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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	25
COUNCIL MEETING	1980 03 31

RE: LETTER FROM MR. AND MRS. GEORGE RUNZER
 6507 SILVER AVENUE, BURNABY, B.C. V5H 2Y3
 MAYWOOD PARK DEVELOPMENT

The following report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator contains information on a concern expressed by Mr. and Mrs. George Runzer in their letter which appears on the agenda for the 1980 March 31 meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Administrator be adopted.

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1980 March 26

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR

RE: MAYWOOD PARK DEVELOPMENT - LETTER FROM MR. & MRS. G. RUNZER
 DATED 1980 MARCH 12

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. & Mrs. G. Runzer, 6507 Silver Avenue, Burnaby.

REPORT

Appearing as correspondence on the Council agenda is a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Runzer relating to the scheduled development of Maywood Park. A sketch showing the park site is attached (Attachment No:1).

The Parks and Recreation Commission acquired the properties for park purposes between 1967 and 1973. Thirteen properties with houses were purchased and since that time three of the houses have been demolished. The remaining ten houses are rented on a month to month tenancy.

The development of Maywood Park has been included in the '5 Year Capital Development Program' since 1973 and funds for development are included in the 1980 annual budget.

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Mrs. Runzer and the other tenants on Silver and McKay were advised by letter on 1980 March 05 of the planned development. The letter explains that an official notice to vacate will not be served until the end of May. The notice allows four months for relocation.

Staff are aware of Mrs. Runzer's concerns and are making every effort to ensure that she is brought into contact with the agencies which can help her relocate.

Copies of letters to Mrs. Runzer from Mayor Mercier and from the Parks and Recreation Department are attached (Attachment No:2). The Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman has also spoken with Mrs. Runzer and had made arrangements to meet with her; however, Mrs. Runzer cancelled the appointment.

Staff have spoken with the contacts at the Senior Centre and also with the Human Resources Department. Both sources will try to assist Mrs. Runzer if she requests it.

In conclusion, all of the properties that are required for the development of Maywood Park were purchased several years ago. Although the physical creation of the park is scheduled to begin in about October of this year, staff is aware of the fact that the housing shortage in this area could interfere with the efforts of the tenants to find other accommodation. There is no desire or intention to adhere rigidly to a timetable, and if the tenants try, but are unable to find other accommodation between now and then, extensions on the existing tenancies will be given. In Mrs. Runzer's case, we are concerned that she appears to be unwilling to co-operatively participate with the available resource organizations that can help her to find accommodation elsewhere (Senior Centre - 684-8171 and B.C. Housing - 684-3515). Staff will nevertheless contact Mrs. Runzer again following Council's consideration of this matter in an attempt to offer and provide any assistance that may be appropriate in regard to this matter.



