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Subject: Stamford gets \$5M to upgrade Cummings Park, West Beach

Hi Kevin,

I read with interest the article in today's Stamford Advocate. This is great; however, after attending several pre-Covid public hearings and having our Taxpayers' dollars pay for a NJ consulting group for the "then" renovations for Cummings which never happened, my question is will the City invite Cummings neighbors to voice their concerns and suggestions or is this just being implemented without us?

As President of the SMPOA, a homeowner's association of 52 homes adjacent to Cummings, I am truly worried that you, our new administration, has no idea of what didn't work before. For example, buffers? Don't plant trees because they will block our beautiful water views. Don't put bushes against the stockade fence IN THE Quiet Zone because they grow densely and the homeless make homes in them. This happened years back when Malloy was Mayor. He had them removed when the homeless started to come over the fence to burglarize us. I was one of those victims!

More so, it would be wonderful if you could move the volleyball courts, presently on the beach...in the Quiet Zone...that's an oxymoron due to the yelling and noise they bring...to a volleyball pit on the other side of the park, perhaps where the baseball fields are because the lights there would behoove their game. Surely the pit could be filled with sand for the players.

These are just some suggestions. Hopefully, they will be "heard"! Please feel free to discuss.

Thank you!

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