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Appropriate:

This talk is appropriate to T.A.H.P. I will speak about Hidalgo Park on Ave ^{+ Harbor D.} Q, and Mason Park #2 on 75th ^{+ Tipps} in Magnolia Park ^{+ De Zavala C.E.}. These parks are close to my heart. When I pass by them + see youngsters playing, it brings me happiness.

* In 1958 we had a business at 76th + Ave K. Everytime it rained, I would see the street flooded. The children going to Im H Mary ^{elementary} ~~Church~~ School would take their shoes off to cross. I called the City Hall ^{and} to complained about this + the vacant house next to res. Often youngsters gathered there to smoke marihuana. The city always res-
ponded that they ^{would} work on this

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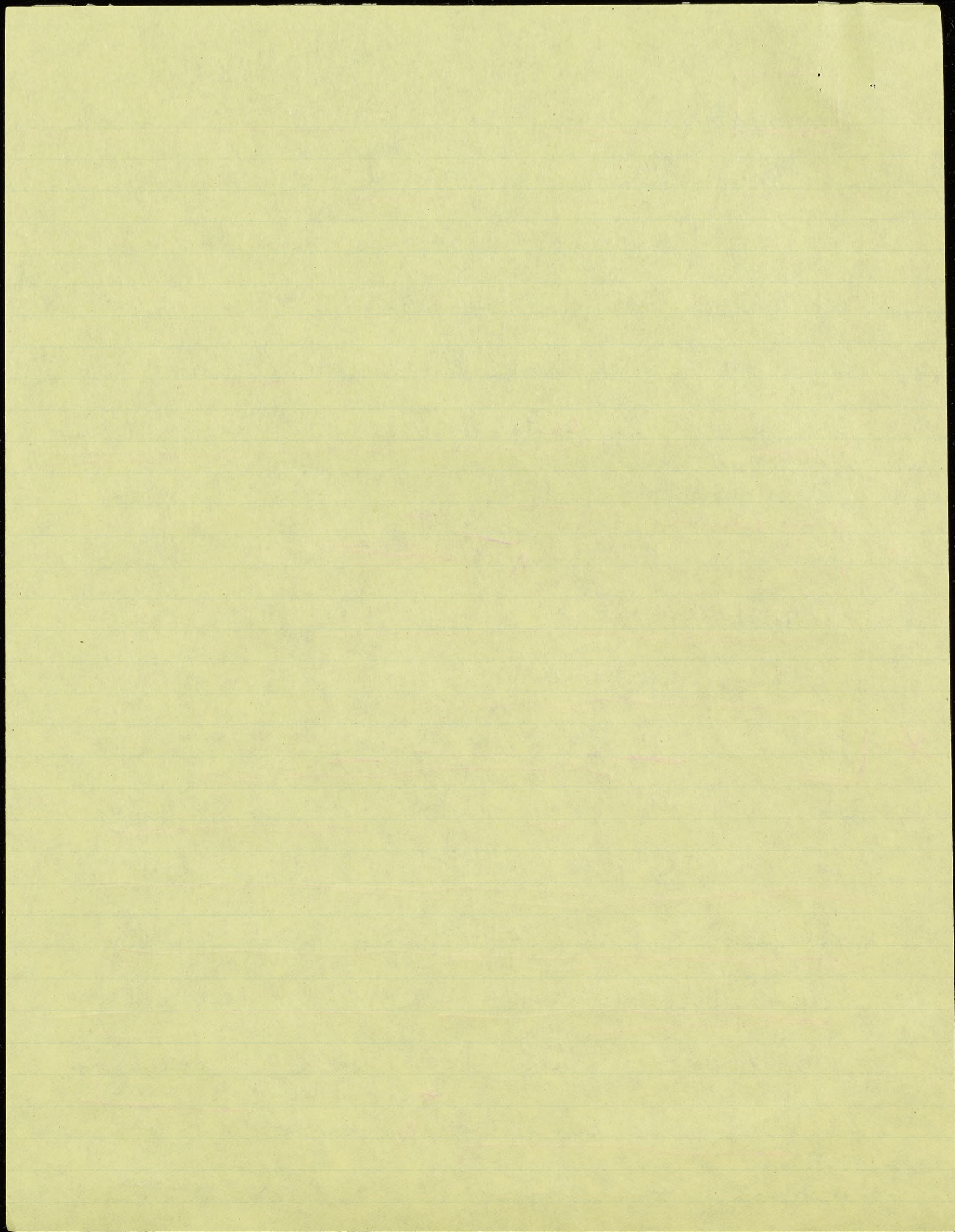
1952

