

Kingman Park Civic Association
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January 12, 2016

Mr. Michael Sherman
National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Corianne Setzer's Posting on NCPC website
Regarding development of RFK Stadium

Dear Mr. Sherman:

This letter comes as a follow-up to my telephone call to your office last week when I spoke with Ms. Young. We are writing on behalf of the Kingman Park Civic Association ("KPCA"). Specifically, we are writing to complain about Ms. Corianne Setzer's false, misleading and unauthorized representation of the Kingman Park Civic Association on the National Capitol Planning Commission's website comment section.

Ms. Setzer stated that *"To Whom It May Concern, The attached is the response of Kingman Park Civic Association written on behalf of it's [sic] members regarding development of the RFK site. We hope you will take into consideration our opinions in any future development plans for this area. We appreciate you taking the time to read our response. Sincerely, Corianne Setzer."*¹ See Setzer's website statement. Corianne Setzer is not a member of the Kingman Park Civic Association and she has no authority to make representations on behalf of KPCA. This is not the first time that "Friends of Kingman Park" have made false statements to third parties allegedly on behalf of the Kingman Park Civic Association.

In fact, Kingman Park Civic Association has supported the construction of a new stadium at the present site of RFK Stadium. KPCA also supports the use of surrounding stadium land for stadium events only. We have also requested that

¹ / Ms. Setzer's letter attachment is actually a letter signed by Cosby Washington on behalf of the "Friends of Kingman Park Board."

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the Stadium's current green space along Oklahoma Avenue continues to be reserved as a buffer zone between the stadium and the community. KPCA also supports the expansion of green space without the addition of playgrounds.

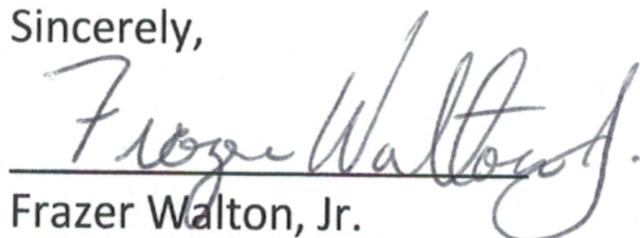
This is an official letter requesting that all postings and comments on the National Capital Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan website regarding the future of the RFK by Corianne Setzer be immediately removed. Corianne Setzer has misrepresented the views of the Kingman Park Civic Association in her posting on December 7, 2015. Attached, see Ms. Setzer's website letter and comments.

According to the attached "Friends of Kingman Park" letter, Corianne Setzer, is Vice President of the group, Cosby Washington, is listed as President, Rainer Kulenkampff is listed as secretary, Roslyn Esperson is listed as Treasurer, Diana Hibbs is listed as Former President, and Robert Coomber is listed as an At-Large Member along with LaTrice Herndon, and Gwen Hunnicutt. None of the above has the authority to speak or write on behalf of KPCA. We hope that no other civic association affiliated with "Friends of Kingman Park" has authorized the group to engage in this misrepresentation and misconduct. We also request that the NCPC notify Ms. Setzer to cease and desist from making misleading and unauthorized statements on the agency's website.

Again, please remove this posting because it does not represent the views of the Kingman Park Civic Association. If there are any questions, please contact us: Frazer Walton, (202)398-8920, Frawalton@verizon.net or Veronica Raglin, (202)396-7653, veronica.raglin@gmail.com.

Please respond.

Sincerely,


Frazer Walton, Jr.

President

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Veronica E. Raglin

Chair: KPCA Executive Board

Attachments:

Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital document and comments

Corianne Setzer/Cosby Washington letter

List of recreational areas in the community – circulated in 2014.

cc: Councilmembers: Yvette Alexander, Kenyan McDuffie, Charles Allen, Mary

Cheh and Phil Mendelson

Eric Moses, RFK Stadium Manager

D.C. Federation of Civic Associations



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Federal Elements

Guides planning and development in Washington, DC and the surrounding region.

The *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* (the Comp Plan) is a unified plan comprised of two components – the Federal and District Elements. The Federal Elements, prepared by NCPC, provide a policy framework for the federal government in managing its operations and activity in the National Capital Region. The Comp Plan is a living document that is updated periodically to ensure that policies remain current, reflect recent planning initiatives, and consistent with federal requirements and guidance.

Update

Since 2012, NCPC staff updated each Element and prepared a new Urban Design Element, which have undergone public review and comment. The Commission adopted individual Elements and held policies in abeyance until final adoption of all the updated Federal Elements.

