



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 8, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
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COUNCILLOR DAVIS
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MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: Susan Fleischmann, Executive Director of CCTV, and Ginny Berkowitz, Assistant Director, have been working on an exciting new project for Central Square in conjunction with their participation in the MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning as Fellows in the Center for Reflective Community Practice; and
- WHEREAS: The project, "Central Square Conversations" will bring together members of the community who have been working on Central Square issues through a series of facilitated community focus groups and on-line conversations via a web site, currently hosted at MIT (<http://web.mit.edu/gsb/www>); and
- WHEREAS: In addition to the invaluable community-building opportunities available through the community focus group and the on-line conversations, the project can further a supportive relationship with MIT's Center for Reflective Community Practice, which in turn could provide substantial benefits such as academic and technical assistance from MIT for work on Central Square community issues; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its appreciation to Susan Fleischmann and Ginny Berkowitz of CCTV for their work on "Central Square Conversations: and its web site (<http://web.mit.edu/gsb/www>) and encouraging them to continue in this fine community-building endeavor; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Susan Fleischmann and Ginny Berkowitz on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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W/A Susan Fleschman, Executive Director of CCTV, and
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Dear Friend of Central Square,

We are writing to tell you about a very exciting project, and to invite you to attend a special gathering on May 8th.

For the past academic year, we have been participating as Fellows in the Center for Reflective Community Practice, part of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT. Founded in the early '70's by Mel King as the Community Fellows Program, the Center now seeks to build the capacity of urban communities, through collaboration with MIT, to generate solutions for the challenges they face.

We have been working on a project we call "Central Square Conversations." The purpose is to examine the issues facing Central Square through a series of facilitated community focus groups and on-line conversations via a web site, currently hosted at MIT (<http://web.mit.edu/gsb/www>).

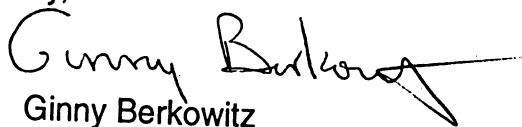
We have begun interviewing a few "community curators," Central Square activists who have agreed to discuss the major issues facing the Square, and these interviews are posted on the web site. You are on the list of those we wish to include, and we hope that you can attend a special, invitation only, community forum on May 8th, from 8:30-11 AM at Cambridge Community Television, 675 Massachusetts Avenue (entrance on Prospect Street). A continental breakfast will be provided.

The forum will bring together people who have been working on various issues facing the Square. We hope to consider applying as a fellowship community to the Center for Reflective Community Practice for the next few years. A relationship with the Center could result in substantial benefits to Central Square, including support for a community team to actively work through some of the issues, with academic and technical assistance from MIT.

Please let us know if you can attend by returning the enclosed response form. Also, prior to May 8th, visit the web site. We plan to expand it over the next few weeks, and to include a means for you to be "interviewed" on line. Once you send us your email address, we will notify you each time the site is updated.

Thank you for your consideration in joining this project. Perhaps together, we can develop a unique means of addressing the complex community issues confronting Central Square.

Sincerely,


Ginny Berkowitz


Susan Fleischmann



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and internet dialog about Central
Square.

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Councillor Sullivan

In City Council May 8, 2000

ORDER ADOPTED