

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 01-24

**By:** Lori Ann Feibel

**A resolution supporting the purposeful unification of Commonwealth East and Commonwealth West Parks into a single cohesive park, including the closure of North Columbia Avenue between Commonwealth Park North and Commonwealth Park South.**

**WHEREAS,** The recent and planned improvements to Commonwealth Park, including the completed athletic field reconditioning; the addition of Commonwealth Pond and the Arboretum Walk; and the plans for a transformed connection at North Columbia Avenue, will substantially enrich this public space for residents and park visitors; and

**WHEREAS,** Frequent pedestrian crossings at North Columbia Avenue between the east and west sides of Commonwealth Park create a risk of dangerous interactions between park visitors and vehicle traffic; and with an anticipated increase in pedestrian traffic at Commonwealth, it is imperative for the City to create a safe and accessible interface to protect park visitors and motorists; and

**WHEREAS,** While safety is the foremost priority for the City, the unification of Commonwealth East and West also aligns the park with historic community plans for this public space, which was originally platted as a single, cohesive park; and

**WHEREAS,** Council endorses the proposal to unify Commonwealth East and West into a single, uninterrupted park; and to close North Columbia Avenue to vehicle traffic between the east and west halves of this park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY:**

**Section 1.**

That Bexley City Council supports the plans for the unification of Commonwealth Park and the closure of North Columbia Avenue between Commonwealth Park North and Commonwealth Park South to vehicle traffic.

**Section 2.**

That this resolution shall go into effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Monique Lampke, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt McPeek, Clerk of Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Ben Kessler, Mayor

First Reading: February 13, 2024  
Second Reading:  
Third Reading: