

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 304

Approved May 23, 1978

WHEREAS, the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Providence have voted to eliminate a substantial<sup>part</sup>/of Carlisle Park, also known as Joseph Williams Field, to provide parking for the zoo in Roger Williams Park, and

WHEREAS, Carlisle Park is the only neighborhood park between the railroad track and freeway to the Cranston-Providence City Lines, and

WHEREAS, Carlisle Park presently has a regulation size baseball field with a full size diamond, a basketball court and a tot park, and

WHEREAS, the initial plan of the Board of Park Commissioners anticipates the elimination of the basketball courts, a constriction of the tot park, and the taking of a part of the present ball field, and

WHEREAS, Roger Williams Park consists of an area in excess of four hundred acres, and

WHEREAS, there are a number of viable alternatives to locating the parking lot in Carlisle Park, by providing needed parking within the present boundaries of Roger Williams Park, and

WHEREAS, the residents of the area immediately surrounding Carlisle Park are virtually unanimous in opposition to the plan approved by the Board of Park Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, Carlisle Park is used by little league, Babe Ruth and CYO Baseball teams, both from within and without the immediate area, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners has planned for the eventual elimination of all recreational facilities presently provided at Carlisle Field, and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence is currently expending millions of dollars throughout the City to develop new recreational facilities or to rehabilitate existing facilities, and

WHEREAS, the plans approved by the Board of Park Commissioners impose a substantial hardship on those who use Carlisle Park by depriving

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them of an existing facility, and

WHEREAS, the placement of a parking lot in Carlisle Field will substantially diminish property values in the area, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a parking lot in Carlisle Field will cause the users to cross Elmwood Avenue to visit the Roger Williams Park Zoo, thereby creating a hazard to life and limb,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Providence City Council:

- (1) Inform the Board of Park Commissioners that it opposes the plan to create a parking lot in Carlisle Field, now or in the foreseeable future,
- (2) Request the Board of Park Commissioners to provide to the City Council a list of any and all alternative parking lot sites considered before selecting Carlisle Field,
- (3) Request the Board of Park Commissioners to detail the reasons for not selecting such alternative parking lot sites,
- (4) Request the Board of Park Commissioners to attend any and all public hearings arranged by or through the City Council or the City Clerk, and
- (5) Request that the Board of Park Commissioners direct the Superintendent of Parks and those members of his staff who designed and/or recommended the parking lot at Carlisle Field or any alternative site to be present at any and all public hearings arranged by or through the City Council or the City Clerk.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 16 1978

READ AND PASSED

*Ralph Fungo* PRES.  
*Jose M. Mendonca* CLERK

APPROVED

*Vincent A. Camp*  
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