

Motion (as amended on the floor) to ask Acting City Manager Lisa Peterson to postpone all construction meetings for Sacramento Field until serious and reasonable community concerns can be reviewed and addressed by the City.

Whereas, on August 9th, members of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council met with City Manager Richard Rossi and other city officials to discuss serious community concerns about extensive development plans for this open natural acre; and

Whereas at this meeting City Manager Rossi invited members of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council to submit a scaled-down, less-expensive alternative by mid-September and, further, offered to help arrange a meeting to develop such a plan; and

Whereas at our ANC meeting on September 13, after detailed community objections to the city's plans were discussed, a revised scheme with less paving, lighting and construction (attached) was presented to city planner Stuart Dash for staff review and comment;

Whereas Mr. Dash reassured us during that meeting that answers or a revised city plan would be submitted to ANC before the city proceeded further; and

Whereas on September 29, hours before his retirement took effect, the City Manager disregarded the reassurances offered to ANC and announced a new, 'final' plan, never before presented to the ANC, thus bypassing the previously-announced reasonable process; and

Whereas the new Acting City Manager has now announced a fast-upcoming pre-bid conference with interested contractors for October 12; and

Whereas ANC has never been offered any chance to present to the city's Commission for Persons with Disabilities concerns that a speedier "rubberized" paved loop pathway could become, to persons in wheelchairs, a discouragement or hazard and thus, though well-intended, counter-productive rather than a benefit to them; and

Whereas said Commission has not had any meeting to discuss Sacramento Field since last June, which was long before serious Agassiz Community concerns became widely expressed; now therefore:

Be it *Resolved*, that:

The ANC requests that the Acting City Manager of Cambridge POSTPONE the bidding process for Sacramento Field for 30 days . . . while the city could consider inputs from the community regarding this new plan . . . and if the new City Manager wishes, could order revisions that better address those concerns and retain an option of presenting any revised plan for another Special ANC meeting . . . from which we could convey to him feelings of approval or disapproval.

Adopted X or Defeated by vote of 15 to 3 (2 abstaining) at this Special Meeting of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council on October 13, 2016, which has run from 7:30 to 9:45 pm.