

**HEARING SCHEDULE
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BEGINNING MAY 14, 2001**

Monday, May 14, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Tuesday, May 15, 2001	4:00 P.M.	The Government Operations, Rules and Claims will conduct a public meeting regarding the evaluation of the City Clerk and the issue reappointment. (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, May 16, 2001	2:00 P.M.	The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the services offered to Cambridge residents by Bunker Hill Community College Satellite Campus. (Ackermann Room)
Thursday, May 17, 2001	4:00 P.M.	The Government Operations, Rules and Claims will conduct a public meeting to discuss the proposed creation of a new position/office to provide assistance and information to Cambridge residents/citizens. (Ackermann Room)
Monday, May 21, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Tuesday, May 22, 2001	4:00 P.M.	The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting on condition of housing at Fresh Pond Apartments. (Sullivan Chamber)

City of Cambridge does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The City Council will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures to person with disabilities upon request. Contact the Office of the City Clerk 349-4260, tty/TDD 349-4242.

Tuesday, May 22, 2001	6:00 P.M.	The Government Operations, Rules and Claims will conduct a public meeting to discuss changing the way the Mayor is selected. (Sullivan Chamber)
Thursday, May 24, 2001	10:30 A.M.	The Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on renovations to City Hall. (Sullivan Chamber)
Tuesday, May 29, 2001	4:30 P.M.	The Ordinance Committee will conduct a second hearing on the Special District 8 zoning petition. (Sullivan Chamber) This hearing is televised.
Wednesday, May 30, 2001	3:00 P.M.	The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue to discuss extended day, youth centers and other afterschool programs. (Ackermann Room)
Monday, June 4, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 11, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Roundtable Meeting Discussion with the Election Commission. Informal meeting with no public comment, at which no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, June 13, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee hearing on zoning. (Sullivan Chamber)

Monday, June 18, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 25, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Friday, June 29, 2001	12:30 P.M.	The Economic Development, Training and Employment will conduct a public meeting with the Superintendent of Schools and the Principal of the high school to discuss the School to Careers Program and to present the survey results entitled "Education and Skill for New Cambridge Economy. Patterns of Employment in New Economic Sectors." (Ackermann Room)
Wednesday, July 18, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, July 30, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, August 22, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, September 10, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, September 12, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, September 17, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, September 24, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, September 26, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Monday, October 1, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, October 10, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, October 15, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, October 22, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, October 24, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

MAY 14, 2001

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2001:

Without Power

Cristina Carosella, 63 Porter Street, Malden, MA 02148

Anthony Rizzuto, 34 Line Street, Somerville, MA 02143

With Power

John Scichilone, 31 Avon Drive, Hudson, MA 01749

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-182**, regarding a report on notifying abutters of sewer/water repairs or replacement.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-181**, regarding a report on the status of constructing a skate park.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$110,000 in the Public Investment Fund of the Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account from Free Cash for the purpose of retaining a consultant team to carry out the completion of the Riverside planning study.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 to the Grant Fund License Commission (Consumers' Council) Salary & Wages \$14,000, Travel & Training (\$1,500) and Other Ordinary Maintenance (\$4,500) from the Attorney General's Office to be used for a part-time mediator/special project assistant, training, and a law student work study contract.

May 14, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-181, regarding a report on the status of constructing a skate park, Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein and Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold report the following:

An in-house team comprised of Greg Garber from the Department of Public Works, Rob Steck from the Community Development Department and Paul Ryder from the Department of Human Services, Recreation have visited both pre-fabricated and site designed skate parks in Andover, Stoneham and Winchester. In addition, Paul Ryder has met with a group of interested Cambridge youth in order to get their feedback on the establishment of a skate park in Cambridge.

The next step in this process will be to formalize a committee to research and assess the feasibility of locating a skate park in the City. As part of the analysis, various possible sites will be identified and evaluated. The analysis will also include a look at physical layout, liability issues, noise and other factors that will go into any siting. Based the analysis, the committee will prepare a report for your review on recommended sites, schematic design and cost analysis.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

May 14, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-182, regarding a report on notifying abutters of sewer/water repairs or replacement, Acting Public Works Commissioner Richard Rossi reports the following:

Over the past several years all of the City's major sewer separation and stormwater contracts have required that abutters be notified any time a scheduled roadway or utility shutdown is planned. The DPW has taken extra steps in all of these areas, often notifying abutters several times before a utility shutdown occurs. These notifications have included not only water and sewer work but also the other impacted utilities such as electric, gas, telephone, and cable. In some of our smaller contracts such as the remedial reconstruction contract, it is often difficult to get notification to abutters due to the nature of the work. While this contract does have some scheduled work the majority of the work performed is done on an emergency basis and the duration is typically one to two days. As always, the DPW continues to be extremely limited with our issuance of permits which allow (City or private) contractors to close roadways. Unfortunately with any type of underground excavation and construction, unforeseen conditions often makes it impossible to avoid emergency shutdowns.

The DPW is committed to providing information to residents with regard to roadway closures, utility shutdowns, community meetings, or any other situations that impact communities. The Department will continue to send copies of notifications to City Council members.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

May 14, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby transmitting notification of the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2001:

Cristina Carosella
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Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

May 14, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$110,000 in the Public Investment Fund of the Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account from Free Cash. This will supplement \$100,000 of previously appropriated funds for the purpose of retaining a consultant team to carry out the completion of the Riverside planning study, working with the Riverside Study Committee and city staff. This study will update the 1992 neighborhood study, analyze potential future growth in the neighborhood, and recommend zoning and non-zoning measures to address planning concerns identified during the study process.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

May 14, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 to the Grant Fund License Commission (Consumer's Council) Salary & Wages Account (\$14,000), Travel & Training Account (\$1,500) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$4,500). During the FY01 budget process, a partial grant of \$27,000 from the Attorney General's Office was appropriated. This additional appropriation brings the total Attorney Generals' grant award to \$47,000, equal to what has been appropriated in past years. The funds will be used for a part-time mediator/special project assistant, training, and a law student work study contract.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

MASSACHUSETTS

**City Council Calendar No. 13
Monday, May 14, 2001**

At 5:30 P.M.

ON THE TABLE

1. Consent Agenda #17, relative to a Preservation Easement for 2 Holyoke Place (Fly Club).
2. Order submitted by Councillor Davis to draft new rezoning proposal for Riverside Neighborhood adjacent to Western Avenue.
3. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.
4. An order introduced by Councillor Reeves regarding an allocation for a planning study for Riverside.
5. Committee Report #2 of February 5, 2001 from the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for the purpose of evaluating the process used by the City Council to evaluate the City Manager.
6. Consent Communication #7 of March 19, 2001, and Calendar Item #3 of April 2, 2001 regarding notification of a new address for 127 Sixth Street from Owen O’Riordan, City Engineer.

7. Committee Report #1 of April 23, 2001 regarding a meeting held on March 27, 2001 for the purpose of discussing whether a zoning prohibition of lodging houses in Residence C and C-1 zoning districts is consistent with the City's goal of promoting affordable housing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. Appropriation and authorization to borrow \$500,000 for the first phase of improvements to Harvard Square. The question comes on adoption on or after May 21, 2001.
9. Appropriation and authorization to borrow \$15,000,000 for extensive renovations to the War Memorial facility. The question comes on adoption on or after May 21, 2001.
10. Appropriation and authorization to borrow \$750,000 to begin construction of new open space in Area Four. The question comes on adoption on or after May 21, 2001.
11. Appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,865,000 to supplement the \$3,240,000 previously authorized for improvements to Cambridge Street. The question comes on adoption on or after May 21, 2001.
12. Appropriation and authorization to borrow \$12,950,000 for several sewer projects. The question comes on adoption on or after May 21, 2001.

**APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001**

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| 1. An application was received from Bertucci's, requesting permission for tables and chairs at the premises numbered 799 Main Street. | 1. |
| 2. An application was received from the Pentecostal Tabernacle, 77 Columbia Street requesting permission for their church band of four members to play at Carl Barron Plaza on Sunday, July 1, 2001 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. | 2. |

**CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001**

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| 1. A communication was received from Margaret and Richard Callahan, transmitting thanks for the resolution presented to them on their 50 th Wedding Anniversary. | 1. |
| 2. A communication was received from Mary F. Aufiero, transmitting many thanks for the beautiful dedication ceremony on her behalf. | 2. |
| 3. A communication was received from the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting a copy of Nstar Gas Company's condensed financial return for the year ending December 31, 2000. | 3. |
| 4. A communication was received from the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting a copy of Boston Edison Company's condensed financial return for the year ending December 31, 2000. | 4. |
| 5. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities, transmitting a copy of Cambridge Electric Light Company's condensed financial return for the year ending December 31, 2000. | 5. |
| 6. A communication was received from East Cambridge Planning Team et al., regarding housing units at 300 Bent Street Telecom building. | 6. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001**

