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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO

November 10, 2010

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to permanently dedicate Alvah Kittredge Park for park purposes in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 45, section 3 and to have the administration take such other actions, as needed, to so dedicate this park for park purposes in accordance with the terms and conditions of a \$310,648.00 grant awarded by the Division of Conservation Services in the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Through this grant, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department proposes to renovate Alvah Kittredge Park in the Highland Park sub-neighborhood of Roxbury. This grant will match funds already allocated to this project from the City of Boston Capital Improvement Program and several foundations. The Alvah Kittredge Park renovation will address a critical need to restore a historic neighborhood fabric, supply an area for rest and relaxation for adults and play for small children in the surrounding neighborhood, and enhance the attractiveness of this dense urban neighborhood.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

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IN CITY COUNCIL

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PERMANENTLY
DEDICATE ALVAH KITTREDGE PARK IN ROXBURY FOR PARK PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Alvah Kittredge Park in the historic Highland Park district of Roxbury is a community-wide asset and the proposed renovation and improvements to this facility are a City priority as evidenced in the most recent City of Boston Open Space and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Given that Alvah Kittredge Park, then named Highland Park, was donated in 1859 to the City of Roxbury with the express deed restrictions that no buildings ever be erected on it, and that a fence be placed around it, and that it has remained a park since that time even after Roxbury was annexed to the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS, Alvah Kittredge Park's proposed renovation, guided in principle by the Open Space and Recreation Plan, will greatly enhance this facility with improved seating, fencing, pathway, site furnishings, universal access, infrastructure, and the like; and

WHEREAS, There has been a vigorous, successful effort by the Highland Park community to raise funds for this renovation from several non-City sources; and

WHEREAS, One of these sources, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), is offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the preservation and restoration of urban parks through the state Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant Program (301 CMR 5.00, promulgated pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21A, § 2, M.G.L. c. 132A, § 11, as amended, St. 1977, c. 933, as amended, and St. 1996, c. 15), and such a grant has been awarded to the City of Boston for the renovation and improvement of Alvah Kittredge Park; and

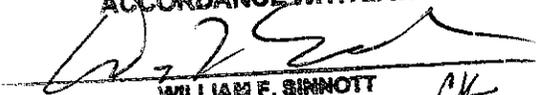
WHEREAS, Said EOEEA requires that parks receiving such grants are permanently and formally dedicated to park purposes in accordance with M.G.L. c. 45, Section 3; it is hereby

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ORDERED: That the City of Boston, in accordance with section 3 of chapter 45 of the Massachusetts General Laws, hereby permanently dedicates Alvah Kittredge Park for park purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Mayor, through the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, be and hereby is authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department, including, but not limited to the executing of a deed confirming that Alvah Kittredge Park is permanently dedicated to park purposes in accordance with section 3 of chapter 45 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and the recording of said deed in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds with appropriate marginal references and with a certified copy of this City Council Order.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.


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