

From: Meghan Brown [mailto:meg@trainermeg.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2015 2:24 PM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: New Highland Playground

Hello Mr. Lehmann,

I am a resident of Highland Park, and my family and I frequently use the Highland Community Center/Library and outdoor playground. The equipment is aging, and there are many places where parts are broken (one of the slides and some swings come to mind). Our family would appreciate some updated equipment, and would put it to very good use!

Thank you for your service of our community,
Meghan Brown

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May 26, 2015

Capital Improvement Budget Task Force
c/o Daley Lehman
Office of Financial Services
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mr. Lehman:

As long-time residents of the highland park neighborhood in Saint Paul, I am happy to submit this letter of support for the 2016/2017 CIB proposal to upgrade the facilities at Hillcrest Park playground.

This playground is an integral part of the highland park neighborhood and attracts people from a large area. The equipment is getting quite old and there is a real need for improved drainage and shade at the sight. With the improvements recently made to the nearby library, the need to upgrade the playground equipment is even more apparent. The entire site is a hub of neighborhood activity – library, rec center, sledding, sports fields, and the playground. Improving the playground equipment would benefit the many, many families and school children that already use the playground while attracting even more users to this great area.

I urge you to support funding to upgrade the equipment at Hillcrest Park playground.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia B. Carlen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Patricia Carlen
601 Montcalm Pl
Saint Paul MN 55116

Capital Improvement Budget Task Force
C/O Daley Lehman
Office of Financial Services
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mr. Lehman:

As a family in the Highland Park neighborhood, we are happy to submit this letter of support for the 2016-2017 CIB proposal to upgrade the facilities at Highland Park Community Center play area.

As a parent who not only has children who use that park daily, coaches our local youth regularly and witnesses hundreds of children using it nearly every day, it is difficult for me to believe that the Capital Improvement Budget proposal, does not include an update to the Highland Park Community Center play area.

As a facility that not only hosts thousands of children in the neighborhood, it also plays home to dozens of sports contests weekly and several festivals throughout the spring, summer and fall. The fields are very poorly kept up, have bad drainage and the playground is antiquated at best.

I would also strongly consider that since it was decided that we put millions of dollars into a new library/rec center, that the outdoor facilities should at least have a look and a functionality somewhat commensurate with the millions of dollars that was spent to improve the library and rec center.

I find it very difficult to believe that the tens of thousands of people in this neighborhood whose millions of tax dollars, literally, go to support so many different parks, facilities and programs all throughout the City of Saint Paul, that we should not have a somewhat halfway decent facility in our backyard; and currently, we absolutely do not.

It seems to me that the city stands to lose tremendous capacity if it continues to neglect and does not replenish the areas that support the rest of the city.

Feel free to give me a call anytime if you have any questions or want to discuss this. I would welcome the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Glenn, Rachael, Anna, Cade, and Truman Caruso

(651)699-6662

June 1, 2015

City of Saint Paul
Long Range Capital Improvements Committee
700 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express our support for the 2016/2017 CIB proposal to upgrade the facilities for the Highland Hillcrest Playground improvement project.

In this era of technology, home isolation, lack of community space, we need an outdoor place to celebrate children playing! Let there be a great playground space for families to have kids play on equipment that is trusted and safe. This will be well received by the Highland Community of St. Paul.

Please move forward passing the CIB proposal and let the kids in the community start playing! Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Stowell".

Stephanie and Jim Stowell
familystowell@yahoo.com
cell 651.249.4078

Oliver Crane

2231 Eleanor Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55116

Date: June, 6th 2015

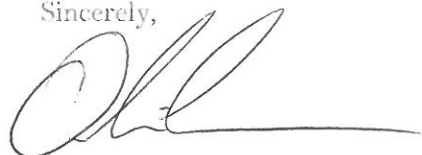
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Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear: Mr. Lehman

The Crane Family in Highland Park is happy to submit this letter of support for the 2016/2017 CIB proposal to upgrade the playground facilities at the Highland Park Community Center.

