the middle ground, their trunks casting shadows on the grass. To the left, a dark park bench is visible. The background is filled with more trees and foliage, creating a dense canopy. The overall scene is a quiet, natural setting.

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**Camille Keeler**

Sep 30, 2020



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Kids and adults need space to play and relax outside out of traffic!!!!

**Johnes Ruta**

Sep 29, 2020



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Sep 29, 2020

22 Willard St

**Paula OMara**

Sep 29, 2020



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Parks are a necessity!!

**Sven Martson**

Sep 29, 2020



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2020

Save the Green Spaces!

**Bruce Smith**

Sep 29, 2020



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We need more space for family's to enjoy outside space safely in their own neighborhoods.

**Jennie Serfilippi**

Sep 29, 2020



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More Parks. Less Parking.

**Kate Walton**

Sep 29, 2020



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8 University Place

**Susan Clemens**

Sep 29, 2020



Sep 29, 2020

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We need more parks and playgrounds. Not less. Better would be to use broken down buildings and clear them for rebuild. Not this.

**Sreeja Kodali**

Sep 29, 2020



Sep 29, 2020

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Don't take the playground from the kids - safe healthy outdoors spaces for children are so so important

**Terry Dagradi**

Sep 29, 2020



Sep 29, 2020

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Playgrounds and safe outdoor recreation spaces are critical to the health and well-being of inner city life and the people who use them.

**ken Okwuosa**

Sep 28, 2020

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we must save the playground

**Taylor Smith**

Sep 28, 2020



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Children are in need of recreational space and open areas, right now especially.

**JoAnne Wilcox**

Sep 27, 2020



Sep 27, 2020

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Green spaces and wellbeing go hand in hand. We need MORE green space, and this neighborhood NEEDS Kensington Park.

**Stacy N Uchendu**

Sep 26, 2020



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11735 Greensbrook Garden Drive

**Amanda Levitt**

Sep 26, 2020

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Please save this playground

**Joseph Brancal**

Sep 26, 2020



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As a New Haven Resident any loss of precious green space and parks for children is an affront to our promise to a better

future for the next generation

**Muffy Pendergast**

Sep 26, 2020



Sep 26, 2020

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Keep New Haven as GREEN as possible! Save Kensington Park!!!!

**Debby Sullivan**

Sep 24, 2020



Sep 24, 2020

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Please save and keep up this park. With people being stuck at home a safe outdoor space is so important!

**J Rivers**

Sep 23, 2020



Sep 23, 2020

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Do the kids know you want to do this? This is despicable.

**Kariona Grabinska**

Sep 22, 2020



Sep 22, 2020

upvote reply show

We need green space and playgrounds for kids in New Haven!

**Jessica Utrup**

Sep 22, 2020



Sep 22, 2020

upvote reply show

Green spaces and safe places to play are critical for all of our children.

**Matthew Higbee**

Sep 22, 2020



Sep 22, 2020

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Do not sell this park to a developer.

**David J Starkey**

Sep 22, 2020



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460 Central Ave

**Pierre Merkl**

Sep 22, 2020



Sep 22, 2020

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With decrepit parking lots and empty reminders of ugly redevelopment throughout the neighborhood, the park is chosen for a housing development and a parking lot. Shameful.

**DENNIS R SERFILIPPI**

Sep 22, 2020



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223 Alden Ave

**David Ames**

Sep 19, 2020



Sep 19, 2020

upvote reply show

Save the park. Find another place to build. We deserve a clean, well maintained park with a working splash pad for our kids.

**Deziree**

Sep 08, 2020



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Sep 08, 2020

Please save the park

**Hande Ozkan Zollo**

Sep 07, 2020



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Sep 07, 2020

193 Dwight St.

**christian corvino**

Sep 06, 2020



Sep 06, 2020

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Community Builders should not be allowed to be given anymore real estate in the dwight neighborhood from the taxpayer. Stop the corruption.

**Aly Maderson Quinlog**

Sep 05, 2020



Sep 05, 2020

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Public land is justice. Gentrification is violence.

**John D Horkel**

Sep 04, 2020



Sep 04, 2020

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Having a park and open space easily accessible in the Dixwell Neighborhood is key to the well being of all who live there.

**Blackmer Corinne**

Sep 04, 2020



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**Robin Ladouceur**

Sep 04, 2020



Sep 04, 2020

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Please don't co-opt a needed neighborhood green space and playground for yet another parking lot and housing development.

**Dennis Riordan**

Sep 04, 2020

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There is no way to replace the value of the mature trees in the park.

