

HEARING SCHEDULE
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 25, 2002

Monday, November 25, 2002	5:00 P.M.	<i>Special Presentation for National Adoption.</i> <i>Reception in Mayor's Office.</i> <i>(Sullivan Chamber)</i> PRESENTATION HELD.
Monday, November 25, 2002	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) MEETING HELD.
Tuesday, November 26, 2002	4:30 P.M.	The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider a petition by Robert S. Carlson et al. to amend the zoning in the Riverside area. This hearing is televised. (Sullivan Chamber) HEARING HELD.
Monday, December 9, 2002	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, December 11, 2002	4:00 P.M.	The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to provide for an Assistant City Manager for Public Safety. (Sullivan Chamber)

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Wednesday, December 11, 2002	6:00 P.M.	The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue the discussion on the impact of state budget cuts on city arts programs, the status of the report on developing a Cambridge Art survey and an artist space initiative, and possible tools for the city to develop artists' living and work space. (Sullivan Chamber)
Thursday, December 12, 2002	5:30 P.M.	The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issue of recycling in the city. (Sullivan Chamber)
Friday, December 13, 2002	10:00 A.M.	The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the following topics: -follow up meeting with NSTAR to discuss the report on the exact and projected amount expended on maintenance by NSTAR for the last three years, the report on the outages in the Mount Auburn/Strawberry Hill/Cambridge Highlands area of the city and any energy saving measures NSTAR can offer Cambridge residents and businesses. (Sullivan Chamber)
Friday, December 13, 2002	11:00 A.M.	-follow up meeting on the issue of noise including leaf blowers with city staff and to discuss a work plan. (Sullivan Chamber)

Monday, December 16, 2002	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, December 23, 2002	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) MEETING CANCELLED.
Monday, December 30, 2002	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) MEETING CANCELLED.
Monday, January 6, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, January 13, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, January 27, 2003	5:00 P.M.	<i>Special Presentation for Cambridge Public School Art Department showing. Reception in Mayor's Office. (Sullivan Chamber)</i>
Monday, January 27, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, February 3, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, February 10, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, February 24, 2003	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

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| 1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-83 , regarding a report on the feasibility of renovating the Corporal Burns Playground Shelter to provide public restroom facilities. | 1. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-91 , regarding a report on the planting in Carl Barron Plaza including who is responsible for the planting and maintenance in the Plaza. | 2. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-92 , regarding a report on the feasibility of installing additional bicycle racks at Brattle Square and City Hall and to add a consultative process with abutters as to where bike racks are installed. | 3. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-59 , regarding a report on potential development of a public/private shuttle connecting Cambridgeport and the new Harvard University housing development to Harvard Square. | 4. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 5. Transmitting Communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-94 , regarding a report on status of repairs and maintenance to the sidewalk and stairs as well as the installation of better lighting in the plaza area in and around the Porter Square T Station. | 5. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-93 , regarding a report on notice of polling locations sent to residents by the Election Commission and safety issues at polling locations. | 6. PLACED ON FILE. |

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| 7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$90,616 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Salary and Wages Account (\$76,438) Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$13,678) and Travel and Training Account (\$500) from Mass Dept. of Education to provide funds for civics education to adult ESO students in existing classes. | 7. ORDER ADOPTED.
8-0-1. |
| 8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$28,826 in the Grant Fund of the Department of Human Services Salary and Wages Account from the Mass Department of Education to provide funds for English Classes to employees in restaurants and hotels. | 8. ORDER ADOPTED.
8-0-1. |
| 9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$60,000 in the Grant Fund of the Department of Human Services Salary and Wages Account (\$5,504) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$54,496) from the Mass Dept. of Education to provide funds to create a comprehensive family education and support system through integration of local programs. | 9. ORDER ADOPTED.
8-0-1. |
| 10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$76,922 in the Grant Fund from the Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account the Salary and Wages Account. This transfer will enable the staff of the HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program to continue through December 31, 2002. | 10. ORDER ADOPTED.
8-0-1. |
| 11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-96 , regarding a report to the Council and School Committee on the standards and/or training provided to school crossing guards. | 11. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer, reduction and authorization of \$1,800,000 from the North Cambridge railroad underpass project for the following purposes: \$700,000 improvements to Cambridge Street, \$600,000 Miscellaneous Building Renovations and \$500,000 Area Four Open Space Project – Phase I | 12. PASSED TO A
SECOND READING. |

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| 13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-89 , regarding a briefing on the Charles River Basin Master Plan. | 13. REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES, ART AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE. |
| 14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$24,368 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Salary and Wages Account (\$15,000) other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$9,368) from Employment Resources Inc. Funds will be used to provide reimbursement to the City of Cambridge for wages spent through the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. | 14. ORDER ADOPTED. 8-0-1. |
| 15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$782,855 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Salary and Wages Account (\$145,511) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$637,344) from the Mass Department of Housing & Community Development for the Low Income Heat Assistance Program. | 15. ORDER ADOPTED. 8-0-1. |
| 16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,989.10 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Salary and Wages Account (\$989.10) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from organizations and individuals who attended the Youth Worker Conference. Funds will be used to support employment services for Cambridge Teens. | 16. ORDER ADOPTED. 8-0-1. |
| 17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a resolution to assist the Neville Manor project in moving forward to provide the 112 Medicare and Medicaid certified beds in a new, state of the art Level II skilled nursing facility. | 17. RESOLUTION ADOPTED. |

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-83, regarding the feasibility of installing public restrooms at Corporal Burns Shelter on Banks Street, Public Works Commissioner Lisa Peterson reports the following:

The DPW had developed a preliminary cost estimate for renovating this facility to accommodate public restrooms. This estimate is \$650,000. This estimate is developed with the following assumptions in mind: the facility would be visually presentable, fully accessible and compliant with ADA regulations, building and safety codes, with a building envelop that is tight to weather and pests. The estimate does not include costs for supplies, security system or maintenance. These costs do not result in a cost/benefit analysis that makes this a viable project.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item #02-91 on the planning and maintenance of Carl Barron Plaza, and Council Order #14 of 10/07/02 on the clean up of Central Square, Commissioner of Public Works, Lisa Peterson reports the following:

Central Square Maintenance

Central Square is cleaned daily from 4:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. by a mechanical sweeper and from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. by a two-person crew with a sidewalk vacuum, a.k.a. “Green Machine.” Weekends (Saturday & Sundays) the square is cleaned between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. by a two-person crew with the Green Machine, and between 4:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. by the mechanical street sweeper. Streets in and around the Square (including Bishop Allen, Green, Sydney and Pearl Streets) are also swept daily.

