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I am a resident living at 22 Parker Street in Malden. I enjoy casual use of Newman Park, such as a game of badminton, and see others doing the same such as a grandpa kicking a soccer ball with a 4 year old. I treasure the trees around its perimeter when I walk laps around it for exercise.

I have not seen the city or sports advocates address equity, thermal comfort, or health concerns relating to the proposed use of artificial turf at Roosevelt Park. And I was puzzled to hear at the one meeting I attended that some of the hours spoken of as critical to include are for teams that don't exist yet. This neighborhood, more than other neighborhood in Malden, deserves a safe and cool place to play and exercise – and the school children can't be expected to cross Eastern Ave to reach it. An artificial turf solution will not provide this. Having just spent millions to remove lead piping, the city's intent to install this generation's equivalent, PFAs, which can have ripple effects through the groundwater, is truly short-sighted and disappointing, especially in the wake of the HUD delay of funding for equity issues that remain unaddressed. I hope you will help support the neighbors surrounding Roosevelt Park – both those who are putting time into advocacy for natural grass for their neighborhood park and those who may not feel comfortable speaking up publicly.

Thank you.

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