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| 1. Resolution on the death of Alice M. Jackman.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 1. |
| 2. Welcome to ten educators from Armenia arriving in Boston for a three week program focussed on current education issues in Armenia.
Mayor Galluccio | 2. |
| 3. Resolution on the death of Gregory Scott Kolligian.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership | 3. |
| 4. Congratulations to CASPAR on the historical renovation of 11 Russell Street.
Vice Mayor Maher | 4. |
| 5. Recognition to brave women and men of all branches of the service who have displayed courage and dedication to duty as we prepare for the upcoming Memorial Day celebration.
Councillor Toomey | 5. |
| 6. Resolution on the death of Leo E. Ferry.
Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership | 6. |
| 7. Resolution on the retirement of Ann M. Arata from the Cambridge Housing Authority.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 7. |
| 8. Resolution on the retirement of Mitchell Sartanowicz from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 8. |
| 9. Resolution on the retirement of Marion Arthur.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 9. |
| 10. Congratulations to Patricia Moran for receiving her Master's Degree in Creative Arts in Learning from Lesley University.
Mayor Galluccio | 10. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001**

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| 11. Urge Cambridge residents to participate in an International Party on June 2, 2001 from 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church, 239 Harvard Street.
Mayor Galluccio | 11. |
| 12. Urge Cambridge residents to be cognizant of and participate in a concert at the YWCA, 7 Temple Street, Cambridge, on Sunday, May 20, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. featuring Don White.
Mayor Galluccio | 12. |
| 13. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the "Footsteps for Living" event sponsored by the St. Paul A.M.E. Church Margaret Hazel Missionary Society which will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2001 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the St. Paul A.M.E. Christian Life Center.
Councillors Davis and Reeves | 13. |
| 14. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the Police Auction that will take place on May 19, 2001 at the Cambridge Police Station, 5 Western Avenue, Cambridge with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the auction beginning at 10:00 a.m.
Councillor Davis | 14. |
| 15. Support of the Cambridge Public Health Initiative and the "Golden Shoe" Event which promotes walking to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease that will run through the month of May.
Councillor Davis | 15. |
| 16. Congratulations to the 2001 CRLS graduates.
Councillor Reeves | 16. |
| 17. Best wishes to John Clifford, organizer of the Central Square World's Fair and urge all residents to be cognizant of and participate in the Central Square World's Fair which will take place on Sunday, June 3, 2001.
Councillor Reeves | 17. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001**

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| 18. Welcome Mr. Gilbert, an outstanding artist, who will be visiting the City of Cambridge.
Councillor Reeves | 18. |
| 19. Congratulations to Professor Charles Ogletree on his receipt of the Charles Hamilton Houston Medal.
Councillor Reeves | 19. |
| 20. Congratulations to Larry Bacow on his appointment as President-elect of Tufts University.
Councillor Reeves | 20. |
| 21. Best wishes to the 2000 and 2001 CRLS retirees who will be honored at a celebration on Tuesday, June 5, 2001 at the VFW Hall at 688 Huron Avenue.
Councillor Sullivan | 21. |
| 22. Welcome to Zephyr on the Charles, a new restaurant in the Hyatt Hotel, to Cambridge and best wishes for a wonderful Grand Opening event on Thursday, May 10, 2001.
Councillor Sullivan | 22. |
| 23. Congratulations to State Representative Ellen Story on the occasion of her being honored by the Women's Bar Association.
Councillor Decker | 23. |
| 24. Congratulations to Ted La Crone and Amy Tague on the birth of the daughter Julia.
Councillor Decker | 24. |
| 25. Dedication of the O'Connell Branch Library fiction collection in honor of Dolly Duffy.
Councillors Sullivan and Toomey | 25. |

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001**

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| 1. Dedication of an area adjacent to or in the vicinity of the Haggerty School as "CATHERINE RENA SYNNOTT SQUARE."
Vice Mayor Maher | 1. |
| 2. Report on progress toward providing remote access to the city system from home for City Councillors and other senior city employees.
Councillor Decker | 2. |
| 3. Report on internet access to City Council orders and City Manager's responses in a way that allows research and retrieval by subject matter and councillor name.
Councillor Decker | 3. |
| 4. Report on the number of departments where there are written performance evaluations of employees each year.
Councillor Davis | 4. |
| 5. Repaint crosswalks near the Peabody School area.
Councillor Sullivan | 5. |
| 6. Availability of the senior discount card which enables senior citizens to receive discounts at participating stores and how can participation be increased.
Councillor Decker | 6. |
| 7. Proclaim May 19, 2001 as Fair Trade Day in the City of Cambridge.
Councillor Decker | 7. |
| 8. Petition to rezone the Alewife area be referred to the Planning Board and the Ordinance Committee for a hearing and report.
Vice Mayor Maher and Councillor Born | 8. |
| 9. Notify residents in a broader geographic area than is currently the practice regarding upcoming public works projects and provide them with regular updates.
Councillor Born | 9. |

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001**

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| 10. Step up enforcement of the speed limit on Brattle Street.
Councillor Born | 10. |
| 11. Evaluate the need for left turn arrows on existing signals at the intersection of JFK Street and Memorial Drive.
Councillor Born | 11. |
| 12. System whereby utilities and private owners who excavate streets for the purposes of utility installation and repair are required to repave and regrade areas which may have settled.
Councillor Born | 12. |
| 13. Process to stabilize funding for the North Cambridge Family Center.
Councillor Reeves | 13. |
| 14. Naming the East Cambridge Health Center in honor of Mayor Emeritus Alfred E. Vellucci for his devoted service to the people of Cambridge.
Councillor Toomey, Mayor Galluccio, Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership | 14. |
| 15. Process whereby the current pilot after school program at the Harrington School can be duplicated at additional locations throughout the city.
Councillor Reeves | 15. |
| 16. Report on what compromises have been made with the Bellis Circle Neighborhood Group regarding the lighting at Danehy Park.
Councillor Reeves | 16. |
| 17. Report on the impact that the proposed new runway at Logan Airport would have on noise and overflights in Cambridge.
Councillor Davis | 17. |
| 18. Amend rules of the City Council to require a quorum at all meetings and hearings of the Ordinance Committee and Finance Committee.
Councillor Decker | 18. |

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001**

19. Appoint commission that will be responsible for studying the names of schools and public buildings. 19.
Councillor Decker

O-1.

May 14, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Catherine Rena Synnott has been a teacher for thirty-eight years and will be retiring at the end of this school year; and

WHEREAS: During her tenure as a teacher at the Haggerty School, Catherine has had a major impact on the lives of many students through her loving ways and dedication to education; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That in appreciation of the service provided to the city and the children, the City Council go on record designating an area adjacent to or in the vicinity of the Haggerty School as "CATHERINE RENA SYNNOTT SQUARE;" and be it further

ORDERED: That a suitable dedication ceremony be arranged by the Assistant to the City Council after consultation with Catherine and a sign to be prepared by the Public Works Department; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record designating June 19th as "CATHERINE RENA SYNNOTT DAY" in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Catherine Rena Synnott on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of MIS to provide an update on the progress toward providing remote access to the city system from home for City Councillors and other senior city employees.

O-3.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of MIS to report on a plan for internet access to City Council orders and City Manager's responses in a way that allows research and retrieval by subject matter and councillor name.

O-4.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the number of departments where there is written performance evaluations of employees each year; what percentage of employees are evaluated and what kind of evaluation tools are used.

O-5.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to have the crosswalks near the Peabody School repainted.

O-6.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services and the Executive Director of the Consumer Council with regard to the availability of the senior discount card which enables senior citizens to receive discounts at participating stores, restaurants and other businesses; said report to provide information as follows:

- List of stores that participate;
- Does McDonald's participate, and, if not, why not; and
- How can participation be increased.

O-7.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

- WHEREAS: In the context of the global economy, our consumer choices unknowingly affect communities and the environment in all corners of the earth; and
- WHEREAS: Many people are looking for more socially conscious and environmentally responsible ways to conduct their lives, which do not degrade people, animals or the environment; and
- WHEREAS: Most small-scale coffee farmers receive market payments for their harvest which are less than the costs of production, forcing them into a cycle of poverty and debt; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council is aware of the dire situation of poverty throughout coffee-producing world; and
- WHEREAS: Fair Trade Certified coffee works to correct these imbalances by guaranteeing stringent international criteria; paying a minimum price per pound of \$1.26, providing much needed credit at fair terms to farmers, and providing technical assistance such as help transitioning to organic farming; and
- WHEREAS: Fair Trade Certified coffee encourages the cultivation of coffee under a shade canopy which preserves trees and birds, as well as coffee grown under organic conditions; and
- WHEREAS: With the profits generated from receiving a fair wage, farmers can invest in community development, health care, education, and environmental stewardship; and
- WHEREAS: As a purchaser of goods and services, the City of Cambridge has a responsibility to ensure that its monies are spent in a manner consistent with decent ethical principles, including assuring that workers are paid a living wage, and purchasing goods made in the most fair manner when possible; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has a responsibility to set a high standard of ethics with regards to economic activities for our community; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City's Purchasing Agent to restrict the purchasing of coffee by all City departments and agencies to brands that are Fair Trade Certified; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council recognizes and supports the efforts of those organizations, like Oxfam America and TransFair USA, who work to strengthen our awareness and commitment to poor communities around the world through Fair Trade; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby proclaims May 19, 2001 Fair Trade Day in Cambridge.

