

HEARING SCHEDULE
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BEGINNING DECEMBER 9, 2002

Monday, December 9, 2002	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) MEETING HELD.
Wednesday, December 11, 2002	6:00 P.M.	The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue the discussion on the impact of state budget cuts on city arts programs, the status of the report on developing a Cambridge Art survey and an artist space initiative, and possible tools for the city to develop artists' living and work space. (Sullivan Chamber)
Thursday, December 12, 2002	5:30 P.M.	The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issue of recycling in the city. (Sullivan Chamber)

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Friday, December 13, 2002

10:00 A.M.

The Health and Environment Committee will conduct public meetings to discuss the following topics:
-follow up meeting with NSTAR to discuss the report on the exact and projected amount expended on maintenance by NSTAR for the last three years, the report on the outages in the Mount Auburn/Strawberry Hill/Cambridge Highlands area of the city and any energy saving measures NSTAR can offer Cambridge residents and businesses.
(Sullivan Chamber)

Friday, December 13, 2002

11:00 A.M.

-follow up meeting on the issue of noise including leaf blowers with city staff and to discuss a work plan.
(Sullivan Chamber)

Monday, December 16, 2002

5:30 P.M.

Regular City Council Meeting
(Sullivan Chamber)

Wednesday, December 18, 2002

4:30 P.M.

The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss enforcement of panhandling, public drinking, and drug activity in and around Porter, Central and Harvard Squares.
(Ackermann Room)

Monday, January 6, 2003

5:30 P.M.

Regular City Council Meeting
(Sullivan Chamber)

Monday, January 13, 2003

5:30 P.M.

Regular City Council Meeting
(Sullivan Chamber)

Tuesday, January 14, 2003	4:00 P.M.	The Cable TV, Telecom-munications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issue of franchise fees paid to Cambridge by AT&T Broadband for the use of its public ways in light of ruling of FCC that the internet is not a cable service and the possibility of seeking an alternative revenue source. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, January 15, 2003	4:00 P.M.	The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to provide for an Assistant City Manager for Public Safety. (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, January 27, 2003	5:00 P.M.	<i>Special Presentation for Cambridge Public School Art Department showing.</i> <i>Reception in Mayor's Office.</i> (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, January 27, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Tuesday, January 29, 2003	4:00 P.M.	The Cable TV, Telecom-munications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the following: -possibility of Cambridge charging a fee for using the city's right-of-ways for running fiber optic cables -plan to develop a public information cable television spots. (Sullivan Chamber)

Monday, February 3, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, February 10, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, February 24, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, March 3, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, March 10, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, March 17, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, March 24, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, March 31, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

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| 1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as a Constable for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2002:

Nicholas R. Costa, 10 Clark Rd., Groveland, MA 01834 | 1. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-106 , regarding the installation of LED traffic lights and information on the funding for the lights. | 2. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-95 , regarding the status of providing information on the current traffic and parking regulations to the public. | 3. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-104 , regarding a report on the status of having street signs on all streets. | 4. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-109 , regarding a report on the installation of signs being attached to the parking meters at the taxi stand on Brookline Street and increasing the size of the taxi stand to include the loading zone at Brookline Street and Massachusetts Avenue and lengthening the loading zone on Green Street. | 5. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of \$2,980 in the Grant Fund of the Historical Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from the Mass. Cultural Council to be used for operating costs, including purchase of archival materials to conserve and house donated collections, and costs related to educational programs. | 6. ORDER ADOPTED.
8-0-1. |

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| 7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of \$11,000 in the Grant Fund of the Police Department Salary & Wages Account (\$8,000) Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$3,000) from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau to assist in the overtime enforcement of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign which promotes safety by ensuring seatbelts are being worn. | 7. ORDER ADOPTED.
8-0-1. |
| 8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$403,750 in the Grant Fund of the Police Department Salary & Wages Account (\$223,250), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$62,500), and Travel & Training Account (\$28,000) and Extraordinary Expenditures Account (\$90,000) from the Mass. Executive Office of Public Safety to assist in the continuing implementation of a community policing strategy. | 8. ORDER ADOPTED.
8-0-1.

REFERRED TO
PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE ON
MOTION OF VICE
MAYOR DAVIS. |
| 9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$87,500 in the General Fund of the Police Department from the Salary & Wages Account to the Travel & Training Account to provide funds to pay medical bills and lump sum settlements, and for tuition reimbursements. | 9. ORDER ADOPTED.
8-0-1. |
| 10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Nos. 02-108 and 02-102 , regarding the condition of Speridakis Terrace and York Place respectively. | 10. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-103 , regarding the hiring of an Arborist. | 11. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Louis A. DePasquale, 17 So. Normandy Avenue, Cambridge as Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs effective December 2, 2002. | 12. PLACED ON FILE. |

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| 13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-97 , regarding a report on unsafe parking and safety implications of illegal parking on narrow streets and alleyways. | 13. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-107 , regarding a report on the 24-hour truck ban on Putnam Avenue. | 14. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-113 , regarding a report on changes in service by the MBTA for the Night Owl route. | 15. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-98 , regarding a report on including more arts programming on the City's cable station. | 16. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Mass Executive Office of Public Safety through the Community Policing Program for \$38,000 to the DHSP Salary & Wages Account (\$15,417), Travel & Training Account (\$3,500) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$19,083) to fund a part-time coordinator for the No. Cambridge Crime Task Force. | 17. ORDER ADOPTED.
8-0-1. |
| 18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Mass Department of Education for \$17,233 to the DHSP Salary & Wages Account (\$13,738) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$3,495) to continue to provide evening GED classes for Community Learning Center participants. | 18. ORDER ADOPTED.
8-0-1. |

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19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 02-99**, regarding a report on the implementation of the land use and zoning recommendations of the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Study and a timetable for drafting appropriate amendments to the zoning ordinances.

20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Donald A. Drisdell, 51 Standish Street, Cambridge, as City Solicitor, effective December 2, 2002.

19. **PLACED ON FILE.
REFERRED ENTIRE
PACKAGE TO
NEIGHBORHOOD
LONG TERM
COMMITTEE ON
MOTION OF
COUNCILLOR
REEVES.**

**REFERRED
SECTIONS
RELATED TO THE
RIVERFRONT TO
HEALTH AND
ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE ON
MOTION OF VICE
MAYOR DAVIS.**

20. **PLACED ON FILE.**

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-104, regarding a report on the status of having street signs on all streets, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

The goal of the City is to have street name signs at every intersection. Over the last year the Department started using signs with larger letter size and more reflective materials for improved visibility at night. In addition, the old black and white signs that were difficult to see at night have been replaced along with missing signs. Last fiscal year the Department installed 250 missing or defaced street name signs and this fiscal year 90 have been replaced.

Currently, Traffic Engineering personnel prepare work orders for missing street name signs on a daily basis, while performing their daily investigations throughout the City. Notification of missing or defaced signs can be reported to the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department by calling 617-349-4700 or a message can be left for Traffic Engineer Wayne Amaral at 617-349-4723.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-109, regarding a report on the installation of signs being attached to the parking meters at the taxi stand on Brookline Street and increasing the size of the taxi stand to include the loading zone at Brookline Street and Massachusetts Avenue and lengthening the loading zone on Green Street, received from Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From: Susan E. Clippinger, Traffic Director
Date: November 29, 2002
Re: C.O. #02-109 (11-18-02) "Report on the installation of signs being attached to the parking meters at the taxi stand on Brookline Street and increase the size of the taxi stand to include the loading zone at Brookline Street at Massachusetts Avenue and lengthening the loading zone on Green Street."

In response to the above city council order, The Traffic Engineering Division has conducted a site investigation of the area in question. We are very familiar with the traffic regulations and parking behavior in this area and recommend the following.

The first request to install "No Parking Taxi Stand" signs onto the parking meter poles has been attempted many times. The department at one point was replacing these signs weekly due to vandalism and theft. This area is vandalized often and when signs are installed lower than 7 feet, they invite vandals to deface or steal. The existing parking restriction signs on the sign post are also vandalized often, but these signs last for months before the department needs to replace them. The Traffic Engineering Division policy is to no longer install signs on meter poles at this location, due to the maintenance required to maintain.

The second request to increase the size of the taxi stand is understandable due to the lack of available taxi stand parking on Brookline Street. This is due to many vehicles parking illegally in the taxi stand, many of which are unloading and loading equipment into TT The Bear. These vehicles can take up to an hour to unload and load. Unloading at the existing loading zone on Green Street is difficult due to the distance they must carry expensive equipment. The Traffic Engineering Division recommends changing the two unrestricted parking spaces (In front of TT The Bear) after 6PM to "No Parking Loading Zone 6PM to 3AM. By allowing unloading and loading to take place in front of TT The Bear. The existing Taxi Stand should be available for taxis. The Cambridge Police Department has also been requested by this Department to enforce the Taxi Stand in the evening hours.

The final request to lengthen the loading zone on Green Street has been investigated. Currently, there are two large loading zones on Green Street, Between Brookline Street and Economy Hardware. The Loading Zone closes to Brookline Street is 40 feet in length and has times 7AM-6PM. The Traffic Engineering Division will change these Loading Zone to 24-hours a day. This 24-hour Loading Zone will increase unloading and loading options for both Man Ray and TT The Bear. The other Loading Zone on Green Street is 75 feet in length and is located behind Economy Hardware. This Loading Zone will remain as is.

