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>Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 21:16:03 -0500

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Hi Dave,

The association did a needs survey, and one of the highly desired improvements was a park for the Providence/Mercer/Warren neighborhood. There was strong support for the concept of putting a park in this neighborhood. Then at the December meeting you presented us with a sketch of a proposed park at the end of Mercer. I think many of us were suprised that the Town already had something planned for that space. It was my impression that the overwhelming responce of those at the meeting was this this was a wonderful development.

Perhaps I was not clear with my email. Our concerns are not about the concept of a Park in the neighborhood. Rather, recognising that new parks do not happen very often, we just want to do our best to ensure that the pocket park best meets the needs and desires of the people living in the area. I do not think the process has to start again from step one. The association needs survey clearly identified a small park in this neighborhood as a highly desirable asset. However, no specifics of the park were discussed at that time. I think that discussions between the Town, and nearly adjacent homeowners, would be a good idea at this stage to make sure that everybody, or at least most people, are happy with the specifics of the park, and that nobody is unpleasently surprised. The Association

has asked me to spearhead this effort. Hence my email to you in an apparently crude attempt to gather information. The Association is willing to help in any way we can in this planing effort, and I was asked to serve as the point person for this. My email might have come across as too negative, this was not the intent, and I am sorry it was received this way. I was relaying some potential issues for discussion as we move forward with the proposed park.

One big question we have is on the timing of this effort. Is this something the Town would be able to implement as soon as this summer for instance? The Association could help with the process of informing neighbors who might not be aware of this project, and help gather their ideas, needs, and other input to the process. (while it has been discussed in several Association documents distributed to all McKownville residents, not all of them might be aware that the Town is actually willing to procede)

Thanks for your continued efforts for the Town, and the McKownville area in particular.

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[View Printable Version](#)**Subject: Re: Mercer St. Park****From:** <dreeb@albany.edu>**Date:** Sat, March 1, 2003 9:43 pm**To:** "Dave Bosworth" <davebosworth@hotmail.com>**Priority:** Normal>
> Hi David

I am very pleased that you sent me a cc on this.

We want the park and like you we want to make sure that it is a great park.

The park is an idea whose time has come and we are much pleased that money has been made available for it .

David Knight and the McKownville Association wants to see what the park plan is--is it a paved area or an area with sand or and area with wood chips--is it swings and slides and teeter-totter or is it--and so forth. He and I assume that you are the point person on this and that is why he contacted you. The sketch that you brought to the meeting did not contain the detail needed to study the park plan.

Possibly the plan is not yet been planned in detail. The citizens just like you and me and David Knight can sketch and ponder and talk with neighbors and develop something that will earn all of us high praise indeed. Possibly the park plan has been developed, but it certainly can be seen, studied and commented upon, yes?

It is possible that nothing need be changed to make it a perfect park for the Mercer Street area--but then again?

We greatly appreciate the work you have done for us and for Guilderland and we look forward to more meetings with you.

Don Reeb

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