O-8.

May 14, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR BORN

WHEREAS: On April 2, 2001, the City Council adopted an order requesting that the City Manager direct his staff to draft proposed zoning for the Alewife area in accord with the goals and general parameters set forth in the February 28, 2001 memorandum of David Maher and Kathleen Born (Attachment 1); and

WHEREAS: Said proposed zoning has been so drafted (Attachment 2); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the attached petition to rezone the Alewife area be referred to the Planning Board and the Ordinance Committee for a hearing and report.

O-9.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Acting Commissioner of Public Works to notify residents within a broader geographic area than is currently the practice regarding upcoming public works projects and provide them with regular updates, noting that in the case of the sewer reconstruction at Mount Auburn and Story Street, residents of Hilliard Street received no mailings despite their close proximity to the project.

O-10.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to step up enforcement of the speed limit on Brattle Street.

O-11.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to evaluate the need for left turn arrows on existing signals at the intersection of JFK Street and Memorial Drive with the goal of increasing safety for vehicles and pedestrians.

O-12.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Acting Commissioner of Public Works to establish a system whereby utilities and private owners who excavate streets for the purposes of utility installation and repair are required to return to the site 90 days from the date of the work and repave and regrade areas which may have settled, causing depressions in the pavements and sidewalks.

O-13.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to propose a process for considering how the city can stabilize funding for the North Cambridge Family Center; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to begin plans to build a second family center in the city.

O-14.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the East Cambridge Health Center be named in honor of Mayor Emeritus Alfred E. Vellucci for his devoted service to the people of Cambridge and his unswerving support for public health in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council confer with the Cambridge Health Alliance CEO John O'Brien and the Department of Public Works to arrange for a suitable dedication.

O-15.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to propose a process whereby the current pilot after school program at the Harrington School, which is in its third budget year can be examined to determine if the city will fund additional such programs at additional locations throughout the city or not.

O-16.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on what have been the compromises made with the Bellis Circle Neighborhood Group regarding the lighting at Danehy Park; specifically what grounds, if any, the city has conceded.

O-17.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a report on the impact that the proposed new runway at Logan Airport would have on noise and overflights in Cambridge.

O-18.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the rules of the City Council be amended to require a quorum at all meetings and hearings of the Ordinance Committee and Finance Committee.

O-19.

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: There is currently considerable public discussion regarding the Agassiz School and the possibility of changing the name to the Maria Baldwin School; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a commission responsible for studying the names of schools and public buildings; said commission should include at least one representative from the City Council, School Committee, Historical Commission and community representatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee for a meeting held on April 20, 2001 to receive information from City agencies dealing with conflict resolution and mediation services offered and the methodology used to resolved the conflicts.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee for a meeting held on April 25, 2001 to discuss the Public Health Assessment.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee for a meeting held on April 25, 2001 to discuss the implementation of a plan for the establishment of permanent public toilet facilities.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001

6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee for a meeting held on May 2, 2001 to consider proposed amendments to the zoning in Special District 8 in Cambridgeport submitted by the Planning Board.

7. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee for a meeting held on May 3, 2001 to discuss the issue of master planning and town/gown relations.

Committee Report #1

CIVIC UNITY

In City Council May 14, 2001

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair
Councillor Kathleen L. Born
Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves

The Civic Unity Committee conducted a public meeting on Friday, April 20, 2001 at 12:15 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive information from City agencies dealing with conflict resolution and mediation services offered and the methodology used to resolve the conflicts.

Present at the meeting were Councillor Decker, Chair of the Committee; Councillor Reeves; Cathy Hoffman, Director, Peace Commission; Nancy Ryan, Executive Director, Women's Commission; Quoc Tran, Director, Human Rights Commission; Mercedes Evans, Member, Human Rights Commission; Ron Watson, Commissioner of Police; Malvina Monteiro, Executive Secretary, Police Review & Advisory Board; Duane Brown, Affirmative Action Officer; Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager of Human Services; Clo Delgado, Department of Human Services; Mary Wong, Executive Director, Kids' Council; John Silva, School Department; Susan Marine, Violence Prevention Coordinator, Public Health Department; and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Also present at the meeting were Peter Shapiro and Don Meglio, Just-A-Start; Laura Chasin, Public Conversation Project, Watertown; Gail Packer, Executive Director, Community Dispute Settlement Center; Jack Wofford, Community Dispute Settlement Center; Judy Sammons, Community Dispute Settlement Center (CDSC); Reverend Vernon E. Carter, All Saints Lutheran Church; and Jack Walker, Facilitator and Mediator.

Councillor Decker opened the meeting and stated the purpose. She stated that she would like a report from all the agencies present about what services they provide to the residents of the city. Several meetings have been held to discuss the issue of civic unity. One aspect that came from the meetings, she said, was the issue of conflict resolution and mediation. She stated that she wanted to bring together city employees and residents who will come to these agencies to resolve conflicts. It is important to know what resources are out in the community. She informed the attendees that there are specific questions that will need to be answered about services, gaps in services and outreach and the ideal program and what it would look like. It was also the goal of the committee to support current work and help explore new methods of promoting this work.

Councillor Reeves stated that the legal system seems to work for people who can afford it. He stated that he has concerns about societal issues and he was interested to hear about issues that have been resolved.

The agencies explained the services they provide to the community.

Ms. Laura Chasin, Public Conversation Project located in Watertown, stated that she works with families, the homeless and issues of sexuality. These issues may not be a policy settlement and people need to deal with these issues.

Mr. Duane Brown, Affirmative Action Officer, stated that his focus is on employment discrimination and harassment issues for the City of Cambridge.

Ms. Nancy Ryan, Executive Director, Women's Commission, spoke about a circle of justice approach that would make the domestic violence problem a community problem rather than an individual problem.

Mr. Peter Shapiro, Just-A-Start, stated that he runs a program called "Mediation for Results." He deals with landlord-tenant disputes. Training is provided to handle conflicts early.

Mr. Quoc Tran, Director, Human Rights Commission, stated that he was in charge of enforcing the Human Rights Ordinance and Fair Housing. The enforcement program deals with expediting conflicts on fair housing.

Mr. John Silva, CRLS, stated that he has been involved with mediation for fifteen years. He stated that thousands of students have been trained in mediation. He stated that he would like to see the high school student services strengthened in the community to work at the youth centers. In 1986 he coordinated the Mediation Program at the high school. A middle school program is being revitalized, he said.

Ms. Susan Marine, Violence Prevention Coordinator, Cambridge Public Health Department, stated that she thinks her program is ready to look at different models on conflict resolution.

Mr. Jack Walker, Cambridge resident, stated that he was a full-time facilitator/mediator.

Ms. Gail Packer, Executive Director, CDSC, 872 Massachusetts Avenue, stated that her program was a twenty year old program. The program handles a broad range of services such as separation, traditional/non-traditional family matters and landlord/tenant conflicts. She stated that the biggest problem is to get the word out. The program has a slide fee scale. Mediation is provided by a panel of sixty volunteers, she said.

Ms. Judy Sammons, CDSC, stated that she deals with issues such as condo, roommate disputes and personal disputes. A grant was received from the Police Department, she said. The Community Dispute Settlement Center does the training to train the mediators.

Reverend Vernon E. Carter, also known as Little Arrow, stated that he was an African American with Native American ancestry. He asked why this meeting is taking place and what benefit is it to him to be involved in this meeting. Councillor Decker stated that this is the first meeting to see what services are out in the community and how do people find out about the agencies who provide these services.

Ms. Mary Wong, Executive Director, Kids' Council, stated that the mission of the Kids' Council is to identify the needs and gaps of children and families in conflict and respond to the needs.

Ms. Malvina Monteiro, Executive Secretary of the Police Review & Advisory Board, stated that the board investigates complaints between citizens against police officers. Emotions she said, run high between both the complainant and the police officers when they appear before the board. She told of a situation where a Haitian man was shopping in Bread & Circus and he felt that he was being discriminated against by a police officer. The man filed a complaint. The

board held a hearing. The police officer apologized. The Board mediated the situation and the complaint was dropped. Two hearings have been held in October and December on the issue of racial profiling in the city. Another hearing is scheduled in June. There is a racial profiling focus grant at the High School, she said.

Police Commissioner Ron Watson stated that the Police Department responds to most complaints in the city. He asked how does the Police Department identify the agencies in the community to resolve conflict.

Ms. Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services, stated that she came to the meeting to listen and learn. She stated that the Human Services staff has been engaged in the diversification of the Community Dispute Settlement Center. She stated that there is a need for a system-wide collaborative internal culture.

Councillor Decker stated that it was a challenge to bring the agencies together to learn from each other.

Ms. Cathy Hoffman, Director of the Peace Commission, stated that her mentor is Martin Luther King. She stated that there was a presence of racism, discrimination and disenfranchisement. She thought that hearing from agencies that do not act in an adversarial way would be a good start. The realities of violence, she said, are alive and well in the city and in society.