The Traffic Engineering Division believes that these changes will allow for taxi parking and organize the unloading and loading in the area. The Division will be conducting site inspection over the next six months to see if these improvements enhance the operation for this block of Brookline Street.

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-106, regarding the installation of LED traffic lights and information on the funding for the lights, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

The Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department has completed the first phase of the city's multi-phase LED traffic signal head conversion program. This phase consisted of upgrading 12 intersections from standard lamps to LED lamps. These locations included many intersections on Broadway, Hampshire Street and Cambridge Street. Last week, the department forwarded a request to NStar for reimbursement for Phase 1. NStar's reimbursement covers roughly 75% of the cost of the LED insert, while the city pays for the installation.

The second phase of the city's LED traffic signal head conversion has started and should be completed within the next 75 days. These locations include all the intersections on Massachusetts Avenue from Waterhouse Street to the Arlington town line and the intersections of Quincy Street at Broadway and Cambridge Street. The Traffic Engineering Division is currently working on the list for Phase III. Phase III is scheduled to start in April 2003.

Preliminary data has shown an average savings of 60% on the traffic signal electric bills. Some intersections have seen savings of 80%, while others has just over 30%. Overall the savings are extensive and once the Traffic Engineering Division has completed the citywide conversion to LED's, the savings can be over \$100,000 a year.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-95, regarding the status of providing information on the current traffic and parking regulations to the public, please be advised of the following:

The Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department is in the process of preparing a new traffic regulation rulebook, which will be available by the first of the year. In the meantime, copies are available at the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department located at 238 Broadway. When the new rulebook is completed, it will be available at various public buildings and on the City's web site.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby transmitting notification of the appointment of the following person as a Constable for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2002:

Nicholas R. Costa, 10 Clark Road, Groveland, MA 01834

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

December 9, 2002

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$2,980 in the Grant Fund of the Historical Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance Account. Funds were received from the Massachusetts Cultural Council Department and will be used for operating costs, including purchase of archival materials to conserve and house donated collections, and costs related to educational programs.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

December 9, 2002

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$11,000 in the Grant Fund of the Police Department Salary and Wages Account (\$8,000) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$3,000). The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau has awarded funds to assist in the overtime enforcement of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign which promotes safety by ensuring seatbelts are being worn. The campaign will be conducted from November 2002 through September 2003.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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December 9, 2002

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$403,750 in the Grant Fund of the Police Department Salary and Wages Account (\$223,250), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$62,500), Travel and Training Account (\$28,000) and Extraordinary Expenditures Account (\$90,000). The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety has awarded funds to assist in the continuing implementation of a community policing strategy in Cambridge, which focuses on reducing crime and improving the quality of life for all citizens.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

December 9, 2002

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting a transfer of \$87,500 in the General Fund of the Police Department from the Salary and Wages Account to the Travel and Training Account. A portion of the funds will be used as judgement and damages for the payment of medical bills and lump sum settlements (\$80,000). The remainder (\$7,500) will be used for tuition reimbursements.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-107, regarding a report on the 24-hour truck ban on Putnam Avenue, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

The City of Cambridge was granted a nighttime truck ban on Putnam Avenue from the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) on November 22, 1996. In 1999, the Department requested that the truck ban be modified to be in effect 24-hours a day. That application had not been acted upon prior to the initiation of the Regional Truck Study. Once the study commenced, MHD put all pending truck restriction applications on hold pending the outcome of the study. When the Regional Truck Study recommendations were published, they included a 24-hour truck ban on Putnam Avenue. The City again requested the Putnam Avenue 24-hour ban in August of 2001. The response from MHD to the City dated September 23, 2002 said that if the bans on River and Western were lifted that they would grant us a 24-hour ban on the section of Putnam Avenue between Massachusetts Avenue and River Street. The City is not interested in lifting the bans on River Street and Western Avenue. Because MHD declined to implement the recommendations of the Regional Truck Study, the City Manager has proposed that the truck restrictions, including the 24-hour restriction on Putnam Avenue be implemented through a proposed new zoning ordinance.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-98, regarding a report on including more arts programming on the City's cable station, Cable Television Director Calvin Lindsay reports the following:

Over the past year, the Department has made a concerted effort to increase the City's arts related offerings and have been successful in securing a number of arts acquisition series' that have been running on the channel for some time. The list of the titles includes programs from *The National Gallery of Art*, *The Lannon Video Series*, *Literary Culture* and the *Kennedy School of Government Arco Forum Series*.

The *National Gallery of Art Series* is an art series that explains and examines the history and significance of various pieces of art that are housed in the Washington D.C. National Gallery. The *Lannon Video Series* is a series where the viewing audience gets a chance to hear nationally renowned poets read their works and then hear from the artists on the motivations and inspirations behind their work. *Literary Culture* is a series that we produce in association with the main branch of the Cambridge Public Library, which features the work of authors, both local and national. As a part of *Literary Culture*, the Department also presents an in-depth interview with the authors. Finally, the Department's broadcast association with the *Kennedy School of Government Arco Forum Series* allows us to present forums on artists and public art. As an example of the *Arco Forum Series*, in December we will air a program titled *The Power of Arts To Affect Public Attitudes*.

The Department has also produced programs highlighting the annual grant/funding process that the Cambridge Arts Council sponsors and is working closely with the Executive Director to develop a program that will serve as a presentation forum for the many artists in Cambridge.

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Adding the *Classic Arts Showcase* on Cable Television as referenced in the attachments of the Council Order requires satellite downlink capabilities. The Cambridge School Department has these capabilities and has agreed to record the program series. *Classic Arts Showcase* is a gift from the Lloyd E. Rigler-Lawrence E. Deutsch Foundation, created in an effort to increase interest in the arts. *Classic Arts Showcase* is a collection of Hollywood movie classics that are made available free of charge, to non-commercial broadcast outlets. The “rights” on all of the films have been cleared so that there are no copyright issues to deal with. The Department has filed an application with the producing agency to allow us the ability to start recording from the satellite.

It is anticipated that this series will be aired on Channel 8 by the end of January, 2003.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

December 9, 2002

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Reports Nos. 02-108 and 02-102 regarding the condition of Speridakis Terrace and the paving of York Place respectively, please be advised of the following:

Funds have been appropriated for the repaving of Speridakis Terrace; this work will take place in the summer of 2003. In the mean time, the Department of Public Works will patch sections of the street as soon as the weather allows, to temporarily improve the condition of the street.

The repaving of York Place has not yet been funded; however, it will be placed on the list for consideration in FY04. In the interim, we will continue to monitor the condition of the pavement and patch if necessary.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

December 9, 2002

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 02-103 regarding the hiring of an Arborist, please be advised that the Public Works Department will be conducting final interviews for this position this week. We hope to have a City Arborist hired in January, 2003.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-113, regarding a report on changes in service by the MBTA for the Night Owl route, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

City staff have attended a Night Owl service presentation by the MBTA to the MBTA Advisory Board. The presentation covered ridership and cost statistics for the first year of the Night Owl pilot project.

Generally, cost-effectiveness is based on compliance with the MBTA's 1996 Service Delivery Policy stating that net cost per passenger must be less than three times the average cost per passenger (therefore less than \$3.30).

Only six of the 17 Night Owl routes are operating within Service Delivery Policy guidelines. The Red Line-Alewife service is among these six, and this route will continue to operate with some modifications. The route will be extended, and certain system-wide modifications will apply (both changes are detailed below). Due to heavy ridership, there will also be an additional outbound departure at 2:15 am.

Other routes through Cambridge did not perform as well. The following table illustrates nightly ridership and cost per passenger for Cambridge Night Owl routes:

Route	Ridership	Cost/pass
Red-Alewife	231	\$0.86
Route 1 (Night)	68	\$4.59
Orange – Forest Hills (via Lechmere)	71	\$6.24
Route 66 (Night)	50	\$7.16
Route 77 (Night)	30	\$7.41

Due to system-wide low ridership at certain times, the 1:00 am outbound departure and any inbound Government Center arrivals after 2:30 am will be eliminated from all routes discussed here. The 1:00 am trips had low ridership, likely due to their being only a short time after the last subway trips. The 2:30 inbound trips had low ridership because most of the passengers were traveling outbound at that time.

The route 77 (Night) service will be combined into the Red Line – Alewife Night Owl service. The Alewife route will be modified on outbound runs to extend to Arlington Center, with local stops along Massachusetts Avenue from Harvard Square to Beech Street, and from Alewife Brook Parkway to Arlington Center. Inbound runs will start from Alewife, with local service along Massachusetts Avenue from Beech Street to Harvard Square.

The 1 (Night) and 66 (Night) routes will continue operating, but at a reduced frequency. Service frequency on route 1N frequency will be reduced from every 20 minutes to every 30 minutes. Route 66N will operate hourly while current frequencies vary from 20 to 30 minutes.

The Orange Line - Forest Hills Night Owl service (via Lechmere) will not have any changes other than the system-wide changes noted above.

These changes will be effective on December 28, and, along with other Night Owl service modifications, are expected to result in a savings of approximately \$1 million annually.