Having a small family we enjoy having access to the HPCC location as well as our neighboring families, however we couldn't help but notice the need for upgraded playground equipment, shade and proper drainage in the area. The HPCC playground should be considered a 'high use' playground, which is used year-round by families in the Highland Park and neighboring areas. We enjoy sledding with our neighbors during the Winter months, and it's a great location for families congregate during festivities like Highland Fest. Please consider the HPCC playground upgrade for 2016/2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Oliver Crane', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Oliver Crane

From: Nancy Piga
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2015 11:42 AM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Hillcrest

This message is to show my support of funding for the Hillcrest/Highland Community Center playground and landscaping.

I live in Highland Park and I frequent the above mentioned playground with my twins. We love playing in the park on our trips to the library or just as a stop on our way to the village on scooters or bike.

I would love to see improvements made to the equipment. Better ground cover and shade devices or trees should be planted. Many times the slides are too hot to play on. Even sidewalks entering the area are sketchy. When I have used my double stroller to head up to the playground from the stoplight corner, there is no pavement to connect the sidewalk near the crosswalk/stoplight to the sidewalk near the fence so I had to use the ground which is uneven and difficult to maneuver.

Please use fund to make necessary improvements to this area. Thank you!

Nancy Piga

From: Holley Barreto
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2015 4:18 PM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Highland rec center playground

Hello Daley!

I'm writing to express more support for a new/updated playground at the Highland Community Center in St Paul. We're residents in the neighborhood, and there are many times when I would love to take my children to the park after a trip to the library. But if we're there in the middle of the day and I forgot sunscreen, there is no way we can play; there is zero shade on the playground. I'm also hesitant to let them play there because there is broken glass in the sand frequently. And then I also worry about some of the equipment, specifically the little bridge that is relatively high. I've seen toddlers slip under the sides of the bridge and fall right off, a few feet down to the group. An updated, clean, safe playground would be such an enhancement to the Community Center and library! I urge consideration of the proposal submitted by the Highland District Council and St Paul Parks & Rec.

Thank you for your time,
Holley Barreto
Macalester-Groveland resident

Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)

From: bdmckendry@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 8:57 AM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Fwd: HPCC play ground

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From: bdmckendry <bdmckendry@aol.com>
To: daley.lehman <daley.lehman@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Fri, May 22, 2015 4:05 pm
Subject: HPCC play ground

I want to urge budget support for improvements of the Highland Park Community Center play ground area. Thank you.

Bruce McKendry
1756 Norfolk Av., St. Paul

Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)

From: Lynn Bronson <lynn.bronson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 8:23 AM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Hillcrest Playground

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Hi --

I live in the Highland Park neighborhood and am a frequent user of the Hillcrest Community Center, Library, and Park. I have two children, ages 8 and 6, and would love to see the park improved so that it is safer and more conducive to play. Currently, it's often overcrowded at peak times and could use new equipment.

Please support a new park for Highland.

Thank you.
--Lynn Bronson

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Lynn Bronson
[651-600-7124](tel:651-600-7124)

-----Original Message-----

From: jenyungers

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 8:32 PM

To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Highland community center playground

Please prioritize the playground at highland park community center! It needs to be safer!

Thank you

Jennifer Kingsbury

From: Ann Bakeman
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 3:53 PM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: playground

To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider making replacement / updating of the playground equipment at the Highland Park Community Center a priority this summer. The updated library has added much to the community, and my son enjoys participating in T-ball and soccer at the Highland Community Center through Parks & Rec. We also attend church at Lumen Christi, and it would be lovely to have a clean, safe playground for my boys to play on when we access these other resources in our community. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Ann Bakeman

From: Bartholomay, Lyn
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 2:42 PM
To: Lehmann, Daley (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Highland Park Community Center's Play Area

Hello Mr. Lehman,

Highland Catholic School is excited to submit this email of support for the 2016-2017 CIB proposal to upgrade the facilities at Highland Park Community Center's Play Area.

My children both attend Highland Catholic School and during recess use the play equipment at the play area. Prior to attending Highland Catholic, we frequented the play area after going to the library, music or dance class.

It is an asset to our community and I would love to see some improvements to the equipment and the play area.

Thanks

Lyn Bartholomay