Councillor Reeves outlined a situation that happened in Boston to a black man who got on a bus and the bus driver, a white male, closed the door before the man was fully aboard the bus. The man's arm got caught in the door. The man asked to see the bus driver's supervisor. The MBTA supervisor, a white male, got a white police officer who was going to arrest the victim. He asked who would one call to resolve this type of dispute. Mr. Quoc Tran stated that the Human Rights Commission could intervene and try to resolve this conflict. Mr. Brown also outlined a similar situation. He stated that the first reaction in situations is to get angry. When calm returns, so does reason and then appropriate steps to resolve the conflict can take place, he said.

Councillor Decker stated that there is conflict in public and private space. It is sometimes difficult to know where to go for resolution.

Ms. Packer stated that there are societal justice issue and interpersonal issues. People come to the Community Dispute Settlement Center voluntary. CDSC helps people to reach closure. Neutrality needs to be established, she said. Enforcement would not happen at CDSC.

Mr. Shapiro suggested talking about coordination of the services available.

Ms. Monteiro stated that she was interested in coordination and where she could send people in the community to solve trauma and emotional problems; to heal the emotional side. The grant from the Police Department is focused around the issues that the police officer comes in contact with.

Police Commissioner Watson stated that the Police Department receives calls from third parties to resolve conflict between other individuals. The Boston police officer was wrong in the situation outlined by Councillor Reeves. Victims in these circumstances then file complaints with

the Police Review & Advisory Board. The public agency is viewed as the culprit when it was trying to resolve the conflict. Conflict, he said, happens when the police department intercedes.

Mr. Silva stated that problems can escalate at the High School due to a lack of respect or defamation of character. The School Department, he said, tries to intercede to resolve the conflict. The MBTA needs to deal with these complaints because the MBTA has a responsibility to have riders feel safe.

Councillor Reeves stated that if people cannot resolve their disputes, more physical means are employed.

Mr. Meglio stated that there are two choices to resolve conflict: litigation or mediation. If the issue is too substantive, one must move the issue away from adversarial to collaborative. He stated that the city leaders set the pace. He suggested that each agency should list what services they provide. He stated that the agencies should work from the bottom up and the city leaders work from the top down in an effort to alter the dynamics of conversation so that it becomes center stage.

Ms. Ryan stated that in the circle justice approach, the nature of the harm is discussed. She spoke about incidents of sexual harassment in the city. Women, she said, come to her office to tell how they feel diminished. Violence is reduced if harm is reduced if misunderstanding is reduced, she said. In circle justice, most people are perpetrators and victims and the community is held responsible for making changes. The dimensions are not personal, she said. In an adversarial role, people try to defend themselves. The court system, she said, puts victims outside the system.

Mr. Wofford stated an institutional change is needed. It is a challenge to build sensitivity. Institutional justice and change dimensions should not be ignored, he said. The City Council needs to be aware of its own domain and agencies need to build collaboration.

Ms. Chaisson stated that there are three frames: conflict resolution, organizational and healing.

Commissioner Watson stated that people who are harmed can only go to a regulatory agency. People are harmed because of graffiti. When young people are caught the only recourse is the criminal justice system and there is no process to rectify this community process.

Mr. Shapiro urged the city to get the agencies to use an adversarial role and to get more people to talk confidentially. He also urged collaboration of the agencies.

Mr. Wofford stated that it is hard to be collaborative in an external role.

Councillor Reeves stated that the city leaders can model something to trickle down. He urged the agencies to become involved with the neighborhood groups. He stated that the court system works for those who can afford to pay. You need money to use the justice system, he said. He stated that he can feel rage at different levels.

Councillor Decker stated that City Councillors sometimes play the role of mediators and often are working with people to help find resolutions to conflict. She stated that the City Council does not have the tools to be an expert on everything. It is important that City Councillors know what resources are available. A copy of this report will be sent to the

attendees, she said. A planning forum meeting will be held as a follow-up to this meeting. She informed all the agencies that she will keep asking for their input that will have a long-lasting effect in the community.

Ms. Hoffman made the following suggestion for an action plan:

- Market what services exist in a public way;
- Writing ideas down;
- Mixes on healing and prevention work;
- Ombudsperson linked to circle justice program; and
- Institutional change to make process change.

Councillor Reeves suggested an "out of the box office" at City Hall.

Ms. Packer suggested a community multi-door.

In conclusion, Councillor Decker thanked all attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Marjorie Decker
Chair

Committee Report #2

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

*Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair
Councillor Kathleen L. Born
Councillor Jim Braude*

In City Council May 14, 2001

The Health and Environment Committee conducted a public meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2001 at 6:10 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Public Health Assessment.

Present at the meeting were Councillor Davis, Chair of the Committee; Councillor Braude; John O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer, Cambridge Health Alliance; Harold Cox, Chief Health officer; Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services; and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Also present at the meeting were the following members of the Cambridge Public Health Sub Committee: Lynn Schoeff, Dr. Melvin Chalfen, Irene Umana-Maxwell, Leroy Cragwell, William L. Cobham, Jolyon Cowan, Carol Cerf, Daniel Curley, Jeff Walker, Stephanie Ackert, Susan Marine, Ellen Kramer, Ricki Lacy, Sam Lipson, Virginia Chomitz and Susan Feinberg.

Councillor Davis opened the meeting and stated the purpose. She stated that Councillor Born was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Harold Cox, Chief Public Health Officer, introduced the members of the Public Health Sub Committee.

Mr. John O'Brien, CEO, Cambridge Health Alliance, thanked his staff and the volunteers. He stated that it is the Fifth Anniversary of the Cambridge Health Alliance. The goal of the Public Health Alliance, he said, is to have a viable health system with a focus on clinical medicine, resources and prevention. The Cambridge Health Alliance is one of the strongest health systems, he said. The resources have doubled. The Cambridge Public Health Alliance was awarded a \$1.1 million community access grant. He outlined the Public Health Priority areas for 1998 (**ATTACHMENT A**) and the new priorities for 2001 (**ATTACHMENT B**).

The effectiveness of the Public Health Alliance needs to be evaluated especially where there is shrinking financial resources, including cuts in Medicare, from the Balanced Budget Act. There have been a lot of successes, but there are a lot of barriers, he said.

The committee heard from Mr. Cox who highlighted four key areas:

1. Children's Dental Project;
2. Domestic Violence;
3. Obesity Prevention/Cambridge Walks; and
4. Communicable Diseases.

Mr. Cox stated that the Cambridge Walks Initiative has taken off.

Ms. Lynn Schoeff, Director of the Community Health Program, spoke on the issue of access to health care. There are several aspects to access to health care, she said. The three aspects to health care access she outlined were physical, cultural and financial. Location, hours of operation, convenient public transportation and physical barriers are areas of physical access. Linguistic, ethnic and racial make of the community are areas of cultural access. Making health care affordable and adequate health insurance coverage are financial access. Ms. Schoeff next informed the committee about the Children's Dental Project.

Outreach for the Dental Project was done in the schools. She presented a chart outlining the percentage of children with cavities in grades 1 and 8 in 1994-1995 (**ATTACHMENT C**). The dental facilities were expanded in the Windsor Health Clinic and hours of services were also expanded. She stated that 270 kids were examined with a cavity rate of 44%. Grant funding was sought. Education and dental screening have been instituted. She further stated that all referrals have been provided to children who needed dental care. She stated that the Bullock funds have been exhausted. The project was funded last year by the Department of Public Health. Next year there is no funding source, she said.

Councillor Davis asked how many children are serviced annually by the dental project. Ms. Schoeff stated that she will get this information. Councillor Davis asked if the Saturday clinic is self-supporting. Ms. Schoeff responded in the affirmative. Mr. Cox stated that soft funding and Alliance funding will continue to be used for this project. Mr. O'Brien stated that the Public Health Alliance is trying to expand the providers. Access, he said, has increased but funding is reduced and additional funding needs to be sought.

Ms. Susan Marine, Domestic Violence Coordinator, addressed the committee about domestic violence. She stated that it is the fourth year of implementation of the Domestic Violence Free Zone. The 1999 Police Data Incident Report (**ATTACHMENT D**) indicates that there are two types of incidents: domestic disturbances and simple assaults.

Twenty-eight percent of domestic disturbances are reported by persons such as neighbors. There are 1,000 incidents of domestic violence each year. The Cambridge Police Department has a zero tolerance policy on domestic violence. Domestic violence and restraining orders are rising. This increase, she said, is a positive measure that will be reduced in the long run. She stated that 500 municipal employees have been trained on domestic violence awareness. Training has made a difference, she said. Collaboration is important to prevent duplication of services provided by agencies in the city.

Councillor Davis asked how many people does 1,000 incidents represent. Ms. Marine responded that this is hard to equate because most incidents are unique. Councillor Davis asked if there is a research component to this work. Mr. Marine stated that each initiative is being evaluated.

Obesity Prevention and the Cambridge Walks Initiative were discussed next. Ms. Ellen Kramer stated that in 2000, obesity is one of the top health issues. Statistics show that 20% of children aged ten are overweight (**ATTACHMENT E**). Fitness test show that one in four students failed. One percent of children who took the fitness test received a high rating. (**ATTACHMENT F**). She informed the committee that there is a grant for a Walk to School Program. This program is supported by the Police Department, community, health and ecology minded persons. There was success in October with the "Walk to School Day." The Walk Summit was changed to "Cambridge Walks." An initiative was started called Cambridge Moves, then Jeff Walker invented the "Golden Shoes" which occurs in May. There are golden shoes hidden around the city and if found, a gift certificate is given to the person who finds the golden shoes. The fitness data, she said, pushed this program along. Councillor Davis stated that she has three pairs of golden shoes. She invited participants to become involved in this initiative. Mr. Cox informed the committee about a Channel 5 initiative called 5 on 5 which encourages losing five pounds from walking.