In October 2015, the Commission released the updated Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital for a 60-day public comment period.

 [Download EDR \(/DocumentDepot/Actions_Recommendations/2015October/Comprehensive_Plan_Federal_Elements_Recommendation_CP01_Octol](#)

The eight Federal Elements in the Comprehensive Plan include Urban Design (new element), Federal Workplace, Foreign Missions & International Organizations, Transportation, Parks & Open Space (not included in this draft update), Federal Environment, Historic Preservation, and Visitors & Commemoration. Following the completion of the Parks Study currently conducted by the National Park Service, NCPC will update the Parks & Open Space Element as a separate amendment.

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 Planning for the growth and development of the national capital for the next 20 years. The Introduction Chapter provides an overview of the role and responsibility of the Comprehensive Plan and its federal impact in the region, the planning legacy, the vision and guiding principles, and the planning program of the Federal Elements.

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 Implementing the policies outlined in the Federal Elements is an important feature of the Comprehensive Plan update. The Action Plan Matrix contains specific projects to advance the Commission's vision, guide future growth and development, and to set in motion the necessary steps to activate the Comprehensive Plan's goals and policies.

Federal Elements

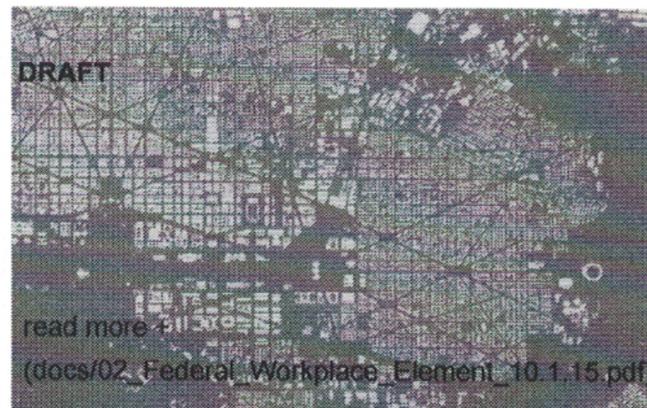


Urban Design

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Promote quality design and development in the NCR that reinforces its unique role as the nation's capital and creates a welcoming and livable environment for people.

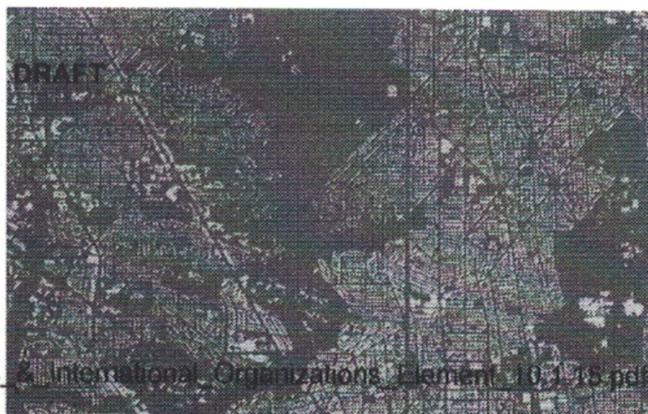
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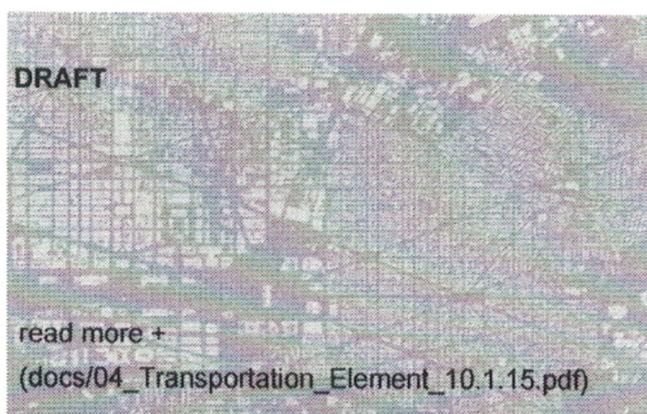
Federal Workplace

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Locate the federal workforce in a way that enhances the efficiency, productivity, value, and public image of the federal government; strengthens the NCR's economic well-being; and emphasizes the District of Columbia as the seat of the federal government.