Very truly yours.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-99, regarding a report on the implementation of the land use and zoning recommendations of the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Study and a timetable for drafting appropriate amendments to the zoning ordinances, received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development

Date: December 3, 2002

RE: Calendar Item #1 dated November 4, 2002: Implement the land use and zoning recommendations of the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Study and a timetable for drafting appropriate amendments to the zoning ordinances.

In response to the above referenced order, we report the following.

The Cambridgeport Neighborhood Study made zoning recommendations in six general areas:

1. Zone city parks to the Open Space zoning designation.
2. Reinforce and support existing clusters of retail activity within the residential neighborhood.
3. Create Overlay Districts along Memorial Drive and River Street to control the scale of development and ensure public notice of significant new construction.
4. *Review the appropriateness of modifications to the Office 3 District at Memorial Drive.*
5. Manage transitions between zoning districts of differing heights and use characteristics
6. Mandate the distribution of affordable units in all housing developments at University Park.

In each of these areas substantial progress has been made either officially through recent, often citywide, zoning initiatives or as a result of new building construction that is consistent with those objectives and effectively precludes further inappropriate development. The following narrative summarizes the progress to date on each recommendation and the Department's suggestion for additional actions that will complete the implementation of all of the Study's zoning recommendations.

1. Designate City Parks in Cambridgeport as Open Space on the Zoning Map

PROPOSED ACTION: Submit implementing zoning language to the City Council in February 2003.

2. Neighborhood Retail Areas

The Study noted how small corner stores added to the neighborly quality of life in Cambridgeport. While some of those retail stores are located within existing retail zoning districts on the Zoning Map, others are isolated, non-conforming operations within the prevailing neighborhood Residence C zoning district. The study recommended making the operation of these small stores easier by placing them in an appropriate zoning district that would render them conforming.

The opportunity for advancing the objective has been enhanced by the consideration of a new neighborhood business (NB) district category by the City Council and the Planning Board. The new district, which would allow small retail establishments only on the ground floor of residential buildings, adds a valuable option when consideration is being given to allowing retail uses at locations in a neighborhood that is currently zoned exclusively for residential uses.

That proposed new NB district, if adopted by the City Council, would be added to the existing neighborhood business district options already available in the Zoning Ordinance: The Business A, Business A-1 and Business A-2 districts. In addition, the Business A district has been made more useful as a regulatory tool within the Study's planning context since a citywide change in 1997 reduced the allowed height for housing from eighty-five feet to forty-five feet.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- ?? Citywide reduction in the permitted residential height limit from 85 feet to 45 feet in all Business A Districts.
- ?? Proposed new neighborhood business zoning district under consideration by the City Council and the Planning Board.

The Neighborhood Study called out the following areas for review:

- a. Brookline Street at Putnam Avenue. The commercial establishments in this area are already located within a Business A-1 district.

PROPOSED ACTION: No further action is recommended at this location.

- b. Pearl Street between William and Lopez Streets. There do exist retail establishments here, located in the Residence C district. Analysis of current land use conditions and outreach to potentially affected property owners is needed to determine which of the retail district options, if any, would be most appropriate to serve the Study's objective of

supporting neighborhood stores while protecting the predominately residential character of the area.

PROPOSED ACTION: Submit implementing zoning language to the City Council, after appropriate outreach, by the end of the Fiscal Year 03.

c. Pearl Street at Putnam Avenue. Existing commercial activities are located in a Business A-1 district.

PROPOSED ACTION: No further action is recommended at this location

d. Lower Cambridgeport between Brookline and Sidney Streets. The area is zoned as a Residence C or Residence C-1 district and is entirely residential.

PROPOSED ACTION: No further action is recommended at this location

e. River Street. This area is currently zoned as a Business A district. While hosting a scattering of retail stores, the area is principally residential in character. To preserve that residential character, which the Business A zone could put at risk, while also allowing small Mom and Pop neighborhood stores, the new neighborhood business district is under consideration by the City Council and the Planning Board.

PROPOSED ACTION: This zone change is now under consideration by the City Council and Planning Board.

f. Magazine Street. Existing commercial activities are scattered along the street. All are non-conforming within the applicable Residence C district. Analysis of current land use conditions and outreach to potentially affected property owners is needed to determine which of the retail district options, if any, would be most appropriate to serve the Study's objective of supporting neighborhood stores while protecting the predominately residential character of the area.

PROPOSED ACTION: Submit implementing zoning language to the City Council, after appropriate outreach, by the end of the Fiscal Year 03.

3 & 4. Memorial Drive and River Street Overlay Districts and the Office 3 District

New construction in the area and citywide zoning changes have dramatically altered the physical and/or regulatory environment here since the Committee made its recommendations. The Bread and Circus retail complex at River Street and the office and housing development along Putnam Avenue and Pleasant Street at the former Polaroid site have essentially fixed the development pattern for almost this entire block for the foreseeable future. Many of the Committee's use and transition concerns for this area have been met in fact with this recent construction. What remains from a regulatory perspective is to acknowledge these physical and use changes with appropriate, companion changes to the Office 3 zoning district to reflect the new reality.

In the adjacent Business A district, at the former Stop and Shop site, the reduction in the height premium for housing in that district from eighty-five feet to forty-five feet has effectively implemented a large portion of the Study's transition goals for that area.

With the adoption of the citywide, Article 19.000 procedures for review of developments of 25,000 square feet or more in all commercial and high-density residential districts, any significant land use changes in this area will trigger the application of urban design standards or full public review through a special permit process at the Planning Board.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- ?? Citywide reduction in the permitted residential height limit from 85 feet to 45 feet in all Business A Districts.
- ?? Citywide reduction in the permitted non-residential FAR from 3.0 to 2.0 in the Office 3 district; reduction in the permitted non-residential height in the district from 120 feet to 90 feet.
- ?? Citywide requirement for special permit review of all development of 50,000 square feet or more in all non-residential districts, including the Office 3 district and Business A districts.
- ?? Citywide requirement for conformance to building and site plan standards for all development of 25,000 square feet or more in all non-residential districts, including the Office 3 and Business A districts.

The following actions are appropriate in this area to complete a response to the Study's recommendations:

a. Memorial Drive Overlay District. Application of design standards (e.g. landscaping, location of parking, building character, etc.) for development abutting Memorial Drive from Magazine Street to River Street, through an overlay district, would ensure that small changes in the future conformed to a consistent design vision for Memorial Drive, much as the City has attempted to accomplish in Alewife through the Parkway Overlay District. A similar proposal is under consideration for the portion of Memorial Drive between River Street and JFK Street.

PROPOSED ACTION: Submit implementing zoning language to the City Council, after appropriate outreach, in Fiscal Year 04.

b. Replacement of the Office 3 District. Given the recent pattern of new development in the Office 3 zone between River and Pleasant Streets, some of which is permitted in an Office 3 district while other development was allowed by variance, that district's provisions no longer reflect the use and dimensional character that has been established. That character is likely to persist for decades to come. Alternate districts could confirm what is already present while eliminating any possibility, still present in the Office 3 district's dimensional limits, for substantially more development at a greater scale in the future on already-developed sites.

Among the alternate districts that might be considered for specific areas are: a Business A designation (FAR of 1.0 commercial/1.75 for housing and a height of 35 feet commercial/45 feet for housing) **or** A-2 designation (FAR of 1.0/1.75 and a height of 45 feet) for the retail development at Putnam Avenue and River Street; a Residence G-3 designation (FAR of 3.0 and a height of 120 feet) for the 808 Memorial Drive residential tower; an Office 2 designation (FAR of 1.50/2.0 and a height of 70/85 feet) for the office portion of the recent Polaroid site development; and a Residence C-1A designation (FAR of 1.25 and a height of 45 feet) or Residence C-2B designation (FAR of 1.75 and a height of 45 feet) for Polaroid's residential component.

PROPOSED ACTION: Submit implementing zoning language to the City Council, after appropriate outreach, in Fiscal Year 04.

River Street Overlay District

The Study recommends an overlay district along River Street out of concern that the then applicable provisions of the Business A district could allow substantial development that would transform the area, without adequate public review. In the interim, as previously noted, the height premium previously allowed for residential development in the Business A district was eliminated in a citywide change to that district's provisions. In addition, potential zoning changes now before the City Council and the Planning Board regarding River Street would substantially reduce the density of development allowed, essentially precluding the kind of large scale, disruptive development that was of such concern to the Cambridgeport Study Committee. Adoption of the proposed new neighborhood business district along River Street, in combination with already-adopted citywide project review provisions, would accomplish all of the objectives the Study's overlay district recommendation was meant to address.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- ?? Citywide reduction in the permitted residential height limit from 85 feet to 45 feet in all Business A Districts.
- ?? Proposed new neighborhood business zoning district under consideration at the City Council and the Planning Board.

PROPOSED ACTION: No further action is recommended at this location

5. Transitions

Changes to the zoning regulations since formulation of the Study's recommendations, physical changes as a result of recent construction in Riverside, and action on the items outlined above will result in full implementation of the Committee's recommendations on transition issues in the Neighborhood.

PROPOSED ACTION: No further action is recommended.