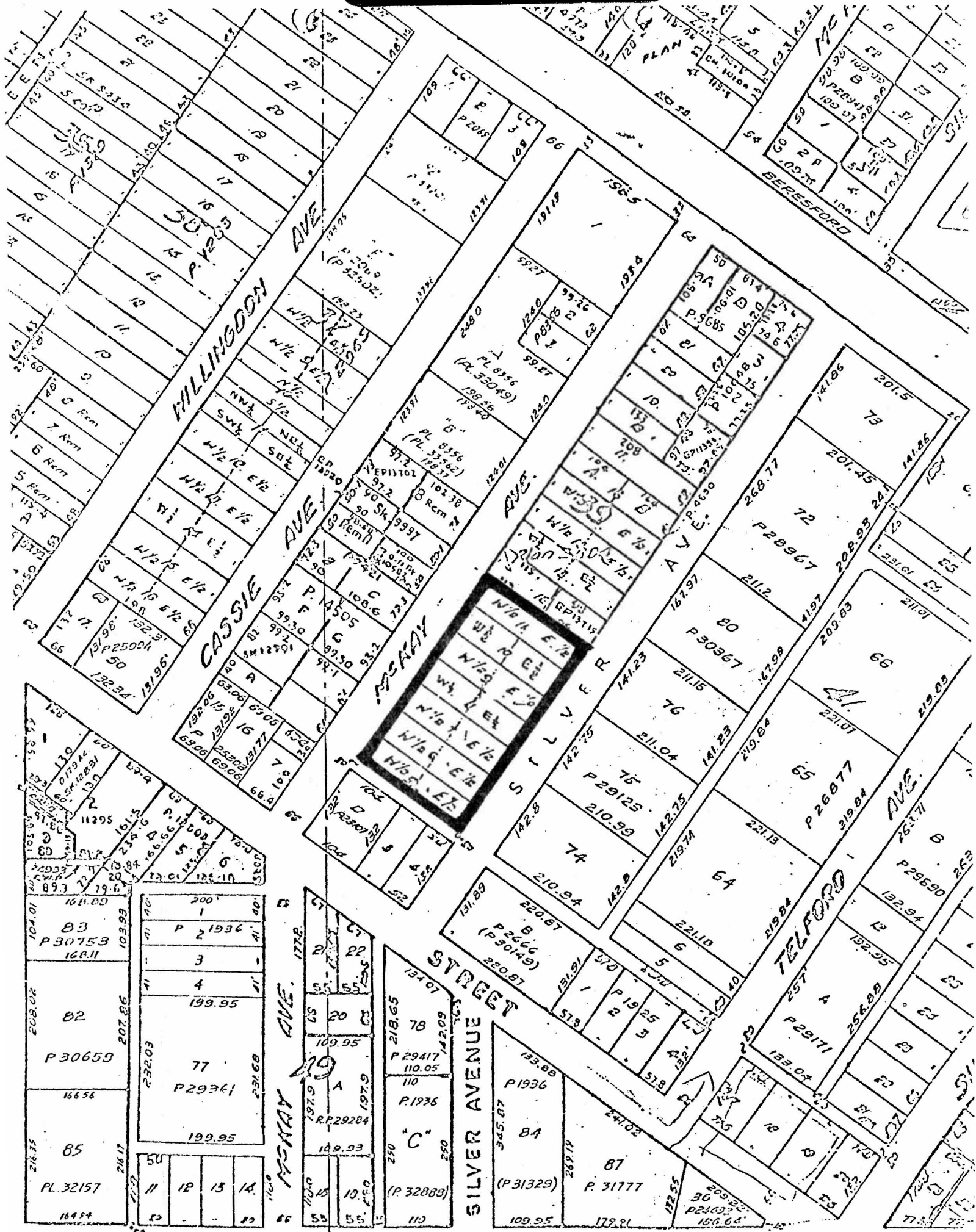
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BOUNDARY OF MAYWOOD PARK



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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1980 February 26

Mr. and Mrs. G. Runzer,
6507 Silver Avenue,
BURNABY, B.C. V5H 2Y3

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Runzer:

This letter is in response to Mrs. Runzer's telephone call yesterday regarding the municipal plan for a park in your area.

The plan has been in place for some years and to assemble the park site a number of houses were acquired.

For some years now those houses have been rented to people like yourselves at very reasonable rents on the understanding they would eventually be vacated.

I understand your concern regarding the possibility that you may be required to move from your home and I assure you that a notice to vacate will be provided many months in advance. There is no notice to vacate in the works at this time.

I have asked Mrs. Peggy Lynds of our Parks Administration to provide a letter to you which sets out the municipal plan as it affects your house. Mrs. Lynds will also be the person you should stay in contact with as to progress with the park plan.

I can assure you that ample advance notice will be given regarding any change in your tenancy and that our staff, while recognizing there is some effort required on your part, will assist in every way possible in your search for new accommodation when the need arises.

Yours truly,

David M. Mercier,
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ATTACHMENT NO:2

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1980 March 05

Mrs. G. Runzer
6507 Silver Avenue
BURNABY, B.C.
V5H 2Y3

Dear Mrs. Runzer:

I received your letter regarding moving from your house.

You mentioned that Mayor Mercier had written to you.

As the Mayor has said, we do plan to develop the park and, at this time, we plan that development will start in October 1980 and we have included funds for the development in our 1980 Parks and Recreation budget.

The budget will be approved by Municipal Council in May and when this happens, we will be giving you and the other tenants involved, an official notice to vacate.

When you receive the notice you will have four months in which to move. In the meantime since you know what our plans are, perhaps it would make it a little easier if you started to look now.

From speaking with you, I know that finding a new place to live will not be easy for you. I have some suggestions of where you might get advice and help.

First of all I would suggest that you call the Senior Centre at 684-8171 and ask for Burt Lazerus or Christine Balmer. Our Health Department has suggested that the Centre would be helpful to you.

You might also want to phone B.C. Housing at 684-3515 and ask them to send you information on the housing which you and your husband are eligible to apply for.

I hope that these sources can help you in your search.

Yours truly,

PEGI LYNDS
Administrative Assistant

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