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De Zavala

Soon I learned that a Magnolia Park
Civic Club had been formed + ^{we} I attended
their meetings; even though, we didn't
live there, but had property. It was at
one of these meetings that Mr. Benito
Zermeno 1st Director of the Magnolia Park
Little League asked Mr. Emilio Fena,
Pres. ^{of the CC} to get some ^{men} ~~volunteers~~ to attend
a City Hall Council meeting. Their
working schedule didn't permit it.

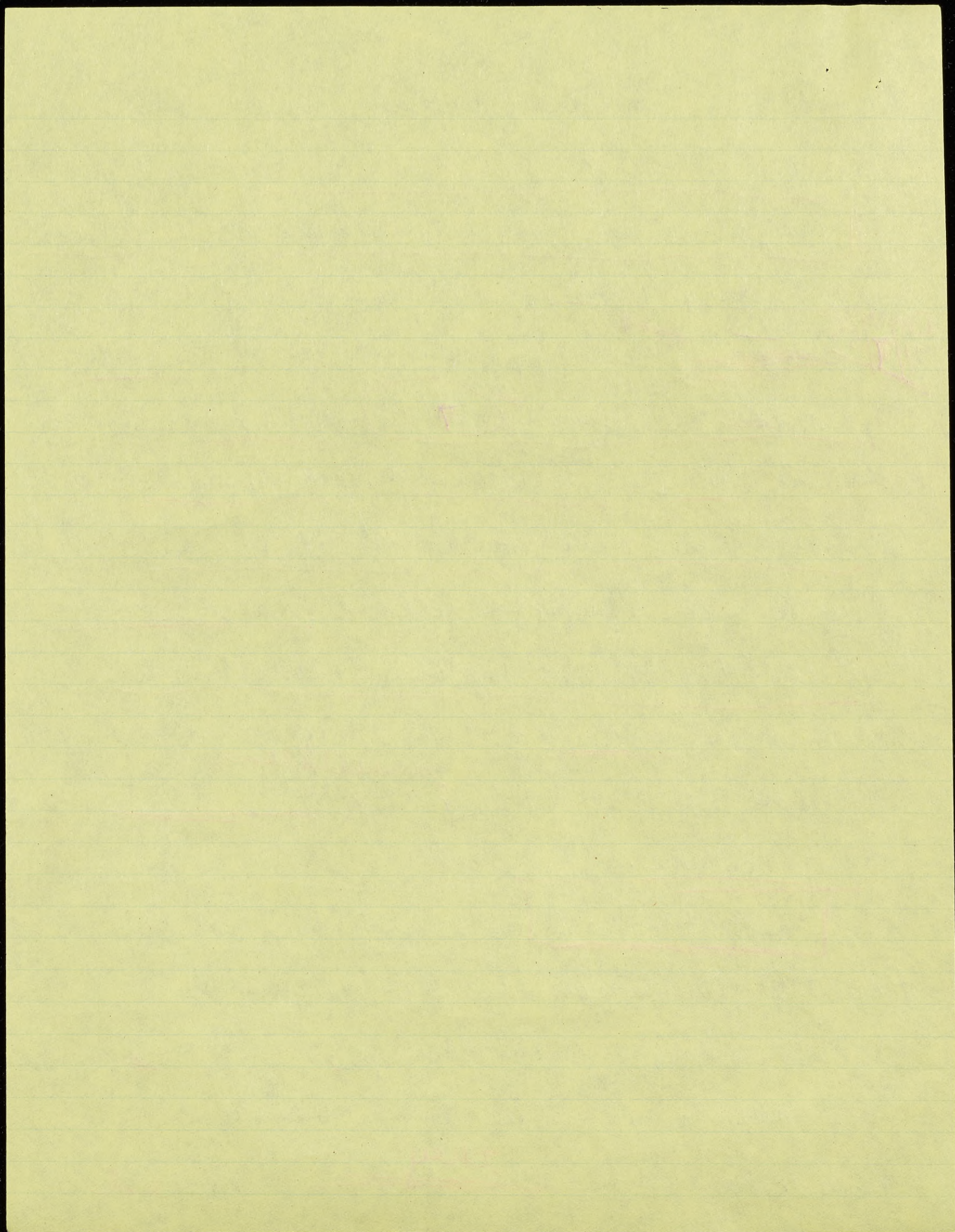
* Mr. — Zermeno asked me to attend
the meeting. ^{early} ~~I didn't reside there.~~ He had 120, 8 to 12
yr old players with their baseball
equipment + uniforms furnished by
Adal Plumbing + Jim Construction
Companies. They had been practicing
at De Zavala School ^{for their 1st game}. However, this
school was going to be enlarged