6. Affordable Housing at University Park

University Park, operating under the provisions of Article 15.000 of the Zoning Ordinance, has fully complied with its housing obligations with the construction of more than 400 units of housing with about 30% of them affordable to low and moderate-income households. Because the Cambridgeport Revitalization Development District has a more extensive affordable housing requirement than the subsequently-adopted Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, Section 11.200 was not made applicable to University Park when the requirement was adopted citywide. The Study recommended that the 15% inclusionary housing requirement be applied to each individual residential building constructed at University Park, a requirement not imposed by Article 15.000 (CRDD District).

As the City chose on two occasions to exempt University Park from any further affordable housing requirements, i.e. at the time of adoption of Section 11.200 citywide and during consideration of zoning changes to all of the city's non-residential districts during the Citywide Rezoning planning process, the Community Development Department does not recommend any further action on this Study recommendation.

PROPOSED ACTION: No further action is recommended.

December 9, 2002

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety through its Community Policing Program for \$38,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries and Wages account (\$15,417), Travel and Training account (\$3,500), and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$19,083) to fund a part-time coordinator for the North Cambridge Crime Task Force who will help create and maintain programs of public safety in North Cambridge as well as office supplies, training, and the annual National Night Out event.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

December 9, 2002

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education for \$17,233 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries and Wages account (\$13,738) and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,495) to continue to provide evening GED classes for Community Learning Center participants. The Salaries and Wages allocation will cover a portion of the salaries of the Technology Coordinator, Curriculum Developer, and Lead Teacher with the Other Ordinary Maintenance allotment covering certain operating costs for the program.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Louis A. DePasquale, 17 South Normandy Avenue, Cambridge as Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs effective December 2, 2002.

I have attached Mr. DePasquale's resume for your information.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Donald A. Drisdell, 51 Standish Street, Cambridge, as City Solicitor effective December 2, 2002.

I have attached Mr. Drisdell's resume for your information.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-97, regarding a report on unsafe parking and safety implications of illegal parking on narrow streets and alleyways, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

The Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department has and will continue to work closely with the Police Department and the Fire Department to continue to identify public and private ways where parking obstructs emergency vehicle access. Since the establishment of the Traffic Department, the City has posting "No Parking" restrictions on roadways that have been identified as problem locations.

The Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Police Department aggressively enforce public safety restrictions throughout the city. The major public safety restriction found throughout the city is the minimum 20-foot corner clearance. This restriction is a Massachusetts State Law, as a result, sign posting is not required. However, the Traffic Department does sign this restriction at intersections with high vehicle congestion.

Other public safety restrictions include, parking within 10 feet from a public or private fire hydrant, and on narrow public and private roadways and access roads. On narrow roadways and access roads the Massachusetts State Law requires that 10-feet of clearance remains accessible at all times. As a result of this state law many narrow streets within the city have a "No Parking" public safety restriction on one side or both sides of the street.

Currently, illegally parked vehicles on the public way are tagged during the Parking Control Officers daily route assignment. Both Police Department and the Traffic Department also enforce these restrictions if a complaint is received. On private ways the Police Department enforces public safety restrictions on a complaint basis only.

The Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Police Department have issued over 110,000 parking tickets for public safety violations this year. The penalties range from \$100 for obstructing a Handicapped Access Ramp, \$25 for parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant and \$15 for all other violations. Current Massachusetts State Law limits the maximum penalty amount to \$15.00 for many public safety violations, including corner clearance and obstructing narrow streets. The Traffic Department does not have the authority to increase the penalty amount without State Legislation.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

MASSACHUSETTS

**City Council Calendar No. 23
Monday, December 9, 2002**

At 5:30 P.M.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Murphy on Applications and Petitions #1 of November 25, 2002 an application from Thomas Anninger requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 122 Hamilton Street.

PLACED ON THE TABLE ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MURPHY.

ON THE TABLE

2. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

3. Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

4. Order #19 of September 9, 2002 requesting the City Manager to direct the Community Development Department to make maximum use of CPA funds to develop affordable housing that is permanently affordable, such as limited equity cooperatives and condos.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

5. Order #17 of October 7, 2002 requesting the City Manager to appoint someone to speak with Neighbors for a Better Community to explore possible collaboration.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

6. Applications and Petitions #1 of November 18, 2002 an application from John Kennedy requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 33 Walker Street.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. Petition from Harvard University requesting a sub-surface easement located between 1720 and 1737 Cambridge Street for the purpose of constructing an underground pedestrian and service tunnel beneath Cambridge Street.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

8. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to Section 11.200 to increase linkage fees paid by developers of commercial housing seeking special permits to increase density or intensity of use.

The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after November 11, 2002.

This petition expires December 31, 2002.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

9. Transfer, reduction and authorization of \$1,800,000 from the North Cambridge railroad underpass project for the following purposes: \$700,000 improvements to Cambridge Street, \$600,000 Miscellaneous Building Renovations and \$500,000 Area Four Open Space Project – Phase I.

The question comes on adoption on or after December 9, 2002.

LOAN ORDER ADOPTED.

8-0-1.

FINAL PUBLICATION NUMBER 2970

First Publication Number 2969. First Publication on November 27, 2002.

City of Cambridge

In City Council

November 25, 2002

ORDERED: That \$1,800,000 of the unexpended balance of the \$1,900,000 bonds dated December 1, 2000 issued for the North Cambridge railroad underpass project under the loan order passed May 15, 2000 shall be transferred to the following purposes and the appropriation made under such May 15, 2000 order shall be reduced by \$1,800,000:

\$700,000	Improvements to Cambridge Street
\$600,000	Miscellaneous Building Renovations
\$500,000	Area Four Open Space project – Phase I

and, further, that the borrowing authorized for the improvements to Cambridge Street project under the loan order passed May 17, 1999 shall be reduced by \$700,00 that the borrowing authorized for the Miscellaneous Building Renovation Project under the loan order passed May 17, 1999 shall be reduced by \$600,000 and that the borrowing authorized for the Area Four Open Space project – Phase I under the loan order passed May 21, 2001 shall be reduced by \$500,000.

In City Council December 9, 2002.

Adopted by a yea and nay vote.

Yeas 8; Nays 0; Absent 1.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

**APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002**

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| 1. An application was received from Jill Toney, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 45 Creighton Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Two neighborhood associations received letters. One neighborhood association has disapproved and one neighborhood association responded that as a group they are evenly split, half for and half against. | 1. CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR DAVIS. |
| 2. An application was received from STA Travel, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 12 Elliot Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Departments and abutters. | 2. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 3. An application was received from Desfina Restaurant, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 202 Third Street. | 3. REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER WITH POWER. |

**CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002**

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| 1. A communication was received from Cambridge Young Men's Christian Association, owners of 448, 450 and 438 Green Street, transmitting written protest to the Riverside/Carlson zoning petition. | 1. REFERRED TO THE PETITION. |
| 2. A communication was received from Cambridge Electric Light Company, owners of 24-46 Blackstone Street, 25-45 Blackstone Street and 217-229 Putnam Avenue, transmitting written protest to the Riverside/Carlson zoning petition. | 2. REFERRED TO THE PETITION. |
| 3. A communication was received from Harvard Planning and Real Estate, owners of 890 and 880 Memorial Drive, 28 Hingham Street, 381, 387 and 389 Western Avenue, 27 Elmer Street, 2,3, and 6 Athens Terrace, 35, 37R 41-43, 49 Banks Street, 1,15 and 17 Cowperthwaite Street, 3-5, 4,6, 6.5, 7, 8, 9-11, 12, 13, 15-15.5 and 17 Grant Street, transmitting written protest to the Riverside/Carlson zoning petition. | 3. REFERRED TO THE PETITION. |
| 4. A communication was received from Myopia Trust, owners of 300 Putnam Avenue, transmitting written protest to the Riverside/Carlson zoning petition. | 4. REFERRED TO THE PETITION. |
| 5. A communication was received from Hansa Realty Trust, owners of 353-363 Allston Street, transmitting written protest to the Riverside/Carlson zoning petition. | 5. REFERRED TO THE PETITION. |
| 6. A communication was received from Chiccarelli Real Estate, Inc., owners of 423-429 Franklin Street, 198 River Street, 342 Putnam Avenue, 354 Allston Street and 359-361 Western Avenue, transmitting written protest to the Riverside/Carlson zoning petition. | 6. REFERRED TO THE PETITION. |
| 7. A communication was received from Putnam Street Realty, LLC, owners of 340 River Street, 339, 371 and 375 Putnam Avenue, transmitting written protest to the Riverside/Carlson zoning petition. | 7. REFERRED TO THE PETITION. |

**CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002**

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| 8. A communication was received from Oaktree Franklin, LLC, owners of 363 Franklin Street, transmitting written protest to the Riverside/Carlson zoning petition. | 8. REFERRED TO THE PETITION. |
| 9. A communication was received from Anna Realty Corporation, owners of 279 Pearl Street, 275-277R Putnam Avenue and 90 Western Avenue, transmitting written protest to the Riverside/Carlson zoning petition. | 9. REFERRED TO THE PETITION. |
| 10. A communication was received from Kerry Corner Improvement Association, regarding the Riverside/Carlson zoning petition. | 10. REFERRED TO THE PETITION. |
| 11. A communication was received from Kerry Corner Improvement Association, regarding the response to Harvard's Letter on the Riverside/Carlson zoning petition. | 11. REFERRED TO THE PETITION. |
| 12. A communication was received from Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director, Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, regarding the Required Fiscal Year 2004 Appropriation. | 12. REFERRED TO THE CITY MANAGER. |
| 13. A communication was received from Elizabeth Dunn, regarding the curb cut application for 33 Walker Street. | 13. REFERRED TO TABLED ITEM #6 |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002**

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| 1. Extending appreciation to SEA Consultants for being a good neighbor to the Cambridge Community.
Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership | 1. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 2. Congratulating Theo Epstein in being named General Manager of the Boston Red Sox.
Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 2. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 3. Congratulating the Cambridge Home for the Aged and Infirm, presently known as Neville Manor, on being placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 3. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 4. Resolution on the death of Ida Delle Sherwin.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 4. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 5. Resolution on the death of Mary J. O'Hare.
Councillors Galluccio, Toomey and entire membership | 5. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 6. Resolution on the death of Luella Wadsworth.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 6. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 7. Encouraging the people of Cambridge to seek opportunities to help one another during this holiday season and to attend the planned Christmas Party.
Councillor Reeves and entire membership | 7. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 8. Resolution on the death of Sondra M. Darling.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 8. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 9. Resolution on the death of Robert H. McGaughey.
Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 9. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 10. Resolution on the death of Anne C. McGinness.
Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 10. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 11. Congratulating the men and women on graduating from the Lowell Police Academy.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 11. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 12. Resolution on the death of Anna M. Bossolo.
Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 12. ORDER ADOPTED. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002**

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| 13. Resolution on the death of Barbara Adams.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 13. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 14. Resolution on the death of Deolinda Souza.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 14. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 15. Resolution on the death of Joyce W. Bailey.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 15. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 16. Resolution on the death of Peter P. Tavilla.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 16. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 17. Resolution on the death of Paul A. Kuhn.
Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 17. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 18. Resolution on the death of Judge Francis P. Cullen.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 18. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 19. Resolution on the death of Lillian R. Cutter.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 19. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 20. Resolution on the death of Sister Simon Morrissey C.S.J.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 20. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 21. Resolution on the death of Ambrogio Minuno.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 21. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 22. Congratulating Nancy E. Glowa on her appointment as Deputy City Solicitor, effective December 2, 2002.
Councillor Maher, Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership | 22. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 23. Congratulating Donald A. Drisdell on his appointment as City Solicitor, effective December 2, 2002.
Councillor Maher, Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership | 23. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 24. Congratulating Louis DePasquale on his appointment as Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs, effective December 2, 2002.
Councillor Maher, Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership | 24. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 25. Resolution on the death of Edward J. Maloney.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 25. ORDER ADOPTED. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002**

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| 26. Resolution on the death of Mary Ann Clarke.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 26. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 27. Congratulating the newly elected 2002-2003 Cambridge School Committee Student Representatives.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 27. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 28. Congratulating the newly elected 2002-2003 CRLS Student Government Leaders.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 28. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 29. Congratulating the Genzyme Corporation officials receiving the Massachusetts Association of School Committee Award.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 29. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 30. Resolution on the death of Thomas M. Celata.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 30. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 31. Welcoming Mr. Collins to the City of Cambridge and thanking him for his visit.
Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership | 31. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 32. Congratulating the Cambridge Domestic Violence Program, in coordination with the City Manager's Office, the Cambridge Health Alliance, the Cambridge Police Department, and the Cambridge School Department on their recognition from the National Crime Prevention Council.
Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership | 32. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 33. Congratulating Dr. David Osler, Associate Chief of Pediatrics at the Cambridge Health Alliance on being the first recipient of the "Extraordinary Service to MassHealth Members Award."
Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership | 33. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 34. Resolution on the death of Richard C. Jarvis, Sr.
Mayor Sullivan, Councillors Simmons, Maher and entire membership | 34. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 35. Welcoming Luis Fernandes to Cambridge and urging all Cantabrigians to be cognizant of this worthwhile and informative event.
Councillor Reeves and entire membership | 35. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 36. Congratulating Out of the Blue Gallery celebrating their grand re-opening.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 36. ORDER ADOPTED. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002**

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| 37. Honoring and congratulating Mary Mercy Parkinson who was honored as part of this years Kwanzaa celebration at Andover Academy.
Councillor Reeves and entire membership | 37. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 38. Happy Birthday to Mr. George “Chip” Greendidge.
Councillor Reeves and entire membership | 38. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 39. Resolution on the death of Carmine A. Vara.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 39. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 40. Resolution on the death of Bessie J. Demakis.
Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 40. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 41. Resolution on the death of Ruth M. Sullivan.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 41. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 42. Extending sincere sympathy to Jackie O’Neill.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 42. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 43. Congratulating C.L.A.B., MIT, Harvard College, Leslie University and the House of Blues for their efforts to put a stop to underage drinking and create a fun filled environment for students.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 43. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 44. Congratulating the founders of California Pizza Kitchen in opening of their fantastic restaurants in our City and with them great success.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 44. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 45. Congratulating the graduates of the Middlesex Sheriff’s Department’s 29 th Basic Training Academy and wish them good luck in the future.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 45. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 46. Resolution on the death of Irene C. Vittello.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 46. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 47. Congratulating Elio Centrella on his retirement.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 47. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 48. Congratulating Crystal Johnson on her co-authorship of the soon-to-be released book, <i>Soul Sister’s Diary</i> .
Councillor Decker and entire membership | 48. ORDER ADOPTED. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002**

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| 49. Expressing best wishes to Tripp Jones in his new position as Senior Vice President at the Mentor Network.
Councillor Decker and entire membership | 49. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 50. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Sylvia Piltch.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 50. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 51. Congratulating Charles J. Ogletree on his 50 th birthday.
Councillor Simmons and entire membership | 51. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 52. Congratulating the winners of the Cambridge NAACP 2003 Martin Luther King Award.
Councillor Simmons and entire membership | 52. ORDER ADOPTED. |

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002**

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| 1. That Sections 2.84.030 and 2.84.050 of Chapter 2.84, COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES, also known as "THE KIDS' COUNCIL" be amended.
Mayor Sullivan | 1. REFERRED TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A HEARING BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS |
| 2. Requesting the City Manager to consult with the officials of the MBTA about replacing the glass on the sides of the Harvard Square T Shop.
Councillor Maher | 2. ADOPTED AS AMENDED. |
| 3. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Fire Chief to find an equitable solution to the problem of carbon monoxide alarms sounding in fire stations.
Councillor Maher | 3. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 4. Requesting the City Manager to send an official correspondence from the City of Cambridge to all CPA's and tax preparation services in Cambridge, as verified by the IRS to discourage promotion of rapid refund loans to EITC filers/recipients.
Vice Mayor Davis and Mayor Sullivan | 4. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 5. Thanking the Cambridge Arts Council for their work on the paint signal boxes program.
Vice Mayor Davis | 5. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 6. Requesting the City Manager to develop a plan for designing and installing "Welcome to Cambridge" signs, possibly through a competition open to the public.
Vice Mayor Davis | 6. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 7. Requesting the City Manager to report on the suspension of Turner Classic which was moved to the digital package, from the basic cable package.
Councillor Maher and entire membership | 7. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 8. The issue of community policing specifically as it relates to the grant from the Mass Executive Office of Public Safety be referred to the Public Safety Committee.
Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership | 8. ORDER ADOPTED AND REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. |

O-1.

December 9, 2002

MAYOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That Sections 2.84.030 and 2.84.050 of Chapter 2.84, COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES, also known as "THE KIDS' COUNCIL" be amended as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Chapter 2.84:

1. That Section 2.84.030 entitled Membership – Appointment – Term under Sub Section A be added:

"or a designee of the City Manager;"
(insert directly after "The City Manager")

"or a designee of the Commissioner of Health and Hospitals;"
(insert directly after "The Commissioner of Health and Hospitals")

After amendment, the above two items of Sub Section A will read:

"The City Manager or a designee of the City Manager;"

"The Commissioner of Health and Hospitals or a designee of the Commissioner of Health and Hospitals;"

2. That Section 2.84.050 entitled Officers – Quorum – Rules and Regulations- Committees under Sub Section C be modified to read (underline text replaces strikethrough text):

"Eleven members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business that requires the vote of the Council and all decisions shall be made by majority vote of the Council members present and voting."

After amendment, Sub Section C will read:

"Eleven members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business that requires the vote of the Council and all decisions shall be by majority vote of the Council members present and voting."

**REFERRED TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A HEARING BY
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS**

O-2.
ORIGINAL ORDER

December 9, 2002

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the officials of the MBTA about replacing the glass on the sides of the Harvard Square T stop opposite the Cambridge Savings Bank, this glass has been damaged by acid graffiti and if this graffiti occurred on property owned by private residents or a commercial entity it would be mandatory that the glass be replaced.

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AMENDED ORDER

December 9, 2002

COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the officials of the MBTA about replacing the glass on the sides of the Harvard Square T stop opposite the Cambridge Savings Bank, this glass has been damaged by acid graffiti and if this graffiti occurred on property owned by private residents or a commercial entity it would be mandatory that the glass be replaced; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a round table of the City Council to discuss this issue and that the General Manager of the MBTA and appropriate officials be invited to this meeting.