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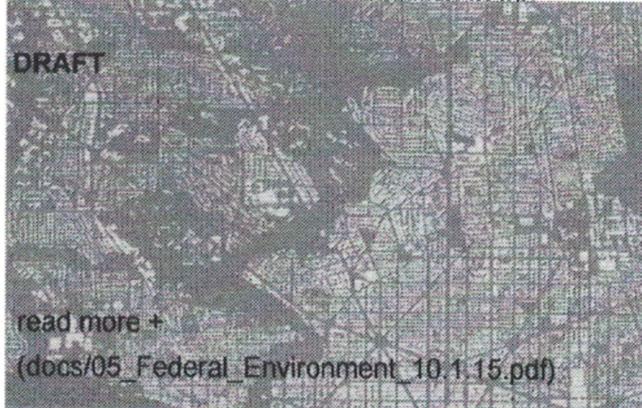
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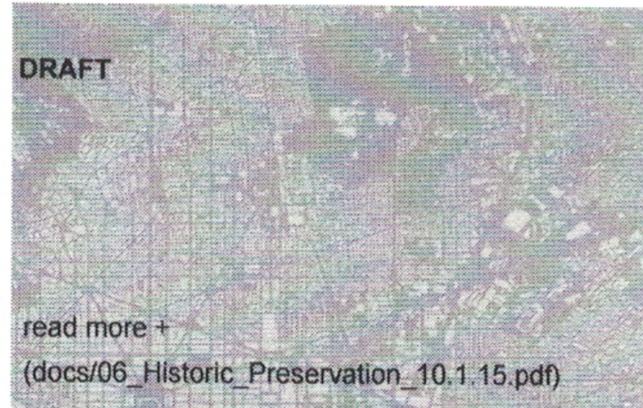
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Plan a secure and welcoming environment for the location of diplomatic and international activities in Washington, DC. This should be done in a manner that is appropriate to the status and dignity of these activities; enhances Washington's role as one of the world's great capitals; and is sensitive to the



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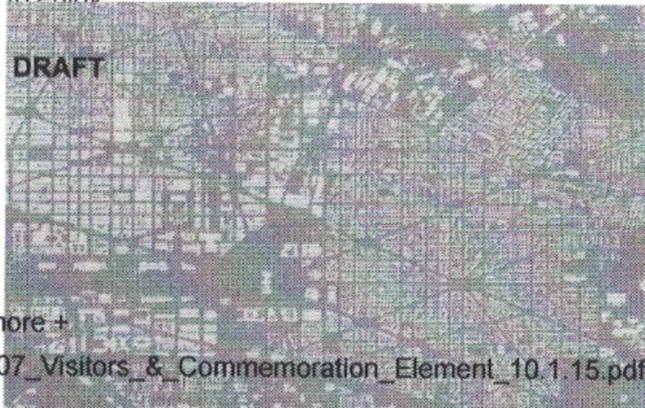
Develop and maintain a multi-modal regional transportation system that meets the needs of workers, residents, and visitors, while improving regional mobility and air quality through expanded transportation alternatives and transit-oriented development.



Federal Environment

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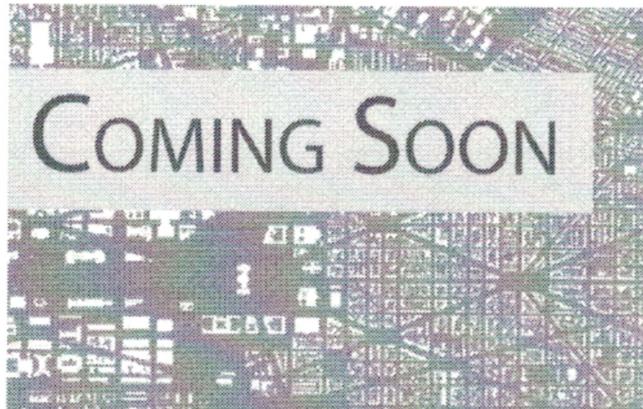
Promote the NCR as a leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability. The federal government seeks to preserve and enhance the quality of the region's natural resources to ensure that their benefits are available for future generations to enjoy.



Historic Preservation

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Preserve, protect, and rehabilitate historic properties in the NCR and promote design and development that is respectful of the guiding principles established by the Plan of the City of Washington and the symbolic character of the capital's setting.



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Visitors & Commemoration

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Provide a positive and memorable experience for all visitors to the NCR in a way that showcases the institutions of American culture and democracy, supports planning goals, and enhances activities that are unique to visiting the nation's capital.

