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**Orleans CPC - For consideration of a \$5 million dollar allocation of funds**

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Dear Committee Chair and Members of the CPC,

I write this letter with a lot of respect for the hours served on this important town committee.

You are considering the use of taxpayer dollars that help Orleans invest CPA resources responsibly and transparently to preserve and enhance community assets.

The many hours of looking over proposals which seek funds to explore and create town projects that meet your mission criteria, and your individual and collective understanding of the vital needs of the town community with regards to these assets is appreciated.

With abundant support, my husband and I want to advocate for the redesign of the parcel of town owned land that lies within the corridor between the Nauset Regional Middle School, the school parking lot, the middle school/Orleans Firebirds baseball field and Eldredge Parkway.

This existing land parcel is shall we say currently underutilized in a town where the only place for children or adults to truly gather, to exercise or to commune with recreation activities in mind, is a portion of the baseball green, the existing uneven surface tennis courts slash pickleball courts, a small bandstand, a swing set and a jungle gym. The little green monster of a backboard has too short of a concrete pad and it stands there mostly left as a vestige of an era gone by.

What the Recreation Department is asking you to consider with this proposal is to assist in the real time reimagining of what could be in a well located town parcel. This plan lays out what can be done to maximize this land's use for the greater good.

I watched small children get off the Orleans Elementary School bus today and skip happily to their waiting parents from the Penrose Phare sign on West Road. It put a huge smile on my face. The community is growing just as we hoped it would, with young families planting solid roots in our community.

We want and need a place to gather, to play and get to know each other. Adults and children alike can take a walk after dinner and see lights on at the basketball court. Kids have somewhere to go and play with their friends. Parents can push strollers and meet parents and grandparents for a walk on the paths that will meander through shaded areas to sit and enjoy. Residents and tourists alike can play a tennis match or join a pickleball league. This is the dream of any town. To see its community and future out and about in a well thought out public space.

Please consider what we have long been missing, not necessarily from CPC funds, but where Recreation has been by ratio in allocated dollars to date underfunded in comparison to open space, church repairs, housing, even weathervanes. Right now, Town Hall and the Select Board believe this a priority right now - a much needed, updated and expanded Eldredge Park asset that will benefit all and turn our tax dollars into an immediate return on investment.

Sincerely,

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