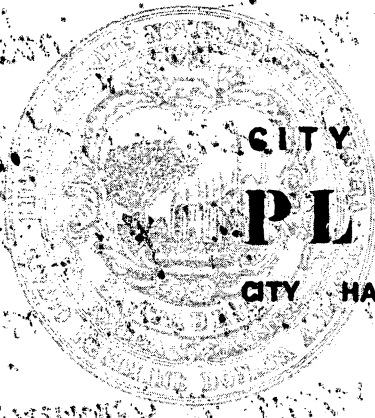




CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 57 INMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE 02139

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 18, 1997, at 8:30 p.m. in the **Sullivan Chamber**, second floor, **City Hall**, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts on a Special Permit (#133) application by the Holmes Trust, for a special permit in the Central Square Overlay District, Section 11.300 of the Zoning Ordinance, to construct a mixed use building at 600 Massachusetts Avenue on a block abutting Massachusetts Avenue, Central Square and Green Street. The proposal for 72 units of housing and 30,000 square feet of retail and/or office use requires a special permit for building height in excess of 55 feet, Section 11.304.2 b. and c; waiver of the setback requirement for the residential use, Section 11.304.4; and waiver of the parking requirements, Section 11.304.6 b. This development will also require variance relief from the Board of Zoning Appeal through separate proceedings.

Copies of this petition are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Questions concerning the petition may be addressed to Lester Barber at voice: 349-4657 or Liza Paden at voice 349-4647, email lpaden@ci.cambridge.ma.us, TTY: 349-4621.

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Thursday, November 13, 1997

Dear Members of the Cambridge City Council,

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This coming Tuesday, November 18 at 8:30 pm here in the City Council chamber the Cambridge Planning Board will be conducting its first Public Hearing on the Holmes Realty "Trust" Proposal for the heart of Central Square.

Holmes Realty are seeking a Special Permit for this proposal because they would like to exceed the limits regarding height, set-back and other aspects of the project governed by Cambridge Zoning regulations.

Holmes Realty have not yet even filed any formal application for the variances they would need, as well.

This is not an example of "responsible and orderly development," one of the important criteria for issuance of special permits.

For this, and for many other important reasons, Holmes Realty do not deserve to be granted any special permits or other special dispensation from our community for their unwanted project.

The manner in which this project is being handled continues to raise grave concerns regarding the role of various city departments and hired staff persons in addressing the needs of the community, as opposed to appearing to work "hand-in-glove" with the "developer" against the interests of the larger community.

Sincerely, James M. Williamson

Consent Communication #17

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Communication was received from James
Williamson, regarding the Holmes
Realty Trust.

In City Council November 17, 1997

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