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May 26, 2007

Martha's Vineyard Commission  
P.O. Box 1447  
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Att: Paul Foley

Dear Sirs:

As long-time residents of Oak Bluffs, we would like to add our protests to those of many residents who are aghast at the prospect of an elaborate baseball complex to be constructed on public parkland, a project possibly appropriate for a large city, but certainly not for our rural town. Our objections to such an eyesore in our lovely town are several:

1) The plan is to expropriate an entire public park—currently available for the use and enjoyment of everyone—for the exclusive use of a very small segment of our population—families with young children who play baseball as members of a league.

2) There has been, and still is, a perfectly adequate ball-park. Our son played on an Oak Bluffs little league team in the 1970s and we watched many games in that park, a charming, small-town, informal space, in keeping with Oak Bluffs' small population and rustic image.

3) There are sure to be problems of heavy traffic, parking, noise, nighttime lights, etc. You must surely be aware of these issues; any promises made now by the promoters to address and minimize them will soon be forgotten.



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4) The "need" for such a baseball complex on Martha's Vineyard is highly questionable. If there were such a pressing need, as the advocates insist, there are, no doubt, alternative sites that are more appropriate - large enough to contain all the features the applicants want (Veira Park is not); far from residential areas; not in a multi-use public park right in the middle of our town.

We are requesting that you consider all the disadvantages of the proposed complex and not approve it.

Sincerely,  
Connie & Nancy Merjos  
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32 Rural Circle  
Oak Bluffs

