



City of Cambridge

Consent Agenda #3

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 8, 1998

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record expressing its appreciation to the City Manager, the Inspectional Services Department and the Public Works Department for coordinating the clean-up of the railroad tracks next to Cambridgeport Commons; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Inspectional Services Department to confer with the appropriate departments and agencies to provide a similar clean-up of the tracks near Porter Square, with a report back to the City Council in two weeks.

In City Council June 8, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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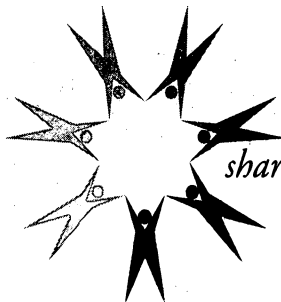
ICB

That the CC express its appreciation to
the CM Inspectoral Service and the Public Works Department
for conducting the clearing of the railroad tracks
near Cambridgeport.

Ordered

That the CM be + is requested
to direct the Inspectoral Service Department
to confer w/ the appropriate departments
and agents to provide a similar clearing
of the tracks near Parker Square, with a
report back to the C-C in two weeks.

Department of Human Service Programs



sharing resources...building community

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
FROM: Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services
RE: Additional Response to Council Order #45 dated April 6 and May 18, 1998
DATE: June 2, 1998

Jill Herold
Assistant City Manager

Childcare

Commission for
Persons with Disabilities

Community and Youth

Community
Learning Center

Coordinating Council for
Children, Youth and Families
(Kids' Council)

Council on Aging;
Elderly Services

Low Income
Fuel Assistance

Multi-Service Center;
Homeless Services

Office of Workforce
Development

Planning & Development

Recreation

The following is offered as elaboration on the information provided in the original response regarding public access to youth center facilities.

All youth center staff are being trained and supported to appropriately assess any request from a member of the public who enters a youth center seeking use of the restroom, drinking fountain, telephone or any other resource within the center. Included in the assessment is a determination as to whether there are sufficient staff available to monitor the activity of the visitor while in the center. All visitors to youth centers must, by design, pass through a check-in or reception area.

From time to time, a youth center director may determine that it is appropriate to restrict entrance of all visitors due to the potential disruption or distraction to the programming being offered.

The process of reviewing the issue of public access to youth centers has provided an opportunity to move from an informal set of policies and procedures to a formally established policy in which all youth center directors have participated in developing. I am confident that with the implementation of this policy, the safety of youth center participants and the needs of visitors to the centers can both be met.



Department of Human Service Programs



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Jill Herold
Assistant City Manager

To: Robert Healy, City Manager

Ellen Semanoff
Deputy Director

From: Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services

Date: May 6, 1998

Child Care

Subject: Response to Council Order # 45 dated April 6, 1998, in regard to public access to youth center facilities

Commission for
Persons with Disabilities

In response to the Council Order inquiring about public access to youth center facilities, the Cambridge Youth Program staff has provided the following information.

Community and Youth

Since our Youth Centers are public facilities, they should be available to members of the public during normal hours of operation for specific use of restrooms and pay phones. However, the Youth Program staff recognizes its role in ensuring the safety of children and young people participating in their programs. If a member of the public acts in any manner as to present himself or herself as a possible risk to the safety of youth in the center, they have the authority to deny access to the facility. Youth Center Directors may occasionally restrict entrance to the building during special activities, when the safety and comfort of participants is of special concern.

Community
Learning Center

Coordinating Council for
Children, Youth and Families
(Kid's Council)

Council on Aging:
Elderly Services

Program staff affirmed this policy after meeting several times to discuss concerns and experiences around non-program building use by adults and youth. They then developed procedures for entrance which will be posted at every center with the assistance of Public Works. These rules include such basic safety and maintenance items as; checking in at the front desk, barring athletic cleats and other damaging footwear, et cetera.

Low Income
Fuel Assistance

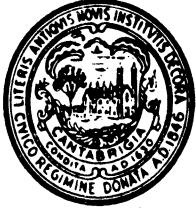
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

June 8, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 15, regarding a report on the cleanup of graffiti and trash on the railroad tracks next to Cambridgeport Commons, please be advised of the following:

The Inspectional Services Department has coordinated with representatives of MIT, Conrail and the Public Works Department concerning the cleanup of the above-mentioned area. MIT has committed to cleaning debris and removing graffiti from their buildings and area behind their property. Conrail will have crews available within two weeks to begin cleanup of the railroad tracks. In addition, Public Works has scheduled the trash and graffiti removal in this area including Fort Washington.

Inspectional Services inspectors will be on site during the cleanup process to ensure completion.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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A report on the clean-up
graffiti and trash on the railroad
tracks next to Cambridgeport Commons.

In City Council June 8, 1998

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