

City of Cambridge

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING
AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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In City Council May 7, 2001

**NEIGHBORHOOD AND LONG TERM
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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The Economic Development, Training & Employment and the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committees conducted a joint public meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2001 at 3:05 p.m. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue discussions on planning the May 10th community meeting.

Present at the meeting were Councillor Davis, Chair of the Economic Development, Training & Employment Committee; Councillor Decker, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee; Councillor Reeves; Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager; Lisa Peterson, Assistant to the City Manager; Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development; Stuart Dash, Director of Community Planning, Community Development Department (CDD); Elaine Thorne, Associate Planner, CDD; Jill Herold, Assistant City manager for Human Services; Benjamin Barnes, License Commissioner; and Donna P Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Also present was Samantha Simpson, representing John Clifford of the Green Street Grille.

Councillor Davis opened the meeting and stated the purpose. She stated that the community meeting needs to be publicized through press releases. She requested that the meeting be published on the web page, cable television, in the Chronicle, the Boston Globe and the Harvard Crimson. She further requested that all attendees at neighborhood association meetings be notified of the May 10th meeting. Ms. Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for the Community Development Department stated that her staff would do this notification. She further stated that a team from CDD would arrange to have the posters displayed in the windows of business establishments in the Central Square area. Ms. Simpson stated that the Green Street Grille would put up the poster. Councillor Decker stated that she thought that the poster came out great.

Mr. Rossi stated that refreshments such as sandwiches, roll-ups, hors d'oeuvres, water and soft drinks would be supplied by the Green Street Grille for 100-150 people.

Ms. Thorne, CDD, stated that she talked to Mr. Clifford to participate in the restaurant and licensing breakout group.

It was agreed at the meeting that the organization of the resource fair was to be handled by telephoning the City Council Office to reserve space at the tables. Coordination of the tables will be done by the Public Works Department. Councillor Decker stated that she felt one person should be responsible to organize the "resource fair" rooms. She stated that the issue of the resource fair was one of information placed on a table versus a representative located at a table to provide information on services. She wanted one room to be used for the resource fair.

Councillor Decker and Councillor Reeves both requested that the churches be invited to attend the community meeting. Ms. Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services, stated that the Mayor's Office has a list of the churches.

Councillor Reeves stated that there were at least 100 people who should be telephoned to inform them of the community meeting. He also stated that Harvard University and MIT Planning Offices should also be invited. MIT should talk about their vision. Councillor Davis suggested a session about development in and around the square for MIT. Mr. Dash, Director of Community Planning, CDD, stated that the slide show and where we are now could cover this area.

Ms. Herold stated that people could be asked to declare what breakout group they would like to participate in at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Rossi suggested that a coordinator be picked for each area and work with the respective groups. Councillor Reeves suggested a letter with a check off sheet.

The Coordinator for the break-out groups were designated as follows:

- Beth Rubenstein - Retail mix, development and transportation
- Rich Rossi - Public safety
- Lisa Peterson - BID, maintenance and cleanliness
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- Pallas Lombardi - Arts and cultural

Councillor Decker stated that at the meeting on May 7, 2001, a report would be received from the coordinators on what the session will look like.

Ms. Herold will work on noon availability and coordinate with Ms. Peterson on the number of tables and chairs needed.

Ms. Peterson asked who are the facilitators. City staff will be the facilitators.

Councillor Decker stated that the coordinators would be responsible for the following:

- Contact individuals on the flyer to see if they want space at the "resource fair";
- Arrange for the facilitators and recorders; and
- Take responsibility for the notes of their particular groups to be included in the report