

Brigitte Shearer

From: Brigitte Shearer
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 10:58 AM
To: P&R Comm
Subject: FW: Oak Knoll Park

Commissioners,

I have received a few emails similar to the one below, all of which I will forward to you. You'll also be receiving one from Henry Lin, the resident who first approached me about this park opportunity last week. He is planning to speak at the Commission meeting on Wednesday.

Please let me know if you have any questions

Thank you

Brigitte

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From: Ryan H
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 8:41 AM
To: info@belmontprosplan.com
Cc: Brigitte Shearer <BShearer@belmont.gov>
Subject: Oak Knoll Park

Hello,

My wife and I have a 2 year old with another one on the way and would like to add a request for a mini park at the top of Oak Knoll as part of the city planning process. We live at 1806 Mezes and currently have to walk all the way down to Davey Glen to access a park (or drive). We walked a couple of times but the distance has made it pretty difficult. A park on Oak Knoll would be great even if it is limited to a mini-park with a single structure.

We moved to Belmont in 2020 and have really enjoyed it. A park in our vicinity would make it an even better place to raise our kids!

Thanks for your consideration of our park request.

Ryan Hannink and Alice Brooks

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From: Brigitte Shearer
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 10:59 AM
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From: Dongluo Chen <>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 5:40 PM
To: info@belmontprosplan.com
Cc: Brigitte Shearer <BShearer@belmont.gov>
Subject: petition for a mini-park at Oak Knoll Drive

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to support a petition to add a park near my neighborhood. I live at 1823 Mezes Ave of Belmont and I have a 2-year-old child. He is very active but I struggle to find any playground for my child within walking distance. Henry Lin spoke with me that he thinks the top of Oak Knoll Drive would be a good place to have a mini-park. I think it'd be a great place for the children to play together.

Thanks,

Dongluo Chen

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From: Brigitte Shearer
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 10:59 AM
To: P&R Comm
Subject: FW: Petition for a playground at the top of Oak Knoll Drive

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From: Xuening Liu ·
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 10:35 PM
To: info@belmontprosplan.com
Cc: Brigitte Shearer <BShearer@belmont.gov>
Subject: Petition for a playground at the top of Oak Knoll Drive

Hi, to whom it concerns,

I'm Xuening, a current resident in 1927 Hillman Ave, Belmont. I'm petitioning to build a mini park within walking distance. Our daughter Erica was born last August and is eager to learn to walk. As she gains mobility, the need for outdoor spaces for kids to play safely greatly increased.

Most areas in Belmont have a playground within 10 mins walk, however, residences near us are underserved. A park at the top of Oak Knoll Drive could benefit tens/hundreds of residents nearby and I'm looking forward to hearing back.

Best,
Xuening

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From: Brigitte Shearer
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 10:59 AM
To: P&R Comm
Subject: FW: Park Request on Oak Knoll Drive

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

From: Adriene Wong <adriene.wong@belmontprosplan.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 9:52 AM
To: info@belmontprosplan.com
Cc: Brigitte Shearer <BShearer@belmont.gov>
Subject: Park Request on Oak Knoll Drive

Dear Planning Commission Team,

My name is Adriene Wong and my family and I have been Belmont residents on Oak Knoll Drive for 6 years now and have an active 2 year old toddler.

We've enjoyed the neighborhood with our daily walks with our toddler and along the way meeting several other families with little ones. We've all shared conversations of how we love the city and area and agreed that the only thing missing is a park within a reasonable walking distance. Our kids share rocks, sticks, and toys on the roadside— not the safest place to gather since the roads are narrow and not all drivers abide by the speed limit. It also became more apparent during the pandemic that we needed a space to play safely for our children.

I fully support Henry Lin's petition to build a park on top of Oak Knoll Drive. This will definitely be a great utilization of the vacant space there and help keep our children safer.