In City Council December 9, 2002.
Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

O-3.

December 9, 2002

COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Fire Chief to find an equitable solution to the problem of carbon monoxide alarms sounding in fire stations, especially those stations near residential homes.

In City Council December 9, 2002.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

O-4.

December 9, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is the nation's largest and most effective anti-poverty policy, lifting an average of 5 million Americans above the poverty line each year, through a tax credit claimed on federal and state income taxes (see attached report on EITC); and

WHEREAS: An estimated \$1.75 billion in EITC refunds in 1999 were diverted toward paying for tax preparation, electronic filing, and high-cost refund loans; and

WHEREAS: A taxpayer claiming an EITC of \$1500 will, on average, spend more than 10 percent of this amount on tax preparation, electronic filing, and costly rapid refund loans if they use a commercial tax preparer; and

WHEREAS: Free tax preparation services for low-income families and individuals provide for significant savings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to promote free tax preparatory services in Cambridge to the public, utilizing all available means, including city cable, Internet, the Library, and any pertinent public notices; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested, with the assistance of the Economic Development division of the Community Development Department, to send an official correspondence from the City of Cambridge to all Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) and tax preparation services in Cambridge, as verified by the Internal Revenue Service national database of electronic return originators, discouraging the promotion of rapid refund loans to EITC filers/recipients; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested, with the assistance of Economic Development, to send an official correspondence from the City of Cambridge to all CPAs and tax preparation services in Cambridge, as verified by the IRS national database of electronic return originators, encouraging that the extra fee, if charged, for preparation of schedules that accompany a claim for the EITC be waived; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested, with the assistance of Economic Development and the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, develop and send an official correspondence from either the City of Cambridge or the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce to Cambridge employers promoting Advanced Earned Income Tax Credit to assist employees in obtaining a portion of their credit in advance of tax season, as well as the benefits it provides employers by increasing pay and promoting employee retention.

In City Council December 9, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

O-5.

December 9, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City Council has established as a community value the unique character of our city; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Arts Council has undertaken a program to paint signal boxes, that normally would be canvasses for graffiti, with wonderful works of art; and

WHEREAS: This program shares our community value for the unique character of our city by removing/covering graffiti, discouraging further graffiti, and promoting the arts in Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record thanking the Cambridge Arts Council for their work on this program; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Arts Council on behalf of the entire City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on expanding this program to include the signal boxes in and around the city's squares.

In City Council December 9, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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December 9, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop a plan for designing and installing "Welcome to Cambridge" signs, possibly through a competition open to the public.

In City Council December 9, 2002.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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December 9, 2002

COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the suspension of Turner Classic which was moved to the digital package, from the basic cable package.

In City Council December 9, 2002.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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December 9, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the issue of community policing specifically as it relates to the grant from the Mass. Executive Office of Public Safety be referred to the Public Safety Committee.

In City Council December 9, 2002.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee, for a meeting held on October 16, 2002 to receive an update on the library construction project.

REPORT ACCEPTED. PLACED ON FILE.

2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Anthony D. Galluccio, Chair of the Housing Committee, for a meeting held on November 6, 2002 to discuss the future of federal subsidies at 2 Mount Auburn Street and methods to address the housing needs of families with incomes of 80% to 120% of median income, including inclusionary zoning and the new moderate-income homeownership program.

REPORT ACCEPTED. PLACED ON FILE.

Committee Report #1

**PUBLIC FACILITIES, ART AND
CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
*Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair
Councillor Anthony D. Galluccio
Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves*

In City Council December 9, 2002

The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee held a public meeting on October 16, 2002, beginning at 4:40 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber in order to receive an update on the library construction project.

Present at the hearing were Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Committee, Mayor Michael A. Sullivan, Vice-Mayor Henrietta Davis, and Elaine McGrath, City Clerk's Office. Also present were Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager, Susan Flannery, Director of the Cambridge Library, Bertha A. Chandler, Cambridge Public Library, Lisa Peterson, Commissioner, Department of Public Works, and Charles Sullivan, Executive Director, Historical Commission. Also in attendance were Alan Burne, Library Project Director, Philip Gray of William Rawn Associates, Nicole Groleau and Pamela Hawkes of Ann Beha Associates, Doane Perry, Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association, and Karen Carmean, Cambridge Tree Project.

Councillor Murphy convened the hearing and asked for an update on the status of the library project.

Mr. Rossi explained that the city has provided a lot of information in different formats on the library construction project, including information on the city's web site, public meetings, weekly design meetings between the city and the architects, and the appointment of an 18-member Design Advisory Committee (DAC) to give feedback on the project. Mr. Rossi stated that the city had chosen the design team through a designer selection process, and negotiated a contract that included provisions for public information and input throughout the process. He introduced Alan Burne, who directs the library project, and asked him to provide an overview.

Mr. Burne stated that he has worked on a number of public projects, including Cambridge Hospital, and is familiar with the requirements of public construction projects including the need to inform the public and get their input. Mr. Burne explained that this meeting was not to introduce new material, but to review the process so far. He stated that there have been various outreach efforts, including a website for information; information about the process has also gone to 300 abutters. In addition, Ms. Flannery noted that information about meetings has been sent to 100 community agencies and organizations.

Mr. Burne reviewed the chronology for the project (**Attachment A**). Throughout the process, Mr. Burne has worked with the DAC to identify their goals and objectives for the project. Once these were identified, the architects created four schemes to locate the new library on the site. Among other considerations, the design team in particular believed that the old design for the site was important, and tried to factor it into their designs. Historically, the site had more buildings on it.

Using posterboards, Mr. Burne then described four conceptual schemes for placing buildings in the space around the library; these are “massing” diagrams, which configure the buildings and open space in different ways. The first scheme, the “West” Scheme, connected the library to Rindge and Latin School in a way that created a “canyon” between them, a design that was criticized by the DAC. For this reason, the West Scheme dropped to a lower priority. A second, “straddling” scheme would link library buildings with light wells. This would preserve the historic characteristics of the buildings but raised questions about operations. A similar design in other libraries, such as the Malden Library, results in closed areas of the expanded library because there is not enough staff to supervise the new and old wings. The third, “East” Scheme, required building up to four stories in order to achieve the goal of 95,000 square feet of space for the library. The DAC’s opinion is that this would overshadow the current library and is too high a scale for the space. A fourth, “Far East” Scheme, received the most favorable comment from the DAC. In this scheme, there would be a two-story building close to the library, with two-and three-story buildings nearby. Construction would extend into the tennis courts, which would be rebuilt, along with parking, at a lower level. The DAC and the architects agreed that this model had the greatest benefit to the library program. At the same time, there was lots of negative comment from neighbors, who felt that the plan would take too much of the current park space. Responding to the concerns of abutters, Mr. Rossi noted that, according to the landscape architects, the neighbors, especially on Ellery Street, would gain a lot from the design in Scheme Four, which would make major improvements in the Ellery Street landscape. Mr. Burne is reviewing all of the schemes and after the upcoming DAC committee, will present two additional schemes, including a possible combination of Schemes Three and Four.

Mr. Rossi reviewed the projected schedule for the project. He expects that by the end of November or December 2002, the team will settle on a conceptual approach for the design process, with schematics developed and approved by March 2003. The city is scheduled to review and approve design development by September 2003 and to review and approve construction documents by March of 2004. The schedule provides for the bid award to occur by mid-May 2004. Construction is scheduled to begin in June of 2004, with completion in September of 2006 and occupation in September-December 2006. Mr. Burne indicated that depending on the comments received from the public regarding the various diagrams, something may change in the design and this could add a couple of weeks to the schedule. Mr. Rossi noted that each scheme, as well as any subsequent modifications, has to go before the DAC.

Vice-Mayor Davis raised a number of questions about the proposed designs. She asked about side views and Mr. Burne offered a photo interpretation of what these would be. Ms. Davis also asked about the relocation of the tot lot; her opinion was that it was important to keep the tot lot close to the children’s room. Mr. Burne responded that the architects were not at that part of the design yet; they were looking at where volumes would go on the site. This is the conceptual part of the design, with schematics, including placement of the tot lot, to be addressed in a later phase. Mr. Rossi also noted that there was disagreement in the DAC about where the tot lot should go. From a programmatic standpoint for the library, Ms. Flannery expressed her concern that it would be difficult to have direct access to the tot lot from the library if people can leave the library with books. According to Mr. Rossi, the tot lot location will be discussed in upcoming meetings.

Vice-Mayor Davis also inquired about how the design would relate the library to the high school, and specifically, if there had been outreach to the school in the design process. Mr. Rossi responded that there were ongoing discussions with Mr. Maloney, John Silva, the principal, and Caroline Hunter. Vice-Mayor Davis is particularly concerned that the architects observe how students actually use the space. Mr. Burne indicated that he observes the students at the site from his office and also consults with library staff on this issue. Ms. Davis emphasized that from a parent's point of view, it was important to observe how students use the site, especially at busy times like 2:30 P.M., in determining how to place buildings and paths. Mr. Rossi noted, however, that the design was not open-ended; the information from students and other users of the site, while valuable, might lead to a design that was otherwise unacceptable, for example, for reasons of cost. According to Mr. Rossi, there are not a lot of options for the design. Vice-Mayor Davis emphasized that her concern was that the decision process include all the stakeholders and that they receive and are able to contribute to basic information before a decision is made. She asked Mr. Burne to make sure the architectural team interviews students before deciding on a design. Mr. Rossi assured her that this is being done in the library design process.

