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To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to express my opposition again to the artificial turf at Roosevelt Park. I've heard from the proponents how great it will be for more sports, no upkeep. I haven't heard about the safety of the sports players, or the school/neighborhood children who will be playing on it. The health of our children should come first. Not those dressed up in sports clothing which may protect to some degree.

The big message that I have gotten is that there will be more playing days without the rain interfering. The rain that is part of Nature, part of keeping us cool, part of a Green World. The games may be held off due to rain, but as I have seen, once the warm days come, ie May, etc., no one can tolerate the high temperature on the artificial turf.

And, of course, the artificial turf adds to the heat climate/island. This while we talk about making Malden "Cool".

I hope the City Council votes against the artificial turf. At the least, before a decision, we must get the cost and hazard that would come with natural grass.

Thank you for taking my comment.

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