Parks & Open Space

Conserve and enhance the park and open space system of the NCR, ensure that adequate resources are available for future generations, and promote an appropriate balance between open space resources and the built environment.

Submitted Comments

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Comments on Urban Design Draft Federal Element

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Lindsley Williams

Urban Design (December 14, 2015)

Reference to "Reduce the Footprint" should be provided in lieu of, or in addition to the page five reference to "Freeze the Footprint".



Jane Engvall

Federal Workplace (December 08, 2015)

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The attached letter is the response of Kingman Park Civic Association written on behalf of it's members regarding development at the RFK Site. We hope you will take into consideration our opinions in any future development plans for this area. We appreciate you taking the time to read our response.

Sincerely,

Corianne Setzer. . .

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Friends of Kingman Park Civic Association

General Comment (December 07, 2015)

Staff commends the National Capital Planning Commission for its comprehensive review and broad-based recommendations on the Historic Preservation element. Of particular interest to Fairfax County is recommendation HP.C.11 on page 8 of this element; the federal government should protect and preserve in place, the extant boundary stones that mark the original survey of the District of Columbia. There are seven DC. . .

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Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning

Historic Preservation (December 07, 2015)

The Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning has reviewed the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements, Federal Environment Element. Staff notes that the policies in this Element contain many relevant and timely updates, specifically in the area of climate change and adaptation. Staff is pleased to

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see the inclusion and revision of policies that reflect the recent Executive. . .

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Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning
Federal Environment (December 07, 2015)

Dear Angela Dupont,

Please find attached Casey Trees' public comments on the National Capital Planning Commission's updated Federal Elements. If you have any questions about these recommendations, please feel free to contact me at ktaddei@caseytrees.org.

Sincerely,
Kristin Taddei

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Kristin Taddei
General Comment, Urban Design, Federal Workplace, Foreign Missions & International Organizations, Feder (December 07, 2015)

Urban Design Element:

UD.A.2.2 While hiding utilities is important, NCPC should consider security infrastructure (bollards, barriers, etc) as a utility and well and work to 'hide' these elements within the rest of the streetscape.

UD.B.1.5 Digital Signage and Illumination: While there is a need to strike an appropriate balance between reverence in the Monumental Core, . . .

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Alex Block
Urban Design, Transportation (December 07, 2015)

Attached please find comments from US GSA, National Capital Region, Office of Planning and Design Quality.

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Stephanie Hamlett
Urban Design, Federal Workplace, Federal Environment, Historic Preservation, Action Plan Matrix (December 07, 2015)



I am a resident of Kingman Park and live next the the RFK site. I have attended 2 community meetings held by Events DC and I can tell you that the community views voiced at both meetings are 100 percent behind making RFK an open park and green space. The community does not want a new stadium. The . . .

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Diana Hibbs

General Comment (December 06, 2015)

Re: 10th Street redevelopment as an urban garden/thoroughfare.

My concern is that the care and upkeep of this area be clearly articulated, and long-term commitments made, before any design decisions are made. Both the DC Department of Parks & Recreation and the National Park Service are deferring maintenance of parks and seeing cutbacks. The Southwest Business Improvement District (SW. . .

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Robert Craycraft

Federal Workplace, Federal Environment (November 11, 2015)



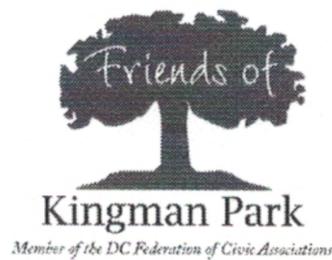
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December 7, 2015

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To the National Capital Planning Commission:

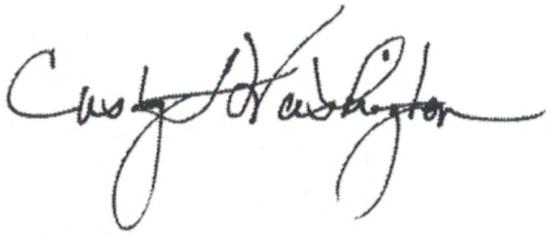
The Friends of Kingman Park members greatly appreciate the opportunity to comment upon the proposed Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. As community stakeholders in the Hill East region of the District, we would like to direct our comments specifically to the aspects of the plan that pertain specifically to the RKF Site (*Section B.5 and Action Items UD.B.5.6-B.5.8.a(3) of the Draft Urban Design Elements and the Preeminent Viewsheds: Future Work and Action Items section of the Technical Addendum*). This study is particularly timely and necessary given the recent redevelopment discussions for the RKF Site. We know many individuals are advocating for the return of football team to the District, specifically to the RKF Site. However, residents of Kingman Park stand firmly against this plan. We hope the National Capital Planning Committee honors its statements to place value on community input and continue to seek community involvement as part of the development process that results from the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