Communicable diseases was the final key issue discussed by the committee. Mr. Cox stated that the Public Health nurses are the foot soldiers. They spend time talking about wellness, TB prevention and control programs sponsored in Cambridge and Somerville.

Ms. Ricki Lacy stated that there have been 37 active cases of TB diagnosed in Cambridge in four years. The highest age group is 25-44 representing 51% (**ATTACHMENT G**). Of the active cases of TB, 78% were people born outside of the United States (**ATTACHMENT H**). Of the newly arriving immigrant population the highest country of origin with TB are from Haiti with India second. A video was produced on TB to target the Haitian community, she said. Latent infection is reviewed, she said. There are two Pilot Programs for latent TB. Of the two programs, there was an 88% completion rate for the second month latent care program and a 44% completion rate for the six month program. Ms. Lacy next discussed Hepatitis.

At the North Charles Center, she said 87 patients were reviewed. Consent for participation and medical record review was received for 49 patients. Hepatitis A & B shots were administered. Of the 32 Hepatitis A shots given, 22 patients finished the series of shots. Of the 17 Hepatitis B shots administered, 9 patients finished the series of shots.

Pertussis, she said, peaks every 2-5 years. There were 32 cases in 2000 and five cases in 2001. All confirmed cases were among school students. A mailing was done by the Public Health nurses because of the 5 confirmed cases of Pertussis. The students at the high school, she said, did not want to be absent because of the attendance policy. There were also cases of Pertussis at Harvard University, M.I.T. and private schools.

Mr. Cox stated that this is the end of the presentation, but he wanted to highlight an additional initiative - the Institute for Community Health. The institute, he said, is a tri-partnership that will do research. He asked Ms. Virginia Chomitz, Interim Executive Director of the Institute for Community Health, to give an update on the Institute.

Ms. Chomitz stated that in October, a Board of Directors was appointed for the Institute. The Institute was incorporated in December, 2000 as a subsidiary of the Cambridge Public Health Alliance. She informed the committee of the work of the Institute. Screening and family education is being done to develop programs on the issue of obesity. Cambridge and Somerville are working to identify the health behaviors specific to the communities. As part of the education piece of the Institute, students are being brought into the infrastructure.

Mr. Cox stated that the Institute is looking for a permanent Executive Director. He stated that the staff and the Board are talented, gifted individuals and he thanked them for their good work.

Councillor Davis thanked all attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Henrietta Davis
Chair

Committee Report #3

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

*Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair
Councillor Kathleen L. Born
Councillor Jim Braude*

In City Council May 14, 2001

The Health and Environment Committee conducted a public meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2001 at 7:16 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the implementation of a plan for the establishment of permanent public toilet facilities.

Present at the meeting were Councillor Davis, Chair of the Committee; Councillor Braude; Councillor Born; Robert W. Healy, City Manager; Lisa Peterson, Assistant to the City Manager; Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services; Michael Muehe, Director of Commission of Persons with Disabilities; Harold Cox, Chief Health Officer; and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Also present were the following members of the Public Health sub committee: Lynn Schoeff, Jeff Walker, Dr. Melvin Chalfen, Irene Umana-Maxwell, Leroy Cragwell, William L. Cobham, Jolyon Cowan, Carol Cerf, Daniel Curley, Stephanie Ackert, Susan Marine, Ellen Kramer, Ricki Lacy, Sam Lipson, Virginia Chomitz and Susan Feinberg.

Councillor Davis opened the meeting and stated the purpose. She stated that Mr. Cox would give a report on the issue of public toilet facilities.

Mr. Cox, Chief Health Officer, stated that the City has been looking into the toilet access issue. Public toilets, he said, are needed for tourists, the general public and the homeless. A need was identified for the homeless to have sufficient places to take care of themselves, he said. He presented a video which explained the access and cleanliness of Automatic Public Toilets (APT).

Councillor Davis asked if the City of Boston has APT's. Mr. Cox responded that Boston is in the process of acquiring APT's. The APT's are timed and the city established the time frame.

APT's are offered by street furniture companies. The companies that offer APT's are:

- Wall - Germany
- Adschel - USA
- JC Decaux - France
- Infinity Outdoor - USA
- Exeloo Limited - New Zealand.

The issues that were reviewed were design, maintenance accessibility, safety and cost, she said. Ms. Feinberg proceeded to outline the design and maintenance aspects of APT's. APT's, she said, are owned and operated by street furniture companies. The APT's are visually

stunning, large and weigh between two and eight tons. The companies maintain and supply the APT's.

On the issue of accessibility, she stated that APT's are compliant with the American Disabilities Act. The wall company ran into difficult with the Architectural Access Board but approved the design due to pressure from the disabled community. "Smart cards" which allow access to the APT's for the homeless can be utilized.

An emergency access button is provided on the APT's. This safety feature sounds an alarm. The Police Department expressed concern about false alarms. The police were also concerned for their safety due to an ambush. The APT's, she stated, are graffiti resistant, weigh two tons and are three feet deep which eliminates the issue of vandalism.

The cost issue of the APT's was next discussed. Ms. Feinberg stated that if the APT's were purchased, the cost would be \$90,000. If leased, APT could cost \$50,000 to \$65,000 per year which includes maintenance and service. Street furniture companies also have an advertising agreement that provides APT's at no cost with exclusive rights to display advertising on the APT's or other street furniture. APT's, she said, are the companies most expensive furniture.

Councillor Born asked do we have to get the whole line of outdoor furniture. Ms. Feinberg stated that the city has choices to use only useful items.

Mr. Cox stated that the recommendation would be to get APT with maintenance. The advertising would pay for the APT's.

Councillor Davis asked how much advertising is it. Mr. Cox stated that the company has not given much information until the city signs a Request for Proposal (RFP). Three toilets can be supported through advertisement. Advertisement would pay for the installation and maintenance.

Councillor Davis asked where would the 8 x 10, 2 ton APT be located. Mr. Cox responded Harvard, Central and Porter Squares. He stated that he wanted to hear from the City Council on the siting process. Councillor Braude suggested the mall side of the Street at Porter Square. He also stated that the MBTA shelters are disgusting and go unnoticed. APT's could be located in areas that will also make them become unnoticed. Ms. Feinberg stated that the location will dictate the advertising money.

Councillor Born stated that the APT's should be placed off to the side, but convenient. Mr. Cox stated that siting issues need more discussion.

Councillor Braude stated that there should be a list of public access toilets around the city. He asked if businesses are only required to provide access to toilets for their customers. He asked what facilities exist for non-customers. Ms. Feinberg stated that all public buildings have public access toilets. Public access toilets are located at the Police Department, libraries, City Hall and the Senior Center. Councillor Braude stated that there is a colossal need for public access toilets and the city needs to move quickly. He suggested that there should be a logo for the APT's. Store owners and hotel establishments are unkind to non-customers who want to use their toilet facilities.

Councillor Davis asked if we know what the street furniture companies are demanding from the city in the area of advertising. We need more information on this issue, she said.

Ms. Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services, stated that the whole package needs to be reviewed - procurement, installation, maintenance and repair. The city, she said, does not have the capacity to take on the maintenance of three APT's.

Councillor Davis stated that she would not be supportive of APT's until more is known about the advertisement piece. Mr. Cox stated that Boston's RFP was specific to advertisement - no smoking advertisement.

Councillor Davis stated that the city does not publicize that there are public toilets, New buildings are now designed with public toilets.

Ms. Cerf stated that maintenance is a major consideration. The company needs to be tested in this country, she said.

Mr. Eli Yarden, 143 Pleasant Street, asked if there was going to be a public hearing on this issue. Councillor Davis stated that when there is a proposal before the City Council there would be a public hearing. Mr. Yarden stated that APT's do make for a more desirable urban environment and APT's need to be well identified. APT's are usually never used, he said. Toilets should be a pleasant, civilized or social place. He objected to no human maintenance and privatization of basic civic functions.

At this time Councillor Born made the following motion which was amended by Councillor Davis to add the last two items:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the following items:

- What signage exists for public access toilets;
- Can letters be written by City Manager to private enterprises that discriminate against non-customers of their establishments from using their facilities;
- Could signage be done by the City where there are public access toilets provided by private enterprises, such as a mall;
- An inventory be provided of the facilities available and the signage used; and
- Investigate the public access option used in the boathouses along the river.

Mr. Cobham stated that there is a sign at the Post Office which lists the locations of the public facilities.

Mr. Cox informed the committee that a report would be sent to the City Council on this matter before the summer meeting.

Councillor Davis stated that no one is committed yet to the APT's.

Councillor Born asked if there was an option to pay a business for APT's for a business to be paid an amount of money to provide signage and maintenance for APT's and have the APT's open from 7:00 a.m. Ms. Feinberg stated that APT's can be leased for \$50,000 per year per toilet

and the company provides no maintenance and no advertisement. Councillor Born stated that if APT's are difficult to locate it may be better to have the option with an existing facility.

Councillor Braude asked if there could be a zoning ordinance relative to toilets. Councillor Born stated that there are public amenities in current zoning.

A discussion ensued about advertisement. Councillor Davis stated that some advertisement can be used. Such as a news stand. Mr. Cox stated that advertisement could be used as a bulletin board. Bus shelters could be included in a toilet program.

City Manager Robert W. Healy, stated that capital and maintenance is an important part of the RFP. Maintenance, he said, should be part of the provider contract. "A" frame signs are approved every week by the City Council, he said. Advertisement is an important component but should not hinder the First Amendment Rights.

Councillor Davis stated that the short-term response is to do the signage for the public toilets.

The Committee heard from Michael Muehe, Director of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, who stated that APT's are accessible and acceptable.

Councillor Davis thanked all who attended the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair

Committee Report #4

TRANSPORTATION, TRAFFIC AND PARKING

In City Council May 14, 2001

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair

Councillor Jim Braude

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee conducted a public meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2001 at 4:50 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive a presentation from the Community Development Department (CDD) on the Parking Transportation Demand Management Ordinance (PTDM) and discuss the recertification of the ordinance and to receive public comment on the ordinance and any and all business which may come before the Committee.

Present at the meeting were Councillor Davis, Chair; Councillor Born; Sue Clippinger, Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department; Susanne Rasmussen, Director of Environment and Transportation Planning, CDD; Catherine Preston, Parking Transportation Demand Management Planner, CDD; Joseph Barr, Parking Transportation Demand Management Planner, CDD; and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Davis opened the meeting and stated the purpose. She stated that a report will be given by the Community Development Department.

Ms. Susanne Rasmussen, Director of Environment and Transportation Planning, CDD, stated that the Parking Transportation Demand Management Ordinance (PTDM) has been enacted since 1998. She stated that much has been done in the past ten years to reduce vehicle use. The Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance provided for the creation of bicycle paths, alternative modes of travel, T pass programs for employees and an institutional infrastructure. Air quality has improved. The efforts of the city were insufficient due to all the new development. The PTDM was cited as a national model. In 1999, the PTDM was awarded the 1999 Outstanding Planning Project Award from the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association. PTDM was cited in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Transportation Campaign's book entitled "Parking Management" and in Canada's Transport Policy Institute's "Encyclopedia of Transportation Demand Management." Ms. Rasmussen further stated that the PTDM was an important tool to reduce traffic impacts. Traffic calming, bicycle use and working with the MBTA will continue, she said.

Ms. Catherine Preston, Parking Transportation Demand Management Planner, CDD, stated that this is the first effort for recertification. There is a sunset clause in the ordinance that will occur this fall. The presentation included an outline of how PTDM works. **(ATTACHMENT A)** The cap, she stated, is generally 10% of the existing baseline. The recertification process is a way to hear from the public regarding how the PTDM is working.

Ms. Preston stated that there have been 24 plans approved. **(ATTACHMENT B)** Typical plans, she said, include:

- Subsidies for transit;
- Bicycle parking, showers and lockers for cyclists;
- Shuttles to MBTA stations;
- Preferential parking spaces for high occupancy vehicles; and

- Marketing and outreach to employees.

Ms. Preston also presented an overview of PTDM projects and their proximity to transit.
(ATTACHMENT C)

The next steps in the recertification were outlined by Ms. Preston. (ATTACHMENT D)

Ms. Rasmussen stated that the cap on trips drives the ordinance. There is flexibility, but the trips need to stay within the cap. Employees like the ordinance because of the innovative measures used, such as carsharing, electric vehicle charging stations and bus shelters. Go Green Awards are given to small and large businesses. Councillor Davis asked when the Go Green Awards will take place. Ms. Rasmussen stated possibly on May 14, May 21 or the first Monday in June.

Councillor Davis stated that the Ordinance is using 1990 census data. Will the use of 2000 census data change this approach. Ms. Preston stated that this has been done administratively; it is not in the ordinance.

Councillor Davis praised the work done to date. She stated that the School Department employees have problems parking. There needs to be a multi model approach. She asked what could be done for the School Department. Ms. Preston stated that School Department employees are eligible for T passes. A mode split was done, she said, and can be looked at in the future. Ms. Rasmussen stated that CDD can provide help. There is data about the behavior of School Department employees.

Councillor Davis asked if electric charging stations are available for other than the people on whose property they are located. Ms. Clippinger, Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, stated that the city has electric charging station for city vehicles. The charge for the installation of electric charging stations is under \$2,000. Councillor Davis asked if the electric vehicles are liked. Ms. Clippinger stated that the electric vehicles are not liked. The lessons learned are not all positive, she said. The daily miles driven was more than the battery could carry. The electric vehicles have been loaned to the Electrical Department to use and review their use.

Councillor Born stated that the ordinance needs to be recertified because it has a sunset clause. When does the recertification occur. Ms. Rasmussen responded in November and this needs to go to the Ordinance Committee for enactment.

Councillor Born outlined to the Community Development Department that there are three zoning ordinances that have been targeted for enactment in October.

At 5:20 Councillor Davis opened the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Sarah Klepfel, Manager of Government Affairs, Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber will provide feedback on this ordinance.

Councillor Davis asked if there is a better time to have comments from the public on the ordinance. Ms. Rasmussen stated that comments are needed as soon as possible.

Councillor Born inquired about the changes to the Ordinance. Ms. Rasmussen stated that there are small changes.

Councillor Born asked how will this work with large project review. Ms. Preston stated that CDD has worked with IPOP projects. Ms. Rasmussen stated that the Planning Board has been positive about the PTDM. The burden is taken off the Planning Board, she said. Ms. Preston stated that the PTDM allows for monitoring and review of the projects.

Mr. Stash Horowitz, 12 Florence Street, stated that he was one of three supporters of the ordinance. He hopes to support the ordinance when the data is available. He asked if the ordinance can be

achieved. Projects, such as Tech Square, he said, need to be monitored. Data needs to be collected from the corporations. He stated that he was skeptical that large corporations can achieve a 40% mode split. He further stated that survey data is needed as to where employees come from and the number of vehicle trip miles travelled.

Mr. Steve Kaiser, 191 Hamilton Street, stated that four citizens spoke in favor of the original PTDM. He was originally opposed because he thought it was fluff. He would like to see good evidence of trip reduction numbers. He would like to see if there was any improvement in University Park. Ms. Rasmussen stated that University Park has made mode splits at 60% to 80%. Mr. Kaiser stated that the PTDM has no mention of pedestrians. Transit needs to be made to work better, he said. Is there a status process where tracking can be done by the city of the number, use and location of off-street parking spaces in the city.

Ms. Clippinger stated that all projects are coming to the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department before going for a building permit. Mr. Kaiser asked if this information can be made public. Ms. Clippinger responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Jim Gascoigne, Charles River TMA, stated that he had comments about the ordinance. He stated that he wanted the city to join the TMA. The ordinance, he said, has played a role to have the businesses work together. He stated that he anticipated comments about making the ordinance more effective. The mode split in Cambridge is 68% versus other areas with 14%.

Councillor Davis submitted the following motion:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the possibility of joining the Charles River TMA and report back to the City Council on this matter.

The motion carried.

Mr. Kaiser asked Mr. Gascoigne about the TMA at Alewife. Mr. Gascoigne stated that the TMA at Alewife has not been formed yet.

Councillor Davis asked about the status of the North Station shuttle. Mr. Gascoigne stated that when the issue of the federal contracting money is settled, bids will go out.

Mr. Barr stated that the bids will go out in the middle to end of May. The vehicles will be on the road in June.

Ms. Rasmussen stated that the federal government is required to provide protection for transit employees. Mr. Gascoigne stated that he was less optimistic that the shuttle will begin in the summer.

Councillor Born asked where will this shuttle travel. Mr. Gascoigne responded from North Station to Lechmere Square to First Street to Kendall Square to Tech Square to University Park to Fort Washington. Councillor Born asked how often will the shuttle run. Mr. Gascoigne stated that round trip will take one hour. Councillor Davis asked how many vehicles will be used. Mr. Gascoigne responded five vehicles - one vehicle every fifteen minutes.

Councillor Born asked about the publicity of the shuttle. Mr. Barr stated that the city will do publicity. Mr. Gascoigne stated that anyone can ride this shuttle. Fees to be charged are still being worked on.

Councillor Davis recommended that the ordinance be referred to the Ordinance Committee with the charges.

The recommendation carried.

Councillor Davis thanked all attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Henrietta Davis
Chair

Committee Report #5

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair
Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chair
Councillor Jim Braude
Councillor Henrietta Davis
Councillor Marjorie C. Decker
Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves
Councillor Michael A. Sullivan
Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio*

In City Council May 14, 2001

The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on April 26, 2001, beginning at 7:18 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of considering proposed amendments as part of the zoning of East Cambridge proposed as part of the Citywide Rezoning package and refiled as a separate petition.