and the children didn't have a park.

Mr. Zermeno had envisioned the abandoned Hidalgo Park. So this was ^{the} plan.
~~On Wed 4/7/58~~ I ~~set up~~ an appointment with the City Hall ~~for~~ to speak ~~on~~ 4/7/58 at 10 am. Judge Robert Laury, ^{Judge} Domestic Court, Father Frank Brenline, Immediate Past of Mary Church and I spoke before Mayor Lewis Center + the ~~the~~ rest of the Councilmen.
 We were informed that they would fix the Hidalgo Park, ^{nevertheless,} but ~~didn't~~ have any funds.

I spoke last and stated that we Parents are ^{blamed} ~~responsible~~ for juvenile delinquency; + even though we are responsible for the well being of our children, ^{they} ~~our~~ children needed



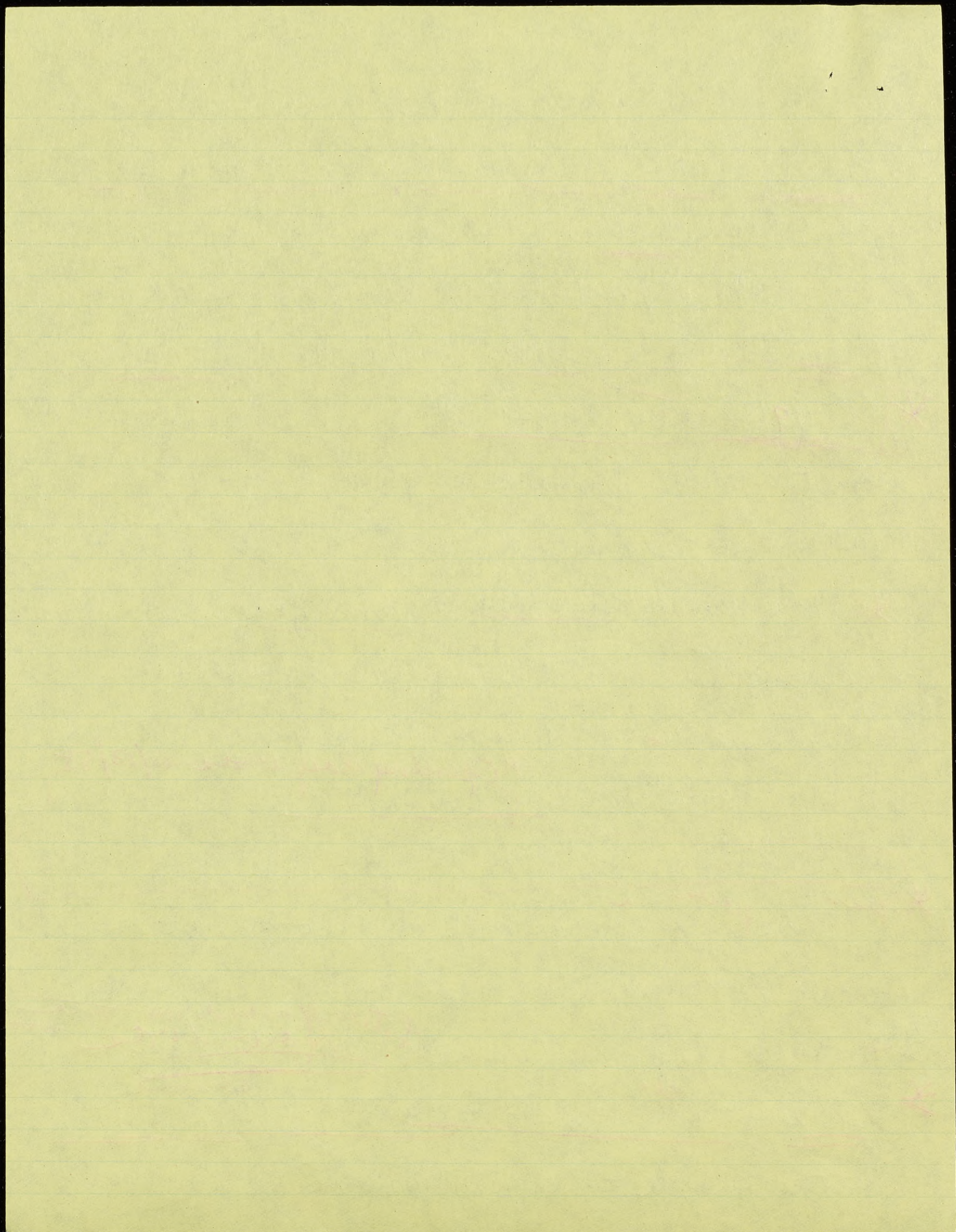
more recreational programs." I said,
 "Sincerely you feel sorry for these 120
children boys that already have their
 baseball equipment + uniforms + they
 don't have a park for their 1st game."