Sincerely,
Adriene Wong

Brigitte Shearer

From: Brigitte Shearer
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 3:06 PM
To: P&R Comm
Subject: FW: In support of Henry Lin's petition for mini park on Oak Knoll Drive

One more

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From: Snigdha Sen <
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 3:01 PM
To: info@belmontprosplan.com
Cc: Brigitte Shearer <BShearer@belmont.gov>
Subject: In support of Henry Lin's petition for mini park on Oak Knoll Drive

Hello,

We are residents of Belmont for over five years and live on Oak Knoll Drive. I am writing this in support of our neighbor, Henry Lin's, proposal for a mini park at the top of Oak Knoll Drive. I have two children growing up in Belmont, and have missed having a park/playground that the children could walk to. The closest we have is on Davely Glen; given that the region is hilly and the climb can be steep, the park is inaccessible to the kids and elderly by foot. A mini playground here would be such a wonderful addition to our community.

I hope you will consider giving us a place our children could walk to and where they can discover friends in their neighborhood.

Thank you,
Regards
Snigdha Sen

Brigitte Shearer

From: Brigitte Shearer
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 12:42 PM
To: P&R Comm
Subject: FW: Park on top of Oak Knoll Dr

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From: Jason Wang
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 8:15 PM
To: info@belmontprosplan.com
Cc: Brigitte Shearer <BShearer@belmont.gov>
Subject: Park on top of Oak Knoll Dr

Hello to the friendly folks in the Belmont Planning Commission!

My wife and I and our two kids (ages 3 and 9 months) moved to 1904 Oak Knoll Dr in May of this year. One of our neighbors recently mentioned that there was a petition for adding a small park at the top of Oak Knoll Dr. I would like to voice my support for the petition.

Currently, I've been alternating between Twin Pines and Beresford Park to reach a playground where my kids can play. The closest park to us seems to be Patricia Wharton Park. While beautiful and well-maintained, it's rather small and suitable for only sitting. Having a park with a playground in walking distance for our neighborhood would be great!

Thanks,

Jason Wang

Brigitte Shearer

From: Brigitte Shearer
Sent: Sunday, July 25, 2021 3:02 PM
To: P&R Comm
Subject: Fwd: Residents excited about prospect of the mini-park at top of Oak Knoll Drive

See below

Please excuse any typos!

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joe Sexton
Date: July 25, 2021 at 2:14:23 PM PDT
To: info@belmontprosplan.com, Brigitte Shearer <BShearer@belmont.gov>
Subject: Residents excited about prospect of the mini-park at top of Oak Knoll Drive

Hi all,

I'm a homeowner at 1903 Hillman Ave here in Belmont.

Our family (Joe Sexton, age 37; Abbye Sexton, age 38; and Jack Sexton, age 14 months) is excited very excited about the prospect of the mini-park at the top of Oak Knoll Drive. It would be so fun to have a walkable park where our son Jack could play and meet more neighborhood kids!

Best,
Joe

Brigitte Shearer

From: Brigitte Shearer
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 1:31 PM
To: P&R Comm
Subject: Fwd: Mini-Park at the top of Oak Knoll Drive

See below.

Please excuse any typos!

Begin forwarded message:

From: Greg Tam <greg.tam@belmontprosplan.com>
Date: July 26, 2021 at 1:17:59 PM PDT
To: info@belmontprosplan.com, Brigitte Shearer <BShearer@belmont.gov>
Subject: Mini-Park at the top of Oak Knoll Drive

Hi Brigitte and the Belmont Planning Team,

My wife and I were recently made aware that you may be considering adding a mini park at the top of Oak Knoll Drive. We live at 1909 Hillman Ave and would be ecstatic if there was a park within walking distance we could take our toddler son to! We've been trying to take a greener approach and not to use our car while in town, but it has been a challenge with going to parks. It would be great if there could be a small play structure for the kids in the neighborhood to play with, but even a patch of flat maintained area would be much appreciated!

We'll be happy to volunteer some time to help build a park for all the neighborhood!

Best,
The Tam's @ 1909 Hillman