




**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development**  
**JOSEPH A. CURTATONE, MAYOR**

**Office of the Executive Director**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

**FROM:** Monica R. Lamboy, Executive Director 

**DATE:** May 27, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Request to create Hoyt Sullivan Playground Consolidated Gift Account

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board of Aldermen authorize the creation of a Hoyt Sullivan Park Consolidated Gift Account for the purposes of accepting funds for improvements to Hoyt Sullivan Playground.

**BACKGROUND**

OSPCD has been in contact with Ms. Sheila Ehrens who previously was active in the Friends of Hoyt Sullivan Playground group. Ms. Ehrens has explained that the group has been in receipt of a Neighborhood Improvement Council Grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the City for quite some time, but have not yet been able to expend the funds. In addition, the group has collected donations in the amount of \$1,386.54. The group now seeks to provide these funds to the City of Somerville for the purposes of improving Hoyt Sullivan Playground (see attached letter). The funds have been provided through a check from Ms. Marjorie J. Polster.

OSPCD staff have discussed a few ideas with Ms. Ehrens such as painting the playground equipment, improving landscaping, and supporting the Beech tree in the park and, per her letter, she is supportive of these activities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Aldermen establish the Hoyt Sullivan Playground Consolidated Gift Account for improvements to Hoyt Sullivan Playground.

March 10, 2010

Ms. Monica Lamboy  
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Dear Monica,

Thank you for your timely follow-up to my phone calls. It was a pleasure speaking with you and Ellen.

Please find a check for \$3,886.54. Of this, \$2,500 reflects Neighborhood Improvement Council Grant money that was awarded to Friends of Hoyt Sullivan Playground, and \$1,386.54 is a donation from our group to the City to be used in conjunction with the grant for sprucing up Hoyt Sullivan Playground.

After reviewing Ellen's ideas with the remaining members of the group, we all agree that painting the playground equipment would be the best use of the funds. We also think that it would be prudent to hire a painting company that has experience painting metal equipment. Should there be any money remaining after the equipment is painted, we would like it to be used for landscaping and/or shoring up of the Beech tree.

Thank you again for putting the wheels in motion so quickly. I look forward to meeting with Ellen in the spring to discuss the renovations in more detail.

Warm regards,



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