Present at the hearing were Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Committee, Councillor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present was Lester Barber, Director of Land Use and Zoning for the Community Development Department.

Vice Mayor Maher convened the hearing and explained the purpose. He noted that this petition was filed with the understanding that it will most likely be superceded by a zoning proposal developed through the East Cambridge Area Study Committee planning process (ECAPS).

Councillor Born described the planning and timing considerations involved with this petition and the ECAPS petition. The ECAPS zoning policy recommendations have been submitted to the Planning Board.

Councillor Born then invited public comment.

Joseph Tulimieri, Executive Director of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority submitted written testimony and summarized the material therein. He noted specific objections to the Area E proposal.

Samantha Janney and Rosa Gyllenhaal, EF Center, One Education Street, Cambridge, expressed their objection to the inclusion of Northpoint in the petition area. Their building would be rendered nonconforming. They requested that the map be redrawn to exclude their building. They have 700 employees and are good neighbors.

Mr. Barber clarified that the property owned by EF Education is included in this petition as a housing district.

Councillor Toomey stated that EF Education used to provide a wonderful opportunity for East Cambridge children to travel abroad. This scholarship program ended last year. It was a wonderful benefit to the neighborhood. He urged Ms. Janney and Ms. Gyllenhaal to bring the message back to the corporate leaders that it was a wonderful program that should be maintained if at all possible.

Councillor Reeves invited Ms. Janney and Ms. Gyllenhaal to describe the activities of EF Corporation and they did so. EF Education is an organization that has been dedicated to cultural and educational exchange for over 35 years. The organization moved to Cambridge twelve years ago. EF Education has been very involved in the community, in activities such as community clean ups, the scholarship described previously and many other civic projects. The company beautified the land in front of the EF center, even though it is not owned by the company.

Councillor Decker stated that the burden is on the company to show the Council and the community that the benefits of the company to the community and to keeping its zoning the same outweigh the benefits to the community of rezoning this area.

Councillor Born asked whether EF has plans for expansion. They answered in the negative and explained that their concern is relative to the possibility of a catastrophic event such as a fire, and the difficulty the company would be faced with in trying to replace the building.

Councillor Born explained that at least 50-60% of all buildings in Cambridge fall into the category of nonconforming zoning. These are real concerns; however, they would apply to many, many other buildings in the city.

Councillor Davis encouraged the company to look more specifically at the level of risk involved. The standards allow more rebuilding than one might expect.

Vice Mayor Maher reminded those present that the ECAPS petition will soon be filed. This particular zoning petition will probably die on the table, and the consideration of zoning for the area will proceed under the new petition.

Steve Kaiser, Hamilton Street, said that he has been attending most of the ECAPS meetings. He has concerns about the fact that ECAPS will be doing its transportation planning after having developed the zoning. This is a backward approach. In addition, he does not see any new transportation ideas. If new transportation ideas are not developed, there will be big problems. There will be 6,000 new parking spaces from projects of just the two major Northpoint developers. Much hard work is needed. He stated that he is looking for a copy of the September 1998 Northpoint traffic policy plan. Nobody seems to be able to find a copy.

Councillor Born asked Mr. Barber about the 1998 traffic plan. Mr. Barber said that the document in question is an early draft of a policy plan later formalized and currently available. The plan was further

altered and adopted by the Planning Board. It will be further updated, and will accompany the new proposal, with a new date.

Councillor Toomey moved that the proposed amendment be referred to the full City Council without a recommendation.

The motion passed on a voice vote without objection.

Vice Mayor Maher and Councillor Born thanked those present for their attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair

Vice Mayor Maher, Co-Chair

Committee Report #6

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chair
Councillor Jim Braude
Councillor Henrietta Davis
Councillor Marjorie C. Decker
Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves
Councillor Michael A. Sullivan
Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio*

In City Council May 14, 2001

The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on May 2, 2001, beginning at 4:50 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to the zoning in Special District 8 in Cambridgeport submitted by the Planning board.

Present at the hearing were Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Committee, Councillor Jim Braude, Councillor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Marjorie C. Decker and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Lester Barber, Director of Land Use and Zoning, Community Development Department, and Nancy Glowa, First Assistant City Solicitor.

Councillor Born convened the hearing and explained the purpose. She invited Mr. Barber to provide a synopsis of the petition.

Mr. Barber summarized the new proposed zoning amendment for Special District 8 and provided an explanation of why the petition was drafted.

In the Citywide Rezoning petition, the Planning Board proposed to rezone Special District 8 to a principally residential district. At the Ordinance Committee hearings, members of the public expressed several concerns. One concern regarded the problems posed by making existing businesses non-conforming. Another concern was that the need for transitional areas between areas of varying densities and heights had not been met by the Citywide Zoning Petition. Thus the City Council had deferred action in this district and had requested that the Community Development Department draft a new petition to reflect these concerns.

The present proposal divides the current Special district 8 into two districts: Special District 8, encompassing the Northern portion of the original Special District 8, and Special District 8A, encompassing the Southern portion of the original district.

In the new Special District 8 the zoning remains the same with the exception that permitted FAR for housing is reduced from 1.75 to 1.5. The Inclusionary Zoning, currently in place citywide, would result in an effective FAR for housing of 1.95 for

housing. The FAR for institutional use remains just as in the present Special District 8. Commercial FAR remains at 1.25; all other regulations remain the same.

The remainder of the area would become a new district, Special District 8A. Special District 8A is a subsection of the present Special District 8. This district is located in the southern area. It becomes purely residential. The FAR is 1.5 for housing and dormitories;¹ and the FAR for any other allowed use, mainly institutional, is .75. Commercial uses are not allowed. The height remains as it was in Special District 8, which is generally 65 feet; however; in order to provide transitional zones, it is proposed to become 45 feet in a number of locations: around Fort Washington Park for 100 feet, whenever the district abuts a C-1 residential zone, and also where it abuts a Residential C-2A residential bonus.

Councillor Born asked about the FAR for dormitories in Special District 8A. Mr. Barber stated that they would be allowed at 1.5 FAR.

Councillor Davis stated that she understands that MIT has concerns about this proposal and believe consideration should be given for its extensive roadway improvements in the area. MIT's efforts in this area on the roadway issues in particular, were a quid pro quo for the benefits MIT gained through University Park. She asked Mr. Barber about the status of California Paint. She has always understood from MIT that housing would be developed on that site.

Councillor Davis asked about the parking requirements. Mr. Barber stated that existing parking can be continued. New parking is subject to the new district requirements.

Councillor Decker thanked the Co-Chairs for their assistance in refiling. She is pleased that there is concern about a better buffer for the housing.

Councillor Born requested that the attachment of a map to copies of the petition be available to the public.

Councillor Born then invited public testimony.

Steve Kaiser, Hamilton Street, submitted a diagram and expressed concern about the intersection of Erie Street and Albany Street and the Waverly connection. It is the worst intersection he has seen in many years.

Councillor Davis noted that the intersection is not a subject of zoning. Steve Kaiser said that it is a huge concern, however.

¹ A question was raised as to whether the text currently before the Committee contained the change to the allowed FAR for dormitories moved by Councillor Decker and adopted by the City Council at its March 19, 2001 meeting. Later investigation revealed that the petition as originally before the City Council on March 19, 2001 had provided that the dormitory FAR be 1.75. The amendment removed the bonus FAR for dormitories and established the same FAR for dormitories and housing. **See attached memo.**

Catherine Donaher, MIT, thanked the co-chairs and members of the council who worked on this zoning project. MIT has had a consistent position since the discussions started in 1990. MIT has always been in favor of housing in this district. MIT has developed 800 beds there now for graduate students in this area. However MIT has some concerns.

Ms. Donaher said that with regard to the roadways, Councillor Davis is correct that a roadway plan came out of the University Park negotiations. However, MIT is now faced with change of the rules of the game. MIT expected that in the interim until housing development can happen at California Paint, MIT would use the building for other uses. MIT proposes leaving the district as a housing-only district and having a transition like that along the Brookline Street corridor. The California Paint property would have the same FAR as the adjacent Cambridgeport Commons. MIT also proposes that the area southeast of Special District 10F also be zoned as C-2A district, because a higher density can work there, adjacent to the railroad track. She submitted a letter from John Curry, Executive Vice President of MIT (**Attached**).

Councillor Davis noted the history of the Cambridgeport Commons development. It was allowed to be denser than nearby residential development because of the promise of affordable housing, which was not fulfilled. Many in the neighborhood feel that the Cambridgeport Commons is much too dense. Such a proposal should be carefully examined. The proposal is for more density than in Central Square. These new roadways are only necessary because of the traffic generated by University Park, not because of traffic generated by the neighborhood.

William Cavellini, 9 Speridakis Terrace, said that the district for which MIT is proposing this change already became more dense than the adjacent residential housing in the 1992 zoning amendment, to recognize the different character. It is very important that existing two and three family houses not have a 60 foot building in their back yard. The current proposal is written as it should be. The 100 foot buffer zone as proposed is necessary. With regard to the roadway, he agrees with Councillor Davis that the roadways were a quid pro quo.

