

From: Figueroa, Anabel <AFigueroa@StamfordCT.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:21 PM

To: Murray, Kevin <KMurray@StamfordCT.gov>

Cc: McKenna, Erin <EMcKenna@StamfordCT.gov>; Kisken, Susan <SKisken@StamfordCT.gov>; Quiñones, Matt <MQuinones@StamfordCT.gov>; Hollas, Melanie <MHollas@StamfordCT.gov>; Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>; Sherwood, Nina <NSherwood@StamfordCT.gov>; Nancy <nay6@aol.com>; eddie brewington <ebrewington@sbcglobal.net>; Gina Calabrese <Gmcalabrese@aol.com>; Marggie Laurie <marggielaurie@gmail.com>; Carolina Arbolaes <adreceptor@hotmail.com>; Lynda <ctgal@optonline.net>; David Winston <dgardenman@sbcglobal.net>; Dawn Hammond <dhammond@genre.com>; eva padilla <evamarpad@hotmail.com>; Gene Rodda <gene.rodde@gmail.com>; Jessy Ramos <jessytddybr@aol.com>; KATHRYN BARRIOS <kbarrios@aol.com>; Megan C <megan.e.cottrell@gmail.com>; Teresa Pulawska <tpulawska@yahoo.com>; quiroznohelia@aol.com; Robert Croqueta <Robkrush1029@aol.com>; Sara Carlucci <saracarlucci@ymail.com>; Daniel Pace <por9300@aol.com>

Subject: Re: Courtland Hunt Park

Hello Kevin,

Thank you for your quick response, sorry for my late reply but I drove to Hartford after work today and got home a little bit late.

In any case, I'm grateful for your understanding about engaging our community. We must listen to them and see what they want in their neighborhoods.

So, I understand that ARPA funding was approved for drainage upgrades. I applaud this since we need to prevent any washout or any damage to the dog park.

Since we're both in agreement about the need of a basketball court, we should work together and look for funding; hopefully the residents will be in agreement.

To answer Gina's question about ARPA and for those included in this email who might not be familiar with it, I am including this small definition.

The American Rescue Plan, signed into law on March 2021, provides \$350 billion in funding for state and local governments to build an equitable economic recovery from the devastating economic effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

From: Gina Calabrese <gmcabrese@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 1:27 PM

To: Figueroa, Anabel <AFigueroa@StamfordCT.gov>; McKenna, Erin <EMcKenna@StamfordCT.gov>; Kiskan, Susan <SKiskan@StamfordCT.gov>; Quiñones, Matt <MQuinones@StamfordCT.gov>; Hollas, Melanie <MHollas@StamfordCT.gov>; Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>; Murray, Kevin <KMurray@StamfordCT.gov>

Cc: Sherwood, Nina <NSherwood@StamfordCT.gov>; Nancy <nay6@aol.com>; eddie brewington <ebrewington@sbcglobal.net>; Marggie Laurie <marggielaurie@gmail.com>; Carolina Arbolaes <adreceptor@hotmail.com>; Lynda <ctgal@optonline.net>; David Winston <dgardenman@sbcglobal.net>; Dawn Hammond <dhammond@genre.com>; eva padilla <evamarpad@hotmail.com>; Gene Rodda <gene.rodde@gmail.com>; Jessy Ramos <jessyddybr@aol.com>; KATHRYN BARRIOS <kbarrios@aol.com>; Megan C <megan.e.cottrell@gmail.com>; Teresa Pulawska <tpulawska@yahoo.com>; quiroznohelia@aol.com; Robert Croqueta <robkrush1029@aol.com>; Sara Carlucci <saracarlucci@ymail.com>; Daniel Pace <por9300@aol.com>

Subject: Re: Courtland Hunt Park

Hello -

Anabel, thanks for sharing this email with me and other neighbors. Kevin, thank you for the information. It's good to hear that the drainage upgrades are being made. That is important for access and damage mitigation. For those of us not familiar with the lingo, would you please tell us what ARPA stands for? Thanks.

I'm also encouraged to hear that Land Use and Parks will meet with stakeholders and consider adding recreational amenities to Courtland Hunt Park. While Cove Park has fields and courts, the part of our district that is north of East Main is a recreational desert. (Hope I have my directions right!) Anabel and I met a parent of children in the co-ops over there who said the co-op restricts children's bicycles and outdoor play. That surprised me because it is a garden apartment community, and I assumed that children could play freely outdoors. The parent wished that the park would be upgraded to provide more play space like courts or paths for children's bikes.