Councillor Murphy commented that the one attractive aspect of the "Far East" design was that it breaks down the walls between the school and the library, and asked what the thinking was behind that. According to Mr. Gray, historically there was no wall between the school and the library. It was built to protect the library. What the architects have in mind for the new design is a form of public common. Vice-Mayor Davis asked what the team plans to do about the views of the backs of buildings. Mr. Gray stated that this issue requires a lot of attention, in order to avoid dead-end corridors and to allow people to move through the site. Mr. Rossi has asked the design team to look at spaces used by the public in Greater Boston to create an attractive public space at the library. As an example of a space that needs improvement, Vice-Mayor Davis pointed to the field house, where graduation exercises are held now; it has two ways of access through an unattractive passage. The DAC has also raised issues of access in the redesign.

Councillor Murphy asked if there was any public comment. There was no response.

Vice-Mayor Davis asked how the team plans to keep the council involved and informed. Mr. Rossi responded that there is a design book that will be updated periodically and distributed to the Council, containing information on meetings and topics in the process. He suggested that perhaps the committee should ask the Council what kind of information, and in what form, would be useful to update Councillors. In addition, Mr. Burne is available day to day for any questions. There is also a page on the city website for the library department that provides all information to date on the project. Vice-Mayor Davis expressed concern that there is too much paper and too little time for the Council to digest everything; at the same time, the design team needs to get Council input as soon as possible, since the school issue is critical. Mr. Rossi summarized the efforts at outreach so far: meetings with school staff and the city to address site, building and safety concerns, the DAC meetings with the architectural team, and public meetings to inform the community. One possibility to get more input from the school would be to appoint a second school committee member to the DAC.

Ms. Flannery is currently setting up a Teen Advisory Committee for the library and is in contact with the high school librarian; she will ask the School Committee to form a committee of kids to get ideas about the library design.

Mr. Rossi plans to talk to Mr. Bates about the plans for the tennis courts. According to Vice-Mayor Davis, Human Services runs the tennis program; the overlay of users at this location requires coordination. Regarding the green space issue, Vice-Mayor Davis commented that not all green spaces are the same or can function as parks. Depending on the division of space, the public would use the site in different ways. She defers to the architects on how to design spaces that people can use, and asked Mr. Gray to address this issue.

Mr. Gray stated that the team has a skilled landscape architect to design the space. Currently, there are several different uses including an area that functions like a “private room”, and a wooded area near the high school. The design team wants to preserve open and private areas by locating parking under the park, if possible, similar to the design of Post Office Square in Boston. The architects do not want to create a lawn that is subservient to the buildings. The team is trying to improve on the park and fix problems, while preserving what works. Mr. Rossi indicated that the city is not trying to change Lorenz Park.

Vice-Mayor Davis then asked about several design features at the site. She inquired if there will be a problem with planting in shallow ground because the MBTA Red Line runs underneath. Mr. Rossi responded that the city has solved other difficult situations like this, for example, in Danehy Park, by adding fill to a surface. Vice-Mayor Davis also remarked that mechanicals such as the headhouse, vents and ramps, must be designed to address neighborhood concerns. Mr. Rossi indicated that abutters’ concerns would be taken into account in the design. While placement of mechanicals is a tough construction problem, Mr. Rossi asserted that the city has the right team to think through it and solve it; Mr. Burne has been working to include these in the building, rather than on roofs or in shrubbery. In response to Vice-Mayor Davis’s question about whether the shuttle bus route and bike racks were included in the design, Mr. Rossi stated that they were. Ms. Flannery also noted the need for parking for baby carriages. On the issue of whether the renovated library building would be an energy-efficient “green” building, Mr. Rossi stated that it would meet the highest “green” standard achievable within cost constraints, given the challenges of retrofitting an old building. As a general matter, Mr. Rossi pointed out that there were many more steps on the way to a final design, and that specific concerns would be addressed in the process.

Mayor Sullivan noted that there will be a joint School Committee/City Council presentation on the status of the library project on October 22, 2002.

Mr. Rossi then addressed construction issues. He noted that Mr. Burne has experience in several huge state building projects, and that the city also has experience in building projects in residential neighborhoods where local concerns have to be accommodated. The greatest disruption will occur in the early stages of construction; ideally, the construction will coincide with the end of the school year. Mr. Burne stated that there will be demolition. In response to questions from Vice-Mayor Davis, Mr. Rossi said that the architects will be coordinating with Harvard University in the Cambridge Street part of the project, as required by their contract with

the city, and that Lorenz Park may have to be used for staging, given the space constraints, although it is too soon to tell now.

Mr. Perry from the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association offered a suggestion for the project's web site. He noted that the current web site lists each of the proposed schemes with a list of pros and cons from the DAC. He feels it would be useful if other people could also comment on the schemes on the web, which would allow them to offer input and information that could improve the design. Mr. Burne said that every letter or e-mail that is received is forwarded to the architectural team, but he doesn't know if they appear in the matrix for the DAC. Mr. Rossi commented that the members of the DAC were selected to represent the community's interests and that this is the procedure for comment; all other public comments are brought to the attention of the architects.

Ms. Carmean of the Cambridge Tree Project asked why the plan did not keep the existing curving angle of the driveway to the library entrance, which would save three big trees and keep the lot in its current location. Mr. Burne responded that the landscapers took into account the site's original plan, its history, and the discussion about a continuation of Trowbridge Street straight to the library, and factored these into the general scheme. However, this is not the final design phase; the schemes are just ways to understand what makes sense as ways of putting volumes in space. Mr. Rossi pointed out that, in fact, none of the schemes would remove trees. According to Ms. Flannery, another consideration in changing the driveway was to create a clear vista to the library entrance; by changing the layout of Trowbridge Street, the street will end with the library as the destination. Currently, there is a lack of visibility and presence for the library from the street, with the library obscured by buildings and greenery. It is important to the library staff and trustees to celebrate the library as an important presence on the site.

Councillor Murphy thanked those present for their participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair

Committee Report #2

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Councillor Anthony D. Galluccio, Chair
Councillor Marjorie C. Decker
Councillor Brian Murphy
Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves
Councillor E. Denise Simmons*

In City Council December 9, 2002

The Housing Committee held a public hearing on November 6, 2002 beginning at 5:15 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of continuing to discuss the future of federal subsidies at 2 Mount Auburn Street and methods to address the housing needs of families with incomes of 80% to 120% of median income, including inclusionary zoning and the new moderate-income homeownership program.

Present at the hearing were Councillor Anthony D. Galluccio, Chair of the Committee, Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Brian Murphy, Councillor E. Denise Simmons and D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Darcy Jameson, Housing Director, Community Development Department (CDD), Chris Cotter, Housing Division, CDD, Cassie Arnot, Housing Division, CDD, Robert Vining, Housing Division, CDD, and Dan Wuenschel, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA). Present for Harvard University were Mary Power, Senior Director of Community and Government Affairs, Jim Barrow, Office of Community and Government Affairs, Susan Keller, Director of Residential Real Estate, Harvard Planning and Real Estate, Alexandra Driley, Assistant Director of Residential Real Estate, Harvard Planning and Real Estate and Justin Deri. The following members of the public attended the meeting: Hedwig E. Pocius, 2 Mt. Auburn Street, Kathleen Williams, 2 Mt. Auburn Street, Selma O'Brien, 2 Mt. Auburn Street, Steve O'Neill, 2 Dodge Street and Mary Reed, Eviction Free Zone.

Councillor Galluccio convened the hearing and explained the purpose. He began with the issue of 2 Mount Auburn Street and invited Ms. Jameson to initiate the discussion. Ms. Jameson introduced the members of her staff present and then requested that Mr. Weunschel provide an update on the status of the subsidies at 2 Mount Auburn Street.

Mr. Weunschel explained that 2 Mount Auburn Street, a ninety-four-unit complex for low income elderly/disabled persons owned by Harvard University, was built in the early 1970's under a federal subsidy program known as the "10C" program. The "10C" program no longer exists. Last year HUD informed the CHA that since the program no longer exists, there is no longer a "10C" budget for these subsidies and the program funds are running out. The CHA and HUD have been looking for a source of funds. At this time the issue rests almost entirely with HUD. The federal bureaucracy moves slowly, but CHA staff contact HUD about this issue on a regular basis. Mr. Weunschel said that most likely the new subsidies would be Section 8 subsidies. He explained that there exist legislation and regulations that allow the use of Section 8 funds for building under other expiring use programs, but the 10 C program is not included in the list of programs for which such use is authorized.

Ms. Jameson said that CDD staff have been working with a very knowledgeable housing consultant to research possible avenues of funding that HUD could use for this building.

Councillor Galluccio questioned the likelihood of HUD resolving this problem much before the expiration date of the use restriction and said that if HUD is not going to find a solution soon, then he would hope that Harvard would provide written assurance of the intention to keep the building as affordable housing as long as subsidies are available and of the intention to actively seek such subsidies. He invited the representatives of Harvard University to comment.

