

City of Cambridge

In City Council May 1, 1978

The Ordinance

Committee

to which was referred the petition of Peter Desmond, et al to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in the area bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Everett Street Oxford Street and Wendell Street from Residence C-3 to Residence C-1.

After a joint hearing with the Planning Board held on April 26, 1978 the committee reports:-

That the petition be referred to the City Council without recommendation at its meeting of May 1, 1978

The Ordinance committee indicated their concern for the stability of the Agassiz neighborhood and suggested that a mechanism be created which would allow both parties to the controversy to sit down and engage in a dialogue to arrive at a mutually satisfactory solution.

The committee members indicated that the College has displayed a lack of flexibility in their relationship with the community.

The committee felt the college should consider the needs of the community and the possibility of a compromise which would please all concerned, keeping in mind that the main issue involved is the ability of the neighborhood to control their own destiny.

A suggestion was made that the college and the community present a written agreement to the council prior to Monday which would be a step towards a solution to the problem and provide a step by step approach to settle their differences, that negotiations with the neighborhood should precede the planning by the college for any new building.

The committee indicated that Lesley could come back to the Council with an agreement to work with the community as outlined above.

For the Committee,

Councillor Frisoli, Chairman

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REPORT

Committee on Ordinance

Zoning amendment on the petition
of Peter Desmond.

5/1/78

Petition Tasked
to Calendar
for
May 8, 1978