* On ^{Friday} 4/9/58 two days later, Mr. Gene Burd
 from the Hou Chronicle neighborhood paper
 called us to be present at the Park.

* We were thrilled + amazed that
 morning to find the bulldozers leveling
 the ground. Mr. Burd took ~~an~~ picture
 of the ~~three~~ ^{four} of us. * Opening day was 6/13/58
 Mr. E. Luna, Father
 (I Brentine, Judge R Lowrey and me.

* Opening - ^{the park} has baseball diamond, bleachers,
 water fountains, restrooms, lights ⁱⁿ ~~at~~
 backstop, + fence. ^{later, I asked you Jones} How was ^{it}

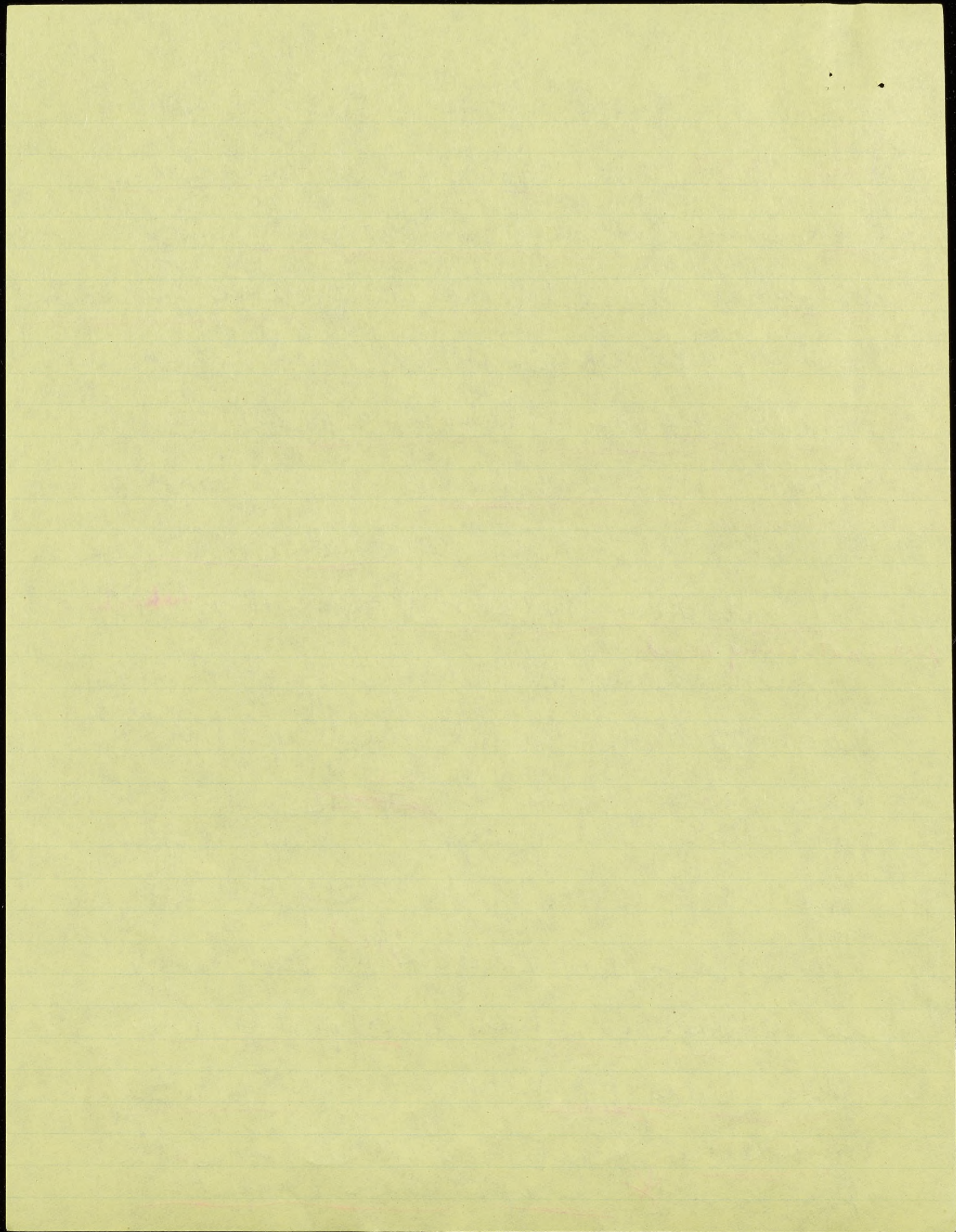
* This Mr. Jones? ^{He said} I asked. "We listen
 to the people that put pressure on us."



We need their votes during election. ^{cc}

In 1959 the land where Magnolia
Park was located on 80th St. was
sold to the city for a freeway extension,
leaving the boys of the Magnolia
Pony League without a place to
play. Mr. Zermeno envisioned
again, to obtain land on Tipps
+ 75th for Mason Park #2, ^{which}
^{was not being used.}

Once again Mr. Z. asked me
to go to a council meeting. ^{Wed 4/20/60} Mr. M.
Krepper, R. Halquin + ^{me} ~~myself~~ were there.
I told the Mayor + councilmen
that the people from Magnolia P
were good tax payers ^{just} as the ones
in River Oaks, Shaysstown +
Westbury Park. + we desperately
needed a park for older boys. The
Pony League. Today, Mason Park #2



has a baseball diamond, bleachers,
water fountains + restrooms, + concession
stand. Opening game ^{was} 5/21/60

In Conclusion Mr. Zernene was an
outstanding, ⁺marvelous person. Always
concerned about the children. In
a way, I am happy that he motivated
me to go to these meetings + ask for
these parks. ~~because~~ ^{Thereby} with my little help
I was ^{instrumental} ~~able~~ to fulfill his dreams
in this respect. ^{and curb juvenile del.} Also the abandoned
house next to us ^{have better water drainage.} was demolished. +
This ^o ~~was done thru the Civic Club.~~

Another thing I want to point
~~out~~ This wouldn't have materialized
without the Civic Club. We need
to ask the city for our needs. After all, ⁷ ~~4~~ ^{taxes}
~~Another point of impo~~
This brings another point —

