

Board of Mayor & Aldermen

July 14, 2022

Mayor Craig and Aldermen,

I am reaching out to you and asking for your support of the Lands & Buildings Committee report to declare the Parks property on Blucher Street surplus and with the intent of building the Mark Stebbins Community Center to be used as a West Manchester Boys & Girls Club along with Amoskeag Health.

There is no better organization in the city to help fill the needs of the young people of West Manchester than the Manchester Boys & Girls Club. Back in the late 1970s-1980s, my brothers and I were members of the then Manchester Boys Club. My wife's family lived off of Mast Road in West Manchester for many years. My brothers-in-law were members of the then Pinardville Boys Club (part of the Manchester organization) and also attended Camp Foster in the summertime.

Today, I am a parent of a son who has been a member of the Manchester Boys & Girls Club for many years and also goes to the MBGC Camp Foster in the summer time. As a parent, I see regularly the great work done by the outstanding and diverse staff at the Union St. clubhouse. From the Learning Center to the STEM lab to gym time to even feeding the kids breakfast and dinner, the MBGC staff provides the services needed of our young people. They do this currently in partnership with organizations such as Amoskeag Health and Manchester Mental Health.

Regarding the sale of the property on Blucher Street, I hope the board would see the great public benefit that the Stebbins Center can provide the young people of West Manchester and their families.

Thank you for your consideration!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan O'Neil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being significantly larger and more stylized.

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