**Ben Haldeman**

Sep 03, 2020

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Sep 03, 2020

831 Elm St.

**Larry Inge**

Sep 02, 2020

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Sep 02, 2020

992 State St

**Kristyn Gorton**

Sep 02, 2020

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Sep 02, 2020

111 Bristol St 3L

**Addys Castillo**

Sep 02, 2020

← Sep 02, 2020  
upvote reply show

Don't give away our park. Fix it for the kids!

**Leslie Gross-Wyrtzen**

Sep 02, 2020

← Sep 02, 2020  
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My daughters attend outdoor church in this space. It serves important functions in this city and neighborhood! How can you think of getting rid of greenspace in the midst of a pandemic where gathering outside is the only safe form of sociality?

**Molly M Wheeler**

Sep 01, 2020

← Sep 01, 2020  
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Please leave this park! A park is an opportunity for shade, for pause, for play, for gathering, and for trees that we know enhance air quality and keep cities cooler. We KNOW green spaces are about public health and environmental justice. Let's be the city we sometimes can only claim to be.

**Karen Grossi**

Sep 01, 2020

← Sep 01, 2020  
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Leave this playground and open space for folks in this neighborhood to enjoy and utilize. The reason this public space is being commodified without hearing from folks who are impacted is clearly because working class Black folks live there. The demolition of a green space to build a parking lot and likely unaffordable housing without community input would not happen in East Rock or Westville. Do better

**Stephen Poland**

Sep 01, 2020



Sep 01, 2020

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Stop commodifying public land and space! Stop turning spaces for community and life into commodities for speculation and market exchange!!!

**Anstress Farwell**

Aug 31, 2020



Aug 31, 2020

upvote reply show

The park is a lovely, and necessary place, that needs to be preserved and enhanced, not destroyed.

**Joseph Elko**

Aug 31, 2020



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Aug 31, 2020

136 DIXWELL AVE

**Bonnie Muller**

Aug 30, 2020



Aug 30, 2020

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I'm a social worker in early childhood education in New Haven and am shocked that a play space with grass trees and sky might be paved and built upon. We cannot replace such an oasis which gives health to children and families in the dense urban air. Please consider more carefully the benefits of keeping this space green and the costs to children and families of losing it - More grief we do not need!

**Mackenzie Ryan**

Aug 30, 2020



Aug 30,

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Keep green spaces GREEN!

**Dorthula Green**

Aug 30, 2020



Aug 30, 2020

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It is suffocating to have to fight for the basic human respect in modest neighborhoods. The larger issue is many years of slum landlords profiting so much and giving back so little. The city has neglected this park unnecessarily. Thanks to Pat and team. I hope the Parks Commissioners would come to the Park.

**Peggy Brennan**

Aug 23, 2020



Aug 23, 2020

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The City needs to stop and provide notice to everyone. Outrageous.

**Maria Lamberto**

Aug 22, 2020





Aug 22, 2020

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We need every bit of green space we can get in New Haven.

**Patricia Wallace**

Aug 22, 2020



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22,

2020

66 Edgewood Avenue

**Jane Comins**

Aug 21, 2020



Aug 21, 2020

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Kid in the Park, by Langston Hughes

Lonely little question mark

on a bench in the park:

See the people passing by?

See the airplanes in the sky?

See the birds

flying home

before

dark?

Home's just around

the corner

there—

but not really

anywhere.

—The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes

**Doug Coffin**

Aug 20, 2020



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Don't mess with Pat Wallace!

**Crystal Gooding**

Aug 20, 2020



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Why would the City take away a park from children to allow for a paved structure! That is awful!

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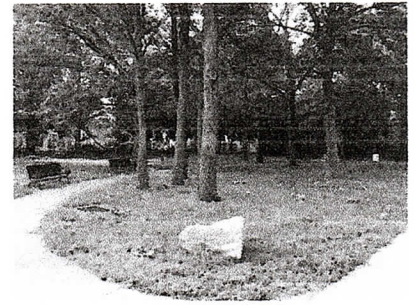
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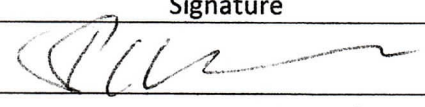
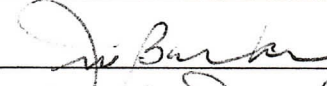
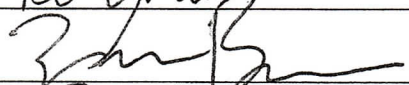
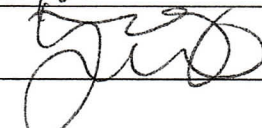


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