



City of Cambridge

R-34.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 1, 2001

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

- WHEREAS: Ten years ago in November of 1991, the Meeting Place, a supervised child access service, began as a program of the Guidance Center; and
- WHEREAS: The Meeting Place was founded by Dr. Robert Straus and the program addresses the needs of at-risk children and their parents caught in the middle of disputes over access following parental separation, removal of a child from their home or open adoption; and
- WHEREAS: The Meeting Place provides a safe environment for parent-child meetings by allowing parents and children to remain in contact while being protected from physical or emotional harm; and
- WHEREAS: The Meeting Place provides supervised visitation which is provided by the program staff and trained paraprofessionals; and
- WHEREAS: The Meeting Place has been instrumental in developing the National Supervised Visitation Network and the Massachusetts Coalition for Supervised Visitation; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its congratulations to the Meeting Place on its 10th Anniversary; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Meeting Place on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 1, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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ORDERED: That the minutes of prior meetings will identify who voted yes and who voted no on all non-unanimous votes.

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Whereas:

The Meeting Place was founded by Dr. Robert Straus ~~and~~ and the program addresses the needs of at-risk children & their parents caught in the middle of disputes over access following parental separation, removal of a child from their home or open adoption; &

Whereas:

The Meeting Place provides a safe environment for parent-child meetings due to the ~~supervision~~ ^{by allowing children to remain in contact with parents while being protected from physical or emotional harm.} supervised visitation ~~provided~~ ^{provided} by the program staff & trained paraprofessionals; &

Whereas:

The Meeting Place has been instrumental in developing the National Supervised Visitation Network & the Mass. Coalition for Supervised Visitation; now therefore be it

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MEETING PLACE

Supervised Child Access Service

5 Sacramento Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 (617)354-2275

* A Program of the Guidance Center, Inc.

DIRECTOR

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Cambridge, MA 02183

Mary Horgan

City Council Office

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Dear Ms. Horgan,

Here is a brief description. Please feel to edit as you think best. And please thank Marjorie for arranging this. It is greatly appreciated.

Meeting Place: Supervised Child Access Service began as a program of the Guidance Center, Inc. in November, 1991. It is now celebrating 10 years of service to children and families. Founded by Dr. Robert Straus, the program addresses the needs of at-risk children and their parents caught in the middle of disputes over access following parental separation, removal of a child from his/her home, or open adoption. Meeting Place provides a safe setting for parent-child meetings. Program staff and trained paraprofessionals from the community supervise visits, allowing parents and children to remain in contact while they are protected from physical or emotional harm.

Meeting Place staff have also been central to the development of the national Supervised Visitation Network and the Massachusetts Coalition for Supervised Visitation. They have contributed significantly to the literature in the field and regularly consult with other programs nationally and internationally.

Current staff include:

Robert B. Straus, DMH, JD	Director
Howard Yaffe, LICSW	Clinical Director
Mary Ellen Talbot, MA	Director of Off-Site Services
Maureen Crowley, MA	Senior Child Access Supervisor
Norma Wassel, LICSW	Senior Child Access Monitor
Jeanne Clearly, MA, LMHC	Clinical Consultant
Netta Lawton	Administrative Coordinator

*Yours,
Rob Straus*

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MEMO:



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D. Margaret Drury
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Resolution #34

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**Councillors Decker, Sullivan and
entire membership**

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ORDER ADOPTED