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Re: Police Athletic League's Summer Programs at McCaffrey Playground

Dear Ms. Brennan, Mr. Velazquez, & Inspector Treubig,

At its July 9th Waterfront Parks and Environment Committee gathering, we had the pleasure of learning about the Police Athletic League's (PAL) wonderful summer program for children at the McCaffrey Playground.

The summer PAL parks program is one of only two in the city. It is a drop-in program not a drop-off program. This means parents of young children stay with their children while they are enjoying the activities and they can come and go whenever they want.

PAL PLAYSTREETS (the program at McCaffrey Playground) are supervised outdoor spaces on streets, parks, or public housing that offer safe drop-in play for children ages 6-16. Activities include sports clinics in basketball and other sports; open play through a range of board games;

and opportunities to partner with City agencies, community-based organizations and other partners to provide additional services, programming and information exchange.

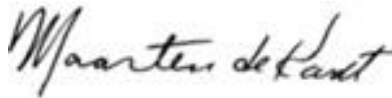
Over the past years, this program by its mere existence, has improved the quality of the park. It has provided additional stability for the community while providing beneficial summer activities for the neighborhood's children.

The summer program began this year on July 23rd with a ribbon cutting at 10AM. MCB4, at its July 22nd Full Board meeting by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 1 present but not eligible, writes to express our appreciation for this program with the expectation that it will remain a continuing feature of McCaffrey Playground's regular activities over the coming years.

Sincerely,



Leslie Boghosian Murphy
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