I echo Anabel's call for a community space, which would facilitate gatherings.

I'll look for the meeting information.

Best,

Gina Calabrese

From: Murray, Kevin <KMurray@StamfordCT.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:20 AM
To: Figueroa, Anabel <AFigueroa@StamfordCT.gov>; McKenna, Erin <EMcKenna@StamfordCT.gov>; Kiskan, Susan <SKiskan@StamfordCT.gov>; Quiñones, Matt <MQuiñones@StamfordCT.gov>; Hollas, Melanie <MHollas@StamfordCT.gov>; Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Cc: Sherwood, Nina <NSherwood@StamfordCT.gov>; Nancy <nay6@aol.com>; eddie brewington <ebrewington@sbcglobal.net>; Gina Calabrese <gmc calabrese@aol.com>; Marggie Laurie <marggielaurie@gmail.com>; Carolina Arbolaes <ad receptor@hotmail.com>; Lynda <ctgal@optonline.net>; David Winston <d gardenman@sbcglobal.net>; Dawn Hammond <dhammond@genre.com>; eva padilla <evamarpad@hotmail.com>; Gene Rodda <gene.rod da@gmail.com>; Jessy Ramos <jessyddybr@aol.com>; KATHRYN BARRIOS <kbarrios@aol.com>; Megan C <megan.e.cottrell@gmail.com>; Teresa Pulawska <tpulawska@yahoo.com>; quiroznohelia@aol.com; Robert Croqueta <Robkrush1029@aol.com>; Sara Carlucci <saracarlucci@ymail.com>; Daniel Pace <por9300@aol.com>

RE: Courtland Hunt Park

Hello Anabel

Hope everyone had a great Holiday weekend! We met with design/concept architect this morning to discuss details re: the approved ARPA Funding that the City received and is currently receiving enhancement plan ideas from this architect firm. This board approved ARPA funding which was designated for the drainage upgrades that service the dog park area and prevents washout and unusable areas after heavy rains.

However, I have discussed your message with the architect, Land Use and Engineering Department and we agree that we will be setting up an informational meeting with stakeholders of the park as we proceed so we can be transparent on the vision and what the residents want. We will also inform the Parks & Recreation Commission of the details.

I'm also in agreement that a basketball court would be a huge upgrade for this park and funding would need to be submitted with a capital submission for this coming fall. I will be happy to move forward with that idea.

Best and we will be in touch soon re: the informational stakeholder meeting.

Kevin Murray
Office of Operations
Operations- Director of Parks and Recreation
Tel: (203) 977-4606
Cell: (203) 667-0388

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

From: Figueroa, Anabel <AFigueroa@StamfordCT.gov>

Sent: Friday, May 24, 2024 11:01 AM

To: Murray, Kevin <KMurray@StamfordCT.gov>

Cc: Sherwood, Nina <NSherwood@StamfordCT.gov>; Nancy <nay6@aol.com>; eddie brewington <ebrewington@sbcglobal.net>; Gina Calabrese <gmcalabrese@aol.com>; Marggie Laurie <marggielaurie@gmail.com>; Carolina Arbolaes <adreceptor@hotmail.com>; Lynda <ctgal@optonline.net>; David Winston <dgardenman@sbcglobal.net>; Dawn Hammond <dhammond@genre.com>; eva padilla <evamarpad@hotmail.com>; Gene Rodda <gene.rodda@gmail.com>; Jessy Ramos <jessytdybr@aol.com>; KATHRYN BARRIOS <kbarrios@aol.com>; Megan C <megan.e.cottrell@gmail.com>; Teresa Pulawska <tpulawska@yahoo.com>; quiroznohelia@aol.com; Robert Croqueta <Robkrush1029@aol.com>; Sara Carlucci <saracarlucci@ymail.com>; Daniel Pace <por9300@aol.com>

Subject: Courtland Hunt Park

Good morning Kevin, nice talking to you yesterday.

I am sending this message, including some of my neighbors, who would be very interested learning about the project regarding enhancement of the dog park as you briefly mentioned yesterday.

I think I heard you say that the big dog side of the park will be enhanced, stretching down to the corner, which is closer to Cassena Care.

I remember asking you if instead of enhancing the park we should consider installing a basketball field for our youth.

As we all know, the East side lacks a community center where we can all gather as a community. So, I think that before the city moves forward with this project the community, the neighborhood needs to be aware and be part of this project.

So, on behalf of those who live so close to this area, I am hoping that we can set up a meeting where we get involved before a final decision is made.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully yours,
Anabel Figueroa