Stash Horowitz, 12 Florence Street, stated his agreement with Mr. Cavellini. He looks upon the roadway as feeding the traffic into his neighborhood. A housing density of 1.95 is plenty dense. He spoke in opposition of increasing the density to 2.5 as proposed by MIT.

It was agreed without objection that the petition would remain in committee for further consideration.

Councillor Born and Vice Mayor Maher thanked those present for their participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair

Vice Mayor Maher, Co-Chair

Committee Report #7

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LONG TERM PLANNING

In City Council May 14, 2001

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair

Councillor Kathleen L. Born

Vice Mayor David P. Maher

The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee held a public meeting on May 3, 2000, beginning at 5:35 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of discussing the issue of master planning and town/gown relations.

Present at the hearing were Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Committee, Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Councillor Henrietta Davis and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, Stuart Dash, Director of Community Planning and Iram Farooq, Community Development Department. Present from Harvard University were Mary Power, Travis McCready, Tanya Inities, and other staff members. Present from MIT were Sarah Gallop, Steve Marsh, Catherine Donaher, and other staff members.

Councillor Decker convened the hearing and explained the purpose. She explained that Councillor Davis has to leave for another commitment and invited her to comment.

Councillor Davis said that the universities are a tremendous resource; they are also sometimes seen as a burden by the neighborhood residents. Good relationships with the universities would be something that we could all be proud of. It is worth working towards. Councillor Davis said that there are other models for town/gown relationships that we may want to look at. She thanked the university representatives for coming and stated that she looks forward to further discussion on this very important issue.

Councillor Decker then extended her thanks to all those present. She said that ten years ago Mayor Wolf convened a committee to look at town/gown development. She has been reviewing the report of the process. Much of it could have been written this year. We still struggle with the issues that committee addressed. She is very interested in hearing from university representatives on their needs and perceptions relative to town/gown relations. Councillor Decker said that she believes the City has deep responsibility to build a partnership that works. She noted that she plans to invite Lesley College and Cambridge College to be a part of this discussion as well.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that he thinks that it is time to bring this relationship to a different level. He filed a resolution for a permanent town/gown relations committee and he would like to work towards a more productive relationship. Vice Mayor Maher stated that the universities make this city what it is. But they also put a strain on the neighborhoods. Elected officials of the city cannot just let that slide by. He noted that he and Councillor Decker are new and do not bring to this issue a lot of “baggage.” That may be good. He is going to ask university representatives to try to start from a similar place. There was some good mutual work with citywide rezoning. It was a small step but it shows what can be accomplished. Vice Mayor Maher also said that he had filed another order to ask for information about how the universities can help the city tie into the new economy. The city doesn’t have the good business partners that it used to - Polaroid, Stride Rite, Lotus, etc. The City Council doesn’t know the new businesses. There is a need to integrate the new businesses into civic life. This is something that the universities could help with. He sees it in his own work for Cambridge Family and Children’s Services. He would like to see a designated group that represents the city and the universities. The group needs to be from the highest level of the universities to bring in the private CEO’s.

Councillor Decker then invited all present to introduce themselves. She compared the confusion that university representatives experience regarding decision-making in a Plan E government with the public officials’ difficulties in understanding who are the decision-makers in the university setting, and invited comments from university representatives.

Sarah Gallop said that she was a member of the 1991 committee on university-community relationships convened by Mayor Wolf. The committee included Harvard, Lesley, MIT, Cambridge College, city residents and public officials. It was an amazing process. It was very difficult when it first started. At the beginning there was a profound lack of understanding of one another’s needs. While there was a great deal of discord, at the end, every single member signed the document. Ms. Gallop stated that she believes that there really is an opportunity for the entire community to benefit from a commitment for city/university communications.

Ms. Power stated that she agrees that there is tremendous opportunity if the city and universities can find a way to cooperate. Town/gown relations are by their very nature tense. She said that she hopes to be able to focus on the resources and opportunities with the right spirit of cooperation.

Councillor Decker agreed that tension is a natural part of the town/gown relationships. To her, the most important step is to find a process that means there will be a structure that requires the parties to keep communicating and meeting despite the tensions engendered. Councillor Decker then raised the issue of whether there should be a permanent committee. She said that she knows that there are those who think it is not a good use of time. But she believes that all have too much to lose by not working or communicating. She stated that she would like a group to meet to talk about a permanent committee.

Councillor Born asked about what kind of committee is envisioned. Would it be a Council Committee? Councillor Born then asked if the joint neighborhoods committee still meets. Ms. Power answered in the affirmative. Mr. McCready listed the neighborhood organization participants - Mid Cambridge, Agassiz, Riverside, Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods, Neighborhoods 9 and 10.

Councillor Decker asked how people are appointed. Mr. McCready said that Harvard sees this as a neighborhood decision. It is rather fluid and not completely clear. He said that John Pitkin is the neighborhood co-chair. Mr. Pitkin is working on a detailed description of the neighborhood representative process. There is not necessarily one representative from each neighborhood group.

Councillor Born asked what are the topics that are discussed. Mr. McCready said that when he first began attending the joint neighborhood committee, real estate projects dominated the discussion. The committee now receives real estate updates in writing beforehand, so the bulk of the meeting can be focused on relationship issues.

Councillor Born said that she just heard that Harvard acquired 1033 Massachusetts Avenue and asked if the acquisition of 1033 Massachusetts Avenue was discussed. Mr. McCready said yes. Councillor Born asked if the information from these meetings goes to anyone else. Mr. McCready said that there is a recording secretary. The minutes are all available at 2 Garden Street. Distribution to the neighborhood is the responsibility of the neighborhood group representative.

Councillor Born said that perhaps the structure and communication of this committee could be improved. For example, the City Council doesn't get information about these meetings.

Mr. McCready said that he agrees that communication is key and that he is always interested in improvements. Councillor Born suggested looking at how to enhance the model and then have MIT look at adopting this model.

Councillor Born suggested that a process like the facilitated City Council goal-setting process might be very useful for the City to have with each university in a neutral, facilitated atmosphere.

Ms. Power said that the goals set by the City Council at its goal setting meetings have been very important to Harvard in understanding the City's priorities. Ms. Power said that the roundtable format has also been very helpful in moving toward a dialog.

Vice Mayor Maher agreed that an informal session is best for a continuing dialog.

Councillor Decker said that she envisions a permanent ongoing City Manager-appointed committee. That would take it out of the spotlight, and, in turn, create an atmosphere more conducive to dialog.

Ms. Inities said that the goals being expressed at this committee meeting are very heartening. She described a process she was part of that was very successful - the transition zone on Hammond Street. The group met at first without a specific development program, and talked about goals. At the beginning there was a lot of mistrust. Over time the group members found a common interest in predictability.

Mr. McCready said that he struggles with relationships with the City Council as opposed to relationships “on the street” on a day-to-day basis with individual neighborhood residents.

Councillor Decker said that the City Councillors’ relationships “on the street” also affect the town/gown relationship. The City Council meeting discussions and orders are reflective of what the City Council is hearing from their constituents “on the street.”

Ms. Power discussed some of the lessons Harvard learned from the successful Hammond Street neighborhood process. The neighborhood association infrastructure in the neighborhood meant that the residents got a lot of information - both from Harvard and from the neighborhood. There was also a strong commitment from all involved and a recognition that it takes a long time to come to consensus.

Ms. Gallop said that the way MIT and the City communicate now is through ad hoc communication, issue by issue. Months pass without communication until the next issue comes up. This also means the communication is at the least advantageous time. MIT is very supportive of ending ad hoc communication and beginning something permanent.

Ms. Donaher noted that another problem with current communication is that good news doesn’t make it into the process. Ongoing communication would be very helpful in this respect.

Councillor Decker invited those present to make any final comments about the idea of master plans and any other thoughts on town/gown relationships.

Ms. Rubenstein noted that there are ways that the universities participate with residents and with city departments and personnel that would continue and would not be supplanted by a permanent town/gown committee, and gave the universities’ participation in the citywide rezoning process as an example.

Ms. Gallop noted that town/gown reporting process came out of the 1991 committee. She believes that it continues to improve each year. It is very useful to MIT. She hopes it is useful to the City as well.

Ms. Power agreed. She added that one of the issues is what is meant by master planning. In Boston the master plan process is an aggregate review. Once that review has been done, there is no project-by-project city review of each project. She urged

looking at the concerns. If the main concern is more information, then perhaps expanding the current town/gown report process could be useful.

Councillor Decker said that this is an important question, and it is the kind of question that could be best considered in the committee now being contemplated.

Councillor Born noted that a master plan is a completely different kind of zoning. Once the plan is in place, the City Council is completely removed from the process. That might be a good thing, but once the action is taken to approve the plan, the public review of individual projects is diminished.

Ms. Gallop emphasized the importance in tone, mutual respect and a commitment to successful dialog. Ms. Power stated that there are a variety of processes that can assist dialog. She said that perhaps the city and university could undertake a facilitated vision discussion to begin with.

Councillor Decker thanked all those present for their participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS -
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001**

1. A communication was received from Councillor Jim Braude, regarding scheduling a report of the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee on whether 16 and 17 year olds should be allowed to vote in certain local elections for the agenda for June 4, 2001.