First, discussions of redevelopment need to address the health and safety, of visitors and residents alike. Environmental impacts are of particular concern for the community. Situated just down-river from the former open-burning Kenilworth Landfill and the Pepco Power Station at Benning Road, Kingman Park is still dealing with the legacy of decades-long industrial pollution. In the early 2000's, random soil testing around the RKF Fairgrounds revealed high levels industrial toxins at varying depths around the site. Development plans need to address the health impact of exposing this toxic soil to the surrounding communities. Additionally, heavy weight should be given the study of increased traffic from cars and trollies in our community. Any impact study should include the study of additional pollution from increased traffic to the area. We advocate for transparent impact studies to be conducted, and your results made public, before any further development of this site moves forward.

As a community, we value the National Capital Planning Committee's commitment to the L'Enfant and McMillian plans of incorporating park land and green spaces in the District. We advocate for scenic vistas and open-green spaces. Our community would like to have national monuments and memorials created, as they are both inspirational and timeless. We advocate for the extension of the monumental corridor into northeast in order to continue the proud tradition of honoring our Nation's great leaders. Though we support the expansion of green space, we do not advocate for, large-scale commercial development of this site because it will inevitably disrupt the historical residential character of our neighborhood. We want development that will strengthen the well-being of our neighborhood and its residents for many generations.

We look forward to reviewing the yet to be publicly released *Parks and Open Space Draft of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* and hope that the RFK Stadium area will be included in the discussion. To this extent, we respectfully request a date range in which we can expect the separate RFK area study to commence (as mentioned Action Items UD.B.5.6-B.5.8.a(3) of the Draft Urban Design Elements).

Sincerely,
The Friends of Kingman Park Board
P.O. Box 15836
Washington, DC 20003-9997

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cosby Washington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cosby" and last name "Washington" clearly distinguishable.

Cosby Washington, *President*

Corianne Setzer, *Vice President*
Rainer Kulenkampff, *Secretary*
Roslyn Esperson, *Treasurer*
Bob Coomber, *At-Large Member*
LaTrice Herndon, *At-Large Member*
Gwen Hunnicutt, *At-Large Member*
Diana Hibbs, *Former President*

Cc: Councilmember Yvette Alexander; Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie; Councilmember Charles Allen; Council Chairperson Phil Mendelson; Councilmember Mary Cheh

NEEDLESS PROPOSALS TO CHANGE RFK PARKING LOTS 6 & 7

***THE KINGMAN PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION OPPOSES THE PROPOSAL TO
CONSTRUCT ANOTHER RECREATIONAL PLAYGROUND ON RFK STADIUM
PARKING LOTS 6&7***

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT IS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS
MYSTERIOUS WARD 6 PROPOSAL**

**ANY PROPOSAL AND PLAN FROM WARD 6 ORGANIZATIONS OR OTHER SELF
IMPOSED LEADER(S) DO NOT REPRESENT THE KINGMAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD
NOR SHOULD THEY DICTATE WHAT SHOULD BE BUILT ON THE SUSTAINABLE
GREEN SPACE THAT WILL ADVERSELY IMPACT THE QUALITY OF LIFE (NOISE,
INCREASED VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC) IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.**

THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS SUFFICIENT SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

WARD 5: SPINGARN HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & BALL FIELDS

**WARD 6: ROSEDALE COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL CENTER
(NEW 2012)**

**GROUNDS OF EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL
GROUNDS OF ELIOT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
GROUNDS OF LINCOLN PARK
GROUNDS OF PAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GROUNDS OF MINER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GROUNDS OF RFK SOCCER FIELD**

**WARD 7: THE KINGMAN PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION SPONSORED
THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ON THE RFK GREEN SPACE
IN LOTS 6&7**

**THESE NON-GOVERNMENTAL, UNFOUNDED RUMORS AND ADVERSE
PROPOSALS SHOULD BE IGNORED.**

MAINTAIN THE SUSTAINABLE GREEN SPACE ON OKLAHOMA AVENUE!