

**City of Providence**

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL***No. 380***EFFECTIVE October 17, 2016**

WHEREAS, Iola French Park is adjacent to Veazie Street Elementary School and the Wanskuck Library, making it a popular destination for schoolchildren, visitors to the library, and families who live in the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, For more than a year, litter and garbage have been a serious issue at both Iola French Park and the nearby Veazie Street Elementary School parking lot; and

WHEREAS, Neighbors and Veazie Street School staff, have repeatedly reported that spectators and patrons of non-school events at the park do not properly dispose of garbage or clean-up the park after their activities have concluded, leaving the park in unsightly and even unsafe condition for others; and

WHEREAS, Veazie Street School staff, Parks Department employees, and neighbors have had to clean up the mess left by others, wasting City resources and educators' time, as well as trying the patience of members of the community who simply wish to enjoy their neighborhood park; and

WHEREAS, On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, a meeting was held with many City officials, including the Director of the Department of Public Property, to discuss the issues at the park; and

WHEREAS, At that meeting, it was decided that, as part of the plan to address these concerns, the Department of Public Property would replace the gate on Hyacinth Street with permanent fencing; and

WHEREAS, After the meeting of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, neighborhood and stakeholder groups were informed of the City's findings and plans to remedy the situation at Iola French Park; and

WHEREAS, However, despite multiple assurances and follow-up meetings, more than a year later, no fence has been installed, the gate on Hyacinth Street remains, and the issues in and around the park continue unabated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request that the Parks Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Public Property, in coordination with the administration of Veazie Street Elementary School, develop and implement a comprehensive plan for addressing the on-going garbage and litter issues in and around Stansbury Park as soon as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request that:

- (1) The Department of Public Property replace the gate on Hyacinth Street with permanent fencing immediately.
- (2) The Parks Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Public Property coordinate to clean both Stansbury Park and the Veazie Street Elementary School parking lot immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor, the principal of Veazie Street Elementary School, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Superintendent of the Parks Department, and to the Director of the Department of Public Property.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

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**READ AND PASSED**

  
**PRES.**

  
**CLERK**

**Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature**

  
**Lori L. Hagen  
City Clerk**