Ms Powers said that Harvard is interested in engaging in a collaborative and cooperative discussion on the many issues that touch on Harvard-owned residential property and the responsibility of the university to house more of its own community, as has been requested by the City Council. Harvard wants to explore maintaining affordability at 2 Mt. Auburn Street past 2012, but Harvard also needs to explore how to use its property to address university needs and city needs as well. They would like to have a thoughtful discussion of how this building could fit into an overall discussion of how Harvard can best use its property to the benefit of the city and the university. Additionally, Harvard supports the principles of inclusionary zoning and would like to utilize these principles in its development of housing both for its community and in furtherance of the city's goal of inclusion.

Councillor Galluccio cautioned that it is not in the best interests of Harvard, the tenants of 2 Mt. Auburn or the city to have this building used as a bargaining chip in a neighborhood negotiation. Councillor Galluccio said that he is hearing two contradictory messages from Ms. Power. On the one hand, Harvard wants to keep the building affordable. However, if the city government shuts down Harvard's attempts to meet its own housing needs in other ways, Harvard may need to use this property to meet its own needs.

Ms Power agreed that this might be a factor. She said that Harvard can provide part of the assurance that Councillor Galluccio is looking for. Harvard can commit to working towards finding the funding to keep this building affordable during the use restriction, but cannot make a commitment to maintain the building as affordable housing past 2012.

Councillor Murphy said that he certainly understands the concern that a subsidy source must be found if Harvard is to keep the building affordable past the date that the use restriction expires. However, the City has a very strong policy to make every possible effort to keep expiring use buildings affordable after the use restriction expires, and has applied this policy in every expiring use building in Cambridge, regardless of who owns the building. Clearly, the City will expect Harvard to commit to maintaining affordability if a source of funding to maintain affordability can be found, just as it would expect such a commitment from any other owner of an expiring use building.

Councillor Galluccio requested that Harvard inform the City Council in writing of what commitments it can and cannot make. If Harvard cannot commit at this time to keeping the building affordable past the date of the expiring use, even if subsidies to maintain the affordability are available, the City Council should know that now, not 10 years from now. However, in light of the inevitably painful, even catastrophic effect on the relationship of the university with the city government and the citizens that putting this building to another use

would have, he would suggest that Harvard make such a commitment now and get credit for being a good neighbor.

Councillor Simmons agreed that such a commitment would be a win-win event for the City, Harvard and the tenants. It would be better not to have this conversation for the next ten years.

In response to a question from Councillor Galluccio, Ms. Powers said that Harvard would provide written response within a month.

Councillor Murphy asked if the Massachusetts Congressional delegation has been helpful, and whether they have been approached yet. Mr. Weunschel said that they have not yet sought assistance from the legislators because he believes that it is still too soon to involve them. The CHA wants to work with the federal administrators first, but is certainly not averse to involving the federal legislators if it becomes necessary.

Councillor Galluccio then invited public comment.

Hedwig Pocius, 2 Mt. Auburn Street, said that she hopes that the CHA is looking for project-based subsidies, to make sure that in addition to protecting the current tenants, the affordability remains in the city of Cambridge. There is no funding to cover the replacement of 94 affordable units in Cambridge. Ms. Pocius emphasized that Harvard must understand that the residents of 2 Mt. Auburn Street are not students. They are adults and permanent residents and do not want to be treated like students. Ms. Pocius also said that the tenants are requesting an ombudsperson, someone who is not part of the building management, to speak to the tenants.

Ms. Jameson informed Ms. Power that Just-A-Start has a tenant/landlord mediation program that could perhaps be useful in this respect.

Kathleen Williams, 2 Mt. Auburn Street, stated that she is a 14-year resident of the building. She does not know a lot about the expiring use issue. She is not yet a senior citizen, but she is 55 years old and disabled. It is very frightening to her to think that she may be turned out of her home in ten years. She had expected to live there for the rest of her life.

Selma O'Brien, 2 Mt. Auburn Street, stated that she is a new tenant and commended the committee for strong support of the tenants and of keeping the building affordable. She said that she was troubled by Harvard's approach, which seemed unnecessarily confrontational.

Councillor Galluccio then moved to the issue of housing assistance for residents with incomes above 80% of median income. He noted the Council's interest in adjusting the income eligibility units for the residents of the affordable units that residential developers are required to provide under the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance and requested an update from the CDD. Ms. Jameson said that in response to City Council concern, CDD has been looking at how to address the housing needs of middle-income residents being priced out of Cambridge. One way that CDD has responded is through the new moderate-income homeownership program. However, the CDD staff recommends keeping the income limits for the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance at

80% of moderate income. When staff members analyze what is affordable in Cambridge, especially in view of recent decreases in rent, the needs of lower income residents are much more insurmountable. People earning between 100% and 120% of median income really do have some options in the city. There are a good number of units available.

Councillor Galluccio asked about the current income eligibility for inclusionary units. Ms. Jameson responded that incomes must be no greater than 80% and are targeted at incomes of 65% of median income. The average income of occupants falls between 50 and 80%.

Councillor Galluccio asked what Boston's income limits and average incomes are for its inclusionary zoning program. Mr. Cotter said that for the rental units, eligibility for half of the units is 50% of median income or less and for the other half, the limit is 80% of median income. For homeownership, half the units eligibility is capped at 80% and half at 120%, with an overall target of 80%.

Councillor Galluccio said that he believes the income eligibility limit for rental units has increased, and requested that CDD check the current figure. He added that he continues to be concerned that CDD does not track the requests for assistance. It is very important for the City Council to know the demographics of the residents seeking housing. Members of the City Council believe that they know the community and who is leaving because of housing costs and are convinced that especially over the last five years, moderate-middle income residents are being priced out. He would not have a problem with CDD's recommendation if CDD had data about the requests and market data, but he is not comfortable with setting income limits based on philosophy. He wants to see data about the market demand in Cambridge, and he does not want Cambridge residents to lose the inclusionary zoning opportunities presented by the residential development that will take place in North Point. He is not suggesting that the 15% requirement be changed, nor is he suggesting that all of the affordable units be made available to higher income residents. Perhaps the City should look at trying to target some units to residents with incomes of 80% to 100% of median income. These decisions should be made in the context of actual information about what income residents are being forced to leave Cambridge because of housing costs.

Councillor Decker said that she is not sure how she feels about increasing the income limits. However, she agrees with Councillor Galluccio about the need for real information on which such a decision must be based. She would also like information and statistics about who is at the shelters, who goes to the Multi Service Center. Councillor Decker stated that she would like the following information as well:

- ?? What is the average salary for employees of the City of Cambridge, not department heads, but paraprofessionals, support staff, etc., and what housing assistance they qualify for?
- ?? What would a family with two adults, two kids and a household income of \$60,000 be able to afford, and what assistance would they qualify for?
- ?? How is the new Census data being used to shape housing policy?

Councillor Decker also requested information about the possibilities of affordable housing at 238 Broadway. She said that she wants to know that the City's affordable housing staff is at least looking at the issue.

Ms. Jameson said that CDD does look at the market data on a regular basis. She would be happy to provide a summary of that information for the committee. With regard to using the new Census data, she informed the committee that one of the challenges of working with the data is that the income data is not tied to data about household size. In response to the issue of collecting data about the income of those contacting CDD about affordable housing, while it would be difficult to get information about past telephone calls, it would be possible to analyze applications that have been submitted and to track the interest in the new middle-income homeownership program.

Councillor Galluccio said that he feels that it is essential that every person who calls to inquire about affordable housing be sent an application with a return envelope or encouraged to come in and fill out an application.

Councillor Simmons asked about outreach and suggested that CDD put the name of a contact person on its information sheets about affordable housing programs. Ms Jameson described the outreach for the new program, which included sending information to all the nonprofits, to all the schools for the kids to take home to parents, to the libraries, CDD's data base of applicants, ads in newspapers, the cable channel and the website.

Councillors Decker and Simmons suggested sending 10 copies to each City Councillor.

Councillor Galluccio suggested working with the School Department on outreach. It is through the schools that the families who really want to stay in Cambridge can be found. Developing relationships with principals and after school programs.

Councillor Simmons asked who decides what housing gets built, for example, the size of the units, whether the housing is rental or homeownership; all of these decisions end up being decisions about who will live in Cambridge. Ms. Jameson said that the goal is to serve a variety of housing needs. Particular units and buildings are often determined by market opportunities. The issue of rental versus homeownership often depends on the site.

Councillor Murphy asked that the information requested by the committee on demographics, market demand, the Boston eligibility limits, and any other requested information which may pertain to amending the inclusionary zoning income eligibility limits be provided by early December in light of the time constraints for Council action on the pending petition to amend the ordinance.

Mary Reed, Eviction Free Zone, suggested more limited equity co-ops and condominiums and using Section 8 funds for homeownership. She added that the committee should look at the waiting list for public housing as a part of the information about the demographics of housing need in Cambridge.

Councillor Galluccio thanked all those present for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. on motion of Councillor Murphy.

For the Committee,

Councillor Anthony D. Galluccio, Chair