The DPW empties litter baskets in Central Square twice daily, seven days a week. Business rubbish pick-ups are done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday after 10:00 a.m.

In addition, DPW contracts with a power washing company to power wash/steam clean Carl Barron Plaza twice monthly. We have recently extended the scope of this cleaning to include Massachusetts Avenue from the Plaza to Pearl Street. The area around the Central Square Library on Pearl Street and Modical Square (alley between Massachusetts Avenue & Bishop Allen Drive/parking lot #5) is power washed one a month.

Twice yearly, all sidewalks, litter baskets and benches from Lafayette Square to City Hall are steam cleaned.

Carl Barron Plaza

The DPW is responsible for the planting and maintenance of Carl Barron Plaza. During the week of October 7th, the DPW planted mums for the fall season throughout the plaza area. The Department is working on a redesign of the planting area for replanting in 2003. In the interim, we will continue to enhance the area with seasonal plantings.

Additionally, DPW is working with the property management company for the Holmes Building, Hunneman Commercial on a joint maintenance agreement. Hunneman Commercial is willing to supplement DPW's maintenance efforts at Carl Barron Plaza to ensure that it continues to be a pleasant and clean environment.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-92, regarding the feasibility of installing additional bicycle racks at Brattle Square and City Hall and to add a consultative process with abutters as to where bike racks are installed, Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager For Community Development reposts the following:

Community Development staff installed three bike racks in front of One Brattle Square (near HMTV) on October 17, 2002. This location is within the Harvard Square Conservation District and staff from the Department of Public Works, Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Commission for Persons with Disabilities, and Historical Commission were contacted prior to the installation to incorporate their input and obtain the necessary permits.

Regarding the requests for additional bike racks in front of City Hall, an application for a certificate of appropriateness will be filed with the Historical Commission, to be included on the Historical Commission meeting agenda for the month of December. The relevant city departments (listed above) will also be contacted to obtain their input regarding suitable locations.

In general, requests for installation of bike racks come directly from property owners and/or residents. Community Development staff then contact the source of the request to identify the specifics and consider the most appropriate location in relation to the property entrance, access requirements, parking and circulation patterns, etc. Based on the context of each site, the staff works with property owners and others impacted by installation to resolve outstanding issues. Based on that work, CDD staff develops a set of plans for the installation, which are circulated to the relevant city departments (listed above) for their input.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-59, regarding the potential development of a public/private shuttle service connecting Cambridgeport and the new Harvard University housing development to Harvard Square, Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development reports the following:

The housing development at the corner of Pleasant Street and Putnam Avenue in Cambridgeport will, upon completion, house individuals affiliated with Harvard University. Harvard University is planning to operate a shuttle between this development and its main campus in Harvard Square.

City staff have met with representatives of Harvard University and request that the planned shuttle service be made available to the general public. As a result of the meeting, Harvard University has agreed to investigate the feasibility of making the shuttle available to Cambridge residents not affiliated with Harvard. Harvard described their primary concern as relating to the likely level of additional insurance that would be required to accommodate the general public. To assist Harvard in making its evaluation, City staff has agreed to help estimate potential ridership among non-affiliated residents. We expect to meet with Harvard in the near future to discuss the outcome of the insurance risk investigation.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-94, regarding a report on the status of repairs and maintenance to the sidewalk and stairs as well as the installation of better lighting in the plaza area in and around the Porter Square MBTA Station, General Manager of the MBTA Michael H. Mulhern reports the following:

Recent repairs have been made to the exterior plaza areas and walkway areas and maintenance personnel are installing new treads on the intermediate stairwells within the station. Lighting in the mezzanine area has been upgraded and options for improving the lighting in and around the plaza and station headhouse areas are being reviewed. When a decision is made, crews will perform the work as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-93, regarding a report on Election Commission issues, the Board of Election Commissioners report the following:

The Board of Election Commissioners has requested and was granted by the City Manager supplemental funding to expand and enhance the polling place notification mailing to all voters prior to the November 5th State General Election.

The Board mailed postcard notification, including as before a precinct-customized map, to all voters. The card was printed on brightly colored stock with a message on the front indicating "where to vote on November 5" to attract voters attention.

In response to "whether before the primary notifications of polling places were sent to individual households in large buildings", please be advised that the Election Commission sent polling place notifications to all households in large buildings and in public housing. A map of the precinct with the polling place highlighted was included, in response to suggestions made by voters suggesting that this would be helpful to those whose polling locations had been changed. The Board posted signs in large public housing locations that are not polling places, informing residents where to vote.

In addition to the warden and clerk who traditionally perform the role of redirecting voters, the Board has directed that "an additional Street Index and Polling Location list be supplied to each precinct for use at check-in tables by specially designated inspectors to direct voters to the correct polling places. "An additional worker was added to the majority of precincts for September, and for the November election this additional worker directed voters to their polling places.

The Election Commission worked closely with the Department of Public Works to ensure safety at each polling place paying particularly close attention to loose wires.

Very Truly Yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$90,616 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Department Salary and Wages Account (\$76,438), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$13,678) and Travel and Training Account (\$500) from the Massachusetts Department of Education for the Community Learning Center's Integrated English Literacy and Civic Educational Services. Funds will provide civics education to adult ESOL students in existing classes.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$28,826 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Department Salary and Wages Account from the Massachusetts Department of Education for the Community Learning Center to provide English classes to employees in Cambridge restaurants and hotels.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$60,000 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Department Salary and Wages Account (\$5,504) and other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$54,496) from the Massachusetts Department of Education for the Community Learning Center for the Mass. Family Literacy Consortium Coordinated Family Literacy and Family Support Project. This grant will create a comprehensive family education and support system through integration of local programs.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting a transfer of \$76,922 in the Grant Fund from the Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Salary and Wages Account. This transfer will enable the staff of the HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program to continue through December 31, 2002 until renewal to the Round 7 Grant commences on January 1, 2003.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-96, regarding report to the City Council and School Committee on the standards and/or training provided to school crossing guards, Police Superintendent David Degou reports the following:

Upon employment as a Traffic Supervisor for the City of Cambridge, the Supervisors receive an orientation as to safety rules that apply to their responsibilities at school crossings. The safety orientation is followed by on-the-job training at a school crossing. A member of the Selective Enforcement Unit supervises the Traffic Supervisors. The training includes the following:

Orientation

Roles and Responsibilities of Traffic Supervisors
Information session on benefits by the Office of Personnel

On-the-job Training

The Selective Enforcement Unit provides Traffic Supervisors training. All Traffic Supervisors are trained on crossing with the supervisor and observation of the supervisor crossing children according to the safety rules. They are instructed to wait for all motor vehicles to stop prior to crossing and to walk to the middle of the street and cross the children utilizing the designated crosswalks. All Traffic Supervisors are trained to return to the sidewalk after the children make it to the other side to ensure safety of all pedestrians and Traffic Supervisors. Traffic Supervisors are encouraged to utilize pedestrian walk lights if available.

All traffic Supervisors are advised to report any concerns, problems or safety issues to their immediate supervisors or a member of the Selective Enforcement Unit. When there is a need for communication to all Traffic Supervisors' regarding a safety issue, the union representative is called to communicate the information to the association.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Manager:

I would like to request the loan order passed May 15, 2000 be transferred to the following purposes and the appropriation made under such May 15, 2000 order shall be reduced by \$1,800,000 for the North Cambridge railroad underpass.

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

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

Agenda Item #12

November 25, 2002

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

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

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

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-89, regarding a briefing on the Charles River Basin Master Plan, Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development reports the following:

The final report of the Charles River Basin Master Plan was completed in May 2002. The report is available on the website of the MDC at <http://www.state.ma.us/mdc/CRBasinHomepage.htm>

The first element of the Master Plan to be implemented will be the rehabilitation of Memorial Drive from the Longfellow Bridge to Fowler Street in Cambridge. The work is being undertaken by the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), and will be carried out in two phases. Phase I involves reconstruction of the roadway, including narrowing the eastbound side to reclaim a large open space area, storm drainage improvements, pathway widening in the Viaduct, improvements to the pedestrian and bicycle connections to the Longfellow Bridge, repairs to the Mass Avenue underpass, and signalization and other improvements to the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Memorial Drive. Phase I work is currently underway.

Phase II will involve riverbank stabilization and landscaping improvements, historic landscape preservation, pathway improvements, and shelter, benches and lighting improvements. Public meetings to discuss Phase II have begun and the next meeting is scheduled for January 2003 (specific date, place and time to be announced by the MDC).

The work on Memorial Drive is a demonstration project of the Historic Parkways Initiative. The Historic Parkways Initiative was created in 2001 to protect, preserve and enhance the historic parkways in Massachusetts. The Initiative is guided by a coalition of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA), the Department of Environmental Management (DEM), the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), and other public and private organizations, including the City of Cambridge.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$24,368 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Department Salary and Wages Account (\$15,000) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$9,368). Funds were received from Employment Resources Inc. through the Commonwealth Corporation. Funds will be used to reimburse the City for youth wages spent through the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program and for contracted services associated with Summer Work and Learning Projects.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$782,855 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Department Salary and Wages Account (\$145,511) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$637,344). Funds were received from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for the Low Income Heating Assistance Program, which serves Cambridge and Somerville. The program serves 2,800 clients in both cities and 1,300 of those served are Cambridge residents.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$1,989.10 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Department Salary and Wages Account (\$989.10), and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$1,000). Funds represent registration fees received from organizations and individuals who attended the Youth Worker Conference sponsored by the Office of Work Force Development. Funds will be used to support employment and employment related services for Cambridge teens.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

The next, and final, phase of the Neville Manor project is the new skilled nursing facility. Every effort has been made to explore advantageous financing opportunities to make the project an affordable undertaking. One financing strategy being pursued by Neville Communities Homes, Inc. has been the approach the Massachusetts Department Finance Agency ("Mass Development" or "MDFA") for the purpose of issuing a tax exempt revenue bond to finance the project. On June 8, 2000, MassDevelopment's Board of Directors gave preliminary approval to the revenue bond project. In order for MassDevelopment to finalize the approval for the revenue bond project, they require that the City Council pass the attached resolution.

M.G.L. c. 23G 8(a) authorizes MassDevelopment to issue bonds for such a project, but requires that in financing such a project MassDevelopment should assume the role of the local Industrial Development Finance Authority ("IDFA") of the community in which the project will occur. The statute requires that either the IDFA itself, or, where the IDFA is inactive, the City Council, must be notified and be given the opportunity to agree that MassDevelopment should assume the role of financing such a project.

I fully support the approval of the attached resolution to assist the project in moving forward to provide the 112 Medicare and Medicaid certified beds in a new, state of the art Level II skilled nursing facility so much needed in the City.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls
Attachment

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

A Resolution Requesting the Massachusetts Department Finance Agency to Finance a Project for the Benefit of Neville Communities Home, Inc., or an affiliate thereof

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (the “Agency”) has received an inquiry from Neville Communities Home, Inc. (the “Sponsor” which term includes any parent, subsidiary or other affiliated thereof) as a potential sponsor of a project to be financed by the Agency and to consist of certain nursing home facilities (the “Project”) to be located in the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the project being generally described as follows: the construction of a skilled nursing facility, together with other expenses related thereto, to be used by the Sponsor in connection with its business of providing skilled nursing care, all as more fully described in the Sponsor’s Tax-Exempt Bond Application dated May 19, 2000;

WHEREAS, the Agency has notified the Cambridge Industrial Development Financing Authority (“Authority”) in writing of such inquiry by the Sponsor, who also notified the City Council of the City of Cambridge (the “Council”) in compliance with Section 8(a) of Chapter 23G of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby requires that the Agency assume the role of this Authority in financing the Project, as authorized by Section 8(a) of Chapter 23G of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended.

The foregoing resolution having been put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

For the Resolution:

Against the Resolution:

I, the undersigned official of the City of Council of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts (the "Council") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Council at a meeting duly held on _____, 20____, relating to the referral of the financing of a skilled nursing project for Neville Communities Home, Inc. or an affiliate thereof to MassDevelopment. Said resolution has not been rescinded, repealed or amended and as of this date is in full force and effect.

I further certify that said meeting was open to the public; that notice stating the place, date and time of said meeting was filed with the City Clerk and a copy thereof was publicly posted in the City Clerk's office or on the principal official bulletin board of the City at least forty-eight hours, including Saturdays but not Sunday and legal holidays, prior to the time of said meeting and remained so posted at the time of said meeting; that no deliberations or decision in connection with said resolution were taken in executive session; and that the official record of said meeting was made available to the public promptly and will remain available to the public, all in accordance with Chapter 39, Section 23B, of the General Laws, as amended.

Attached hereto is a true and correct copy pf the portion of the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on _____, 20____ showing the date of the meeting, the members in attendance and the action of the Council on the foregoing resolution.

City Clerk

MASSACHUSETTS

**City Council Calendar No. 22
Monday, November 25, 2002**

At 5:30 P.M.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Mayor Sullivan on Applications and Petitions #1 of November 18, 2002 an application from John Kennedy requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 33 Walker Street.

**PLACED ON THE TABLE ON THE MOTION OF VICE MAYOR DAVIS.
ORDER ADOPTED. SEE ORDER #6.**

ON THE TABLE

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

NO ACTION TAKEN.

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

NO ACTION TAKEN.

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

NO ACTION TAKEN.

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

NO ACTION TAKEN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NO ACTION TAKEN.

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

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

This petition expires December 31, 2002.

**APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002**

1. An application was received from Thomas Anninger, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 122 Hamilton Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Four neighborhood associations received letters. One neighborhood association has disapproved and one neighborhood association responded that it is not within their purview.

1. **CHARTER RIGHT
EXERCISED BY
COUNCILLOR
MURPHY.**

**CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002**

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| 1. A communication was received from the family of Tim Murphy, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council. | 1. PLACED ON FILE. |
| 2. A communication was received from Elizabeth O. Dempster, et al., regarding the curb cut application for 33 Walker Street. | 2. REFERRED TO CHARTER RIGHT #1. |
| 3. A communication was received from Thomas B. Bracken, regarding the curb cut application for 33 Walker Street. | 3. REFERRED TO CHARTER RIGHT #1. |
| 4. A communication was received from Eve Perkins, regarding the Riverside Zoning Petition. | 4. REFERRED TO THE PETITION. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002**

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| 1. Resolution on the death of James F. Burris
Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 1. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 2. Resolution on the death of Paul L. Doherty.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 2. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 3. Resolution congratulating Howard Manley on being named as a new columnist at the Boston Herald.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 3. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 4. Resolution on the death of Felix Miceli.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 4. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 5. Resolution on the death of Edward H. Taylor.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 5. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 6. Resolution on the death of Donald T. Nadeau.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 6. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 7. Resolutions expressing congratulations and appreciation to educators and administrators in the School Department for their twenty-five years of dedicated service to the children of Cambridge.
Councillor Maher and entire membership | 7. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 8. Resolution congratulating Dave Noyes and Melissa Parent on their engagement.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 8. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 9. Resolution on the retirement of Kathleen Bloutin from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 9. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 10. Retirement resolution of Celeste Delpedio from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 10. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 11. Resolution on the retirement of Pauline DeMetri from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 11. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 12. Resolution on the retirement of Eileen Farrell from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 12. ORDER ADOPTED. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002**

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| 13. Retirement resolution for Helen Guenther from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 13. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 14. Resolution on the retirement of Isabel Hanlin from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 14. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 15. Retirement resolution for Jean Horigan from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 15. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 16. Resolution on the retirement of Richard Horigan from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 16. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 17. Wishing Myriam Ionescu happiness in her retirement from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 17. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 18. Extending best wishes to Sheila Morsehead in her retirement from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 18. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 19. Resolution on the retirement of Marilyn Nalbandian from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 19. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 20. Wishing Frederick Nigorski happiness in his retirement from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 20. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 21. Extending best wishes to Robert Reagan on his retirement from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 21. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 22. Retirement resolution on Jose Ribeiro from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 22. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 23. Resolution on the retirement of Jacqueline Rogers from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 23. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 24. Wishing Mary Jane Rotella best wishes in her retirement from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 24. ORDER ADOPTED. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002**

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| 25. Resolution on the retirement of Caetano Serpa on his retirement from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 25. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 26. Extending best wishes to Jo-Ann Walther on her retirement from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 26. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 27. Retirement resolution for Jacqueline Wright from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 27. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 28. Extending best wishes to Nancy Costa as she retires from the School Department.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 28. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 29. Resolution on the <i>YWCA's Sixteenth Annual Tribute to Outstanding Women Luncheon</i> held on November 20, 2002 and extending congratulations to the honorees.
Councillor Maher and entire membership | 29. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 30. Resolution on the death of Madeline Bina.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 30. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 31. Resolution on the death of Mary A. O'Brien.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 31. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 32. Resolution on the death of Walter Oulette.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 32. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 33. Resolution on the death of Aline F. Dobson.
Mayor Sullivan, Councillors Galluccio, Toomey and entire membership | 33. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 34. Congratulations to Sanj Kharbanda and Jennnifer on the birth of their twins Mira Frances and Roshan Carey.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 34. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 35. Resolution on the death of John C. Coleman.
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 35. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 36. Resolution on the death of Phillip Jenkins.
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership | 36. ORDER ADOPTED. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002**

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| 37. Extending Happy 80 th Birthday wishes to Louis Moretti.
Councilor Maher and entire membership | 37. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 38. Extending congratulations to a Cambridge couple on the occasion of their second wedding anniversary.
Councillor Reeves and entire membership | 38. ORDER ADOPTED. |

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002**

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| 1. Clarification of the curb cut process, specifically as it pertains to abutters.
Vice Mayor Davis | 1. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 2. Nominate for recognition businesses, organizations, institutions and efforts made to save energy as the winter/heating season approaches.
Vice Mayor Davis | 2. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 3. Requesting the City Manager to update the City Council on his effort to rectify AT&T Broadband's violation of the negotiated Senior Discount.
Councillor Maher | 3. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 4. Dedicating a suitable corner as "Judge Sheila McGovern Square."
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership | 4. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 5. Requesting the City Manager to prepare a report regarding the changes in services by the MBTA for the Night Owl route.
Vice Mayor Davis and Councillor Galluccio | 5. ORDER ADOPTED. |
| 6. Requesting the City Manager to provide the City Council with a report on the application for a curb cut at 33 Walker Street as to completeness of application and whether the proposal complies with the Zoning Ordinance.
Vice Mayor Davis | 6. ORDER ADOPTED. |

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November 25, 2002

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

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council clarifying the process for obtaining a curb cut, particularly as it pertains to abutters, including:

- 1) What are the procedures for identifying abutters, ensuring that they are notified and that their responses are submitted and included in the application;
- 2) As the application is reviewed by the various departments, how are abutter concerns accounted for, reviewed and reported in the application; and
- 3) What additional steps would be required to notify abutters who want such notice of the date that the application would go to the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager recommend to the City Council a process for investigating abutter concerns and mediating disputes, if possible, prior to submission of the application to the City Council.

In City Council November 25, 2002.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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November 25, 2002

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

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with City staff to nominate for recognition Cambridge businesses, institutions, organizations, and efforts making major contributions to saving energy as the winter/heating season approaches.

In City Council November 25, 2002.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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November 25, 2002

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on his effort to rectify AT&T Broadband's violation of the negotiated Senior Discount; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as soon as possible as AT&T has just announced another increase effecting all Cambridge Cable customers.

In City Council November 25, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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November 25, 2002

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

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record dedicating a suitable corner as “**Judge Sheila McGovern Square**”; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Assistant to the Mayor be directed to confer with the family of Judge Sheila McGovern regarding a dedication site, ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

In City Council November 25, 2002.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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November 25, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to prepare a report regarding the changes in services by the MBTA for the Night Owl route.

In City Council November 25, 2002.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

November 25, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a report on the application for a curb cut at 33 Walker Street as to completeness of application and whether the proposal complies with the Zoning Ordinance with a response back at one of the next two City Council meetings; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager contact the owner and neighbors to meet to resolve their differences and provide mediation assistance for this meeting.

In City Council November 25, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a meeting held on October 29, 2002 to discuss three bike safety issues.

REPORT ACCEPTED. PLACED ON FILE.

Committee Report #1

PUBLIC SAFETY

In City Council November 25, 2002

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair
Councillor David P Maher
Councillor Timothy J. Toomey*

The Public Safety Committee held a public meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2002 at 5:40 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss three bike safety issues:

the possibility of changing to bike routes located between the sidewalk and parked cars, in the European model, and other ways of promoting bike safety
“dooring”, the issues related to car doors opening into bike lanes
enforcement of laws regulating bicycle riding.

Present at the meeting were Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Committee, Councillor Brian Murphy, Mayor Michael Sullivan, Superintendent David Degou, Cambridge Police Department, Sue Clippinger, Director of Traffic, Parking & Transportation, Suzanne Rasmussen, Community Development Department (CDD), Cara Seiderman, CDD, Rosalie Anders, CDD, and Elaine McGrath, City Clerk’s office. Also present were the following members of the public from Cambridge: Lorraine Lavoie, 929 Mass. Ave., Bryce Nesbitt, 170A Coolidge Hill Rd., member, Friends of the Community Path/Bike Committee, David Loutzenheiser, 230 Lexington Ave., C.R. Rogers, 27 Lee St., member of the Bike Committee, Joe Levendusky, 222 Concord Ave., Michael Halle, 2 Westacott Ct., Chapin White, 14 Suffolk St., Rozann Kraus, 91 Chilton St., Ted Hamman, 106 Holworthy St., Jim Tull, 9 Waterhouse St., Bruce Sylvester, 453 Franklin St., John Moot, 44 Coolidge Hill Rd., and Allison Dodds (no address). Also attending was Glen Berkowitz, 57 East Concord St., Boston.

Vice Mayor Davis opened the meeting and stated the purpose. She invited Mayor Sullivan to speak first, since he had to leave to attend a School Committee meeting.

Mayor Sullivan stated that almost ten years ago, the city redesigned its streets to include bike lanes. It is time to review the safety of the design again; residents have spoken to him about improvements in bike lanes. He thanked city staff for their work on the issue. Mayor Sullivan also commended the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committees for working together on the issue and noted that ten years ago, such cooperation would have been unthinkable. He believes there are enough intelligent ideas about bike safety in Cambridge that the city could be a model for other places. He stated that the goal is safer bike lanes, an issue always worth revisiting.

Vice Mayor Davis asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves and then invited Cara Seiderman of CDD to make a presentation on the issues.

Ms. Seiderman indicated that Community Development staff researched European and American models in developing the current bike lanes and in exploring new models (**Attachment A**, September 9, 2002 Report of Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for

Community Development on European-style bike lanes). First, regarding the European models, she described different types of bike lanes, or “cycle tracks”, with a primary focus on Germany, Denmark and Holland. Cycle tracks are different from the lanes on streets or separate bike paths, such as old railbeds. Cycle tracks separate bike riders as far as possible from traffic; they are usually graded up or down from street levels, and marked or otherwise distinguished from the street and sidewalk, although some are located in streets. Ms. Seiderman also reviewed the pros and cons of these designs. They have the advantages of creating more separation from traffic for bicyclists, preventing cars from driving in the tracks, which are too narrow for cars, and reducing the risk of dooring by allowing only the passenger side of cars to open onto the tracks. According to Ms. Seiderman, a big factor in the advantages of bike tracks in Europe is the fact that Europeans are better educated about bike safety and rules. The primary disadvantage and risk of bike tracks she identified for Cambridge: surprise at intersections and driveways, and resultant accidents, occur where there is no public education and experience with how these tracks work. In those places, motorists and pedestrians will encounter bikes where they do not expect them. However, according to Ms. Seiderman, if there are clear rules about travel lanes, there is a better chance of success with tracks. Another disadvantage of cycle tracks is faster bike traffic, and this increased speed creates greater risk for pedestrians.

Ms. Seiderman stated that the city plans to be cautious in redesigning bike paths. According to Ms. Seiderman, the city plans to run an experiment with bike tracks. Taking advantage of the reconstruction of Vassar Street, with MIT’s cooperation, the city will create a bike track using Dutch and Danish standards; because there is only one intersection on the street where bikes will cross pedestrian paths, the risk of collisions will be minimized.

Regarding the issue of “dooring,” Ms. Seiderman stated that this has become a high-visibility issue because of the death of bicyclist Dana Laird in Central Square earlier this year and is in the forefront of the city’s efforts to improve safety for bikes. At the same time, she emphasized that the city has to focus on the broad picture of street and bike safety and to understand what the most serious issues are. She noted that drivers’ education is lacking in terms of bike presence on the street. Educating drivers to watch for bikes is a particular interest of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. According to Ms. Seiderman, the most serious accidents occur when cars turn without seeing bikers and hit them. Dooring is not usually fatal. She identified more markings and more safety education as two ways of preventing fatalities. Her department is aware of research and experience in the U.S. and abroad on these issues and this information on safety improvements has been used in the city’s designs. Over the next few months, Cambridge will run a study on Hampshire Street to determine how to improve safety for cars and bikes. The study will include videotaping to identify traffic patterns, as well as education and outreach to drivers and bikers. Ms. Seiderman noted that statistics show that bike lanes increase safety.

Ms. Seiderman suggested several possibilities to prevent dooring: using the process for annual parking permits as an opportunity for educating drivers, a safety campaign using decals, posters, the web and flyers, mailings to motorists, use of variable message boards for reminders such as night lights for bikes, and efforts to change the state law to require motorists to check for bikes before opening doors.

Vice Mayor Davis then introduced Superintendent DeGou to speak about enforcement issues.

Superintendent DeGou began by describing his observations on a 500-yard walk from the Post Office to City Hall in Central Square: bikers traveling in the wrong direction and almost getting hit, no helmets, no illumination, and running red lights---a situation of incredible danger. He speculated that there might be an influx of new people in the city who are not familiar with the rules of the road here. He considers education vital, since enforcement alone may not solve the problems. According to Superintendent DeGou, one of the most serious problems is double parking in bike lanes, which is endless, since people want to make quick trips into stores. While he can try to assign someone at designated spots to move traffic, his experience is that even after police issue tickets and warnings, the problem continues to occur.

Councillor Murphy thanked everyone present for attending. He identified different components of the efforts to improve traffic safety: design, enforcement and education. Regarding design, Councillor Murphy recommends looking at other communities for ideas, while realizing that it may be difficult to apply some ideas because of the Cambridge's age and layout; the city needs to do its best in the circumstances present. For this, real-life study of the situation is important. Regarding enforcement, Councillor Murphy emphasized the need for meaningful fines, changes in state law and serious penalties for violations. On the issue of education and behavior modification, Councillor Murphy referred to Rozann Kraus' ideas about an intensive education campaign for all street users, with sanctions as a fall back. According to Councillor Murphy, people need to understand the repercussions of their behavior, for example, that double parking can create a risk to the safety of other street users.

Vice Mayor Davis pointed out that Councillor Murphy had basically outlined the 4 "E's" of travel safety: education, engineering, enforcement and encouragement.

Ms. Lavoie raised the issue of unsafe biker conduct. She commented that, although bikers are subject to the same rules as other vehicles on the street, they often violate them by running red lights and blocking crosswalks. In her experience trying to cross Mass. Ave. in Central Square, she is almost inevitably cut off by bikers running red lights. She has checked with Jeff Parenti at Traffic and Parking on whether bikers might have a green light, when a walk sign is on; he informed her that if the walk sign is lit, traffic has a red light. Ms. Lavoie also raised concerns about the ability of people with poor vision or other handicaps to cross streets safely since a collision with a bike can cause serious injuries. Her feeling is that there are too many inconsiderate bikers on the streets.

Mr. Nesbitt remarked that, as he was biking to the meeting, he was given the solution to the street safety problem by an SUV driver who yelled at him "get a car". He asked Superintendent DeGou how many citations were issued to drivers for various violations: double parking, no lights and parking away from the curbs. According to Mr. Nesbitt, double parking is an obvious problem, but the hidden dangers from the other infractions above are even worse. Superintendent DeGou did not have statistics on these.

Mr. Nesbitt stated that there can be significant improvements in safety, for example, with lights. Front lights on bikes are particularly important for visibility. Regarding bike tracks, he has lived in places with them and points out that they introduce conflicts at intersections, where bikes, pedestrians and cars meet at different rates of speed. Mr. Nesbitt does not think that tracks will help in Cambridge but that putting lights on bikes will, and that people will follow the leader on safety measures.

Mr. Rogers described his experience biking at night in France without lights; the police stopped him and required him to walk. He doubts that there have been any citations for no lights on bikes in Cambridge.

Mr. Levendusky stated that he has spent three years riding bikes, including in the city. He was hit by a car on a turn a month ago; in his experience, colliding with cars on turns is a more common problem than dooring. Bike tracks would only increase this type of accident by hiding bikers behind cars. Mr. Levendusky believes it would be safer to move the bike lanes further away from car lanes. Citing three bike fatalities in Boston and Cambridge this summer, he stated that what is needed is a concerted effort to educate motorists, publicity about accidents and enforcement of rules. His experience is that police are unsympathetic about bike accidents that are not dramatic. Mr. Levendusky also believes that many accidents involving bikes and cars are unreported. He urged the city to encourage people to report accidents, maybe through a campaign and heightened enforcement by the bike police; this could include undercover police. He has found many motorists to be gracious, but aggression from motorists is commonplace; they don't seem to understand how vulnerable bikers are and they misjudge the speed of bikes, which can move very fast. Mr. Levendusky pointed out that, as car and bike traffic increase, there will be more incidents. If the city does not improve enforcement, there will be more tragedies.

Superintendent DeGou heads the police bike unit, in addition to other responsibilities. While patrolling on his bike, he has been subject to rude behavior and agrees with Mr. Levendusky about the "me first" mentality that travelers have. He stated that the police are interested in more enforcement; he emphasized the importance of education as well. He stated that he takes bike/car accidents seriously and will investigate any reports. In response to a question from Ms. Lavoie about the police response if a biker hits a pedestrian, Superintendent DeGou stated that it should be reported for investigation and will be treated as an assault. Although there are difficulties in identifying bikes or riders, Superintendent DeGou is also in charge of the police investigative division and can apply its resources to bike accidents. Ms. Seiderman also suggested that people report endangerment by motorists on the city's website. Superintendent DeGou pointed out that bikes and cars are subject to the same \$20 fine for running red lights.

Mr. Halle stated that the death of bicyclist Dana Laird in Central Square this summer raises issues of the need to focus on people's safety and to understand people's fears. He has been working with city officials to address these issues. He described the police bike patrols which ride 50 miles a day, which is important to understand the community issues. The patrols primarily enforce rules against bikers. Mr. Halle wants to expand their role to enforce the rules of the road with all players, so that the maxim of "same roads, same rules" applies. He admits

that this is not an easy problem to solve, complicated by the lack of licensing and education for bikers, different backgrounds and attitudes towards biking, and the transience of the Cambridge community. In response to Councillor Simmons' interest in the European model of bike tracks, Mr. Halle stated that the members of the city's Bike Committee disagree among themselves about shared or separate facilities for bikers. Mr. Halle reiterated several suggestions for improvements: lights for bikers, more enforcement to encourage law-abiding behavior, and a study of real traffic behavior on Hampshire Street. According to Mr. Halle, the fact that there are so few bike/car accidents is fortunate, but that there is so little reporting is unfortunate. He believes that there is not enough data on the problem, and that there need to be more state efforts and education for everyone who uses the streets, perhaps through agencies such as the school department. Mr. Halle noted that after the biker's death in Central Square this summer, the Bike Committee wrote to the police asking for more enforcement, and observed more police efforts in the square. He also pointed to taxi behavior as another safety issue and stated that the police liaison spoke to cabbies about this.

Ms. Rasmussen stated that the Community Development Department plans to promote non-car use in a campaign in May 2003, and that, as part of this effort, she commits to work with the Bike and Pedestrian Committees and with city departments to focus on travel safety. According to Ms. Rasmussen, education is important but difficult, since people are given so much information to deal with. She will try to learn from other places what has been effective for them. She wants to ensure that the impact of the campaign is related to the effort; she has found it hard to get media coverage for public service, although this is the best way to reach people.

Mr. White considers Cambridge a great city, with sophisticated riders, a public and city officials who are concerned about safety, and the resources to address problems. Mr. White is amazed that people ride bikes without lights and that the bikes don't come equipped with such safety features. He suggests working with local bike schools and/or public officials to require safety features such as lights on bikes. Vice Mayor Davis remarked that Police Commissioner Watson is also interested in ways to require safety equipment as standard features on bikes. Regarding "dooring", Mr. White stated that it is nervewracking to anticipate open doors when biking in the street. On 60-foot wide streets, two bike lanes, two or four car lanes, and two lanes for parking make for very congested conditions; he believes that something has to go. On the premise that it's better to have one safe bike lane rather than two unsafe ones, he recommends redesigning streets to run one way and to include one wide bike lane, two travel lanes, and a parking lane. Mr. White also urged more enforcement against double parking and running red lights; he believes this is important to get the message to drivers that lawlessness will not be tolerated. Finally, he congratulated everyone for taking steps in the right direction on this issue.

Ms. Kraus thanked the city for its efforts. Speaking as a hard-core biker, she stated that there isn't a day without close calls when she is almost hurt. She also emphasized the importance of using the tragedy of Dana Laird's death this summer to improve the situation. Ms. Kraus' son was injured by a driver who failed to stop; for years she has been involved in efforts to improve the situation, without seeing changes implemented. Ms. Kraus' perspective is that the city should not wait any longer; it has the resources, intelligence and ability to educate people

and needs to use the resources it has now. Instead of relying exclusively on public efforts, Ms. Kraus proposes a six-week project of education and enforcement using the following:

- ?? enhanced current resources, such as police
- ?? school department early “travel education” throughout the city
- ?? Chamber of Commerce
- ?? students
- ?? neighborhood committees
- ?? warnings of serious fines and penalties

Mr. Kraus has studied the ways to change behavior and recommends this process as a way of “saturation in finite time.” She envisions this project as a model for the state and beyond.

Vice Mayor Davis noted that Cambridge Cable TV would be airing panel discussions with members of the community and public officials on bike safety on October 29 and November 3.

Mr. Hamman stated that bike and pedestrian safety are issues for the city and the state. Despite conflicts, he believes that we are all in the same boat of improving non-vehicular travel safety. According to Mr. Hamman, House Bill 2101 of last year, which concerns bike safety, will be revised and reintroduced in the state legislature this year. On a personal note, Mr. Hamman recounted how, on a 12-day biking trip in France, only one car honked at him and that was to say hello.

Vice Mayor Davis described a recent ride on a public bus on which the driver harassed a biker off the road. She reported this driver to the agency and urged other people to report dangerous conduct.

Mr. Tull was excited about being on the same page with other people on the issue of bike safety. Two years ago, he was injured by a car which was turning in traffic; because he was a new father then, he was particularly scared by his vulnerability. As he sees it, the main challenge for a biker is to be both legal and safe. In his experience, a legal biker is not necessarily a safe one. While he looks out for pedestrians, he actively breaks the law now in order to avoid busses and cars. He received a warning recently but still thinks it can be necessary to break the law for safety. Mr. Tull challenges the notion of more education as key. His opinion is that education alone will not be effective, that it is utopian to hope that everyone will be law-abiding. His own approach to bike safety is one that has not been mentioned: attention to immediate interests. Because he feels that police are not very concerned about most bike accidents, he also wonders if a separate phone line to report them would be useful. Based on his work in international dispute resolution, Mr. Tull suggested that option generation is critical, before focusing on solutions. Vice Mayor Davis exercised her prerogative as chair to urge Mr. Tull to obey the rules of the road, and reminded him that running red lights contributes to the tone of danger on the street. Mr. Tull responded that, when he has to make a quick decision on the street, he distinguishes between safety and stupidity and will do what he has to to be safe.

Mr. Sylvester offered his opinion that enforcement is on-the-spot education. Referring to the statistics in the October 21, 2002 report from Police Commissioner Watson on enforcement efforts against double-parking in bike lanes (**Attachment B**), Mr. Sylvester stated that it was discouraging to see how little enforcement there was. For example, he read the statistics to indicate that there were an average of seven bike violations per day in August 2002; warnings only were issued in over 70 percent of the incidents, and from January through September 2002, there were only 1.2 fines per day.

Mr. Moot asked several questions. First, he wanted an explanation of the different patterns in crosswalks and stated that both pedestrians and drivers need to know what they mean. His opinion is that the state needs some uniformity on crosswalk markings; on a related issue, he stated that video surveillance of cars running red lights would be useful in improving safety. In response, Ms. Clippinger, Director of the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department, stated that what's important at crosswalks is the traffic signal. Pedestrians are only supposed to cross on the "walk" signal; if there is no signal, cars are required to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. Different municipalities have experimented with different kinds of markings to identify the crosswalks, but all of the different street markings mean the same thing—they simply mark the crosswalk. Vice Mayor Davis confirmed that there are different costs to different kinds of road paint, which also explains some of the differences. Ms. Clippinger stated that Cambridge has been using zebra bars with plastic-coated paint to increase visibility and that this project doubled the pavement marking budget two years ago. Secondly, Mr. Moot asked if helmets were required for bike riders. Councillor Murphy stated that he had been involved in the issue of bike helmets when he worked in the State House, and that the legislature had only required helmets for bike riders twelve years of age and under. Next, Mr. Moot inquired if there were laws requiring bikers to warn pedestrians when they were about to pass; according to Mr. Moot, speeding bikes routinely zip by pedestrians on the river with no warning. Vice Mayor Davis stated that there are rules requiring a warning but that they are not followed. Finally, Mr. Moot inquired about the rules covering bikes on sidewalks; he said that he is unclear about these rules.

Ms. Dodds stated that she was a member of the city's Pedestrian Committee for five years. Based on her experience, it takes 15 years for good ideas to materialize. Noting that this is the sixth year of the combined Bicycle and Pedestrian committees, she said that the city's policy on bike and pedestrian safety is not constructive or effective. According to Ms. Dodds, there is a lack of consistency, so that people do not know what's expected and this makes enforcement impossible. She is not aware of any enforcement against bikes on sidewalks north of Porter Square. Illustrating the problems, she recounted a recent incident where a bike, a few inches away, sped by her on the sidewalk, and then almost collided with a car exiting a parking lot. Her observation is that the running of red lights is also on the increase. Ms. Dodds states that, since pedestrians generally have 17 seconds to cross a street on a walk light, they can lose time trying to avoid bikes that are running red lights and then find themselves in danger when the light changes. Referring to Mr. Halle's statement that it was important to understand people's fears, Ms. Dodds stated that the perils on the sidewalks from bikers are real, not imagined. She noted that there have been many injuries, some fatal, from collisions between pedestrians and bikes. According to Ms. Dodds, the "big bad wolf" is not just cars; bikers have wheels and speed, which make them dangerous.

Ms. Dodds wants more red light enforcement. She also seconded many of the suggestions from other speakers, including making lights part of the purchase of bikes, visible identification on bikes, and a distribution of lights to increase visibility and prevent accidents such as “dooring.” Right now, pedestrians have no way to identify bikers who injure them. Ms. Dodds believes that since bikes are vehicles under state law, they should have identification.

Mr. Loutzenheiser made the following suggestions:

- ?? On-the-road, in-your-face education with bright yellow “yield to pedestrians” signs and possibly signs about other dangers
- ?? Recognizing that streets are designed for cars and sidewalks for pedestrians, and that bikes as a third category of transportation have unique needs

Vice Mayor Davis thanked everyone for attending, and remarked that the meeting produced a lot of food for thought. Councillor Murphy stated that it was a testament to the city that it was having these conversations and that it must not lose the momentum for change from the death of Dana Laird this summer. Councillor Murphy urged the city to work on specific legislation for increased penalties and other changes. He looks forward to the Hampshire Street data and wants to make the city a safer place for everyone.

Vice Mayor Davis outlined the next steps on the issue, and the list of specific suggestions for action:

- ?? Include bike safety in the city’s “Go Green” month education
- ?? Intensive education campaign for bike safety
- ?? Legislation to require safety equipment on bikes
- ?? Set and enforce appropriate fines for double parking
- ?? Include bike and pedestrian issues in youth driver education
- ?? Include bike classes in school physical education
- ?? Encourage reporting and recording of bike and pedestrian accidents and make sure that city personnel are knowledgeable about procedures
- ?? City research about safe bike lanes
- ?? Follow up with the state caucus on bike and pedestrian safety issues
- ?? Investigate how to license bikes

Vice-Mayor Davis thanked everyone for attending. She also entered eight letters and e-mails she had received about bike safety into the record of the meeting:

- ?? **Attachment C**, “A 200-pound slab of cycling arrogance”, a Commentary by Katherine A. Powers
- ?? **Attachment D**, October 7, 2002 Letter from Ken Field
- ?? **Attachment E**, October 7, 2002 e-mail from Walter Willett
- ?? **Attachment F**, October 8, 2002 Letter from Bryce Nesbitt and Ilil Carni
- ?? **Attachment G**, October 8, 2002 e-mail from Wade T. Smith

- ?? **Attachment H**, October 9, 2002 e-mail from Jesse Gordon
- ?? **Attachment I**, October 25, 2002 e-mail from Bryce Nesbitt
- ?? **Attachment J**, October 28, 2002 e-mail from Gail Roberts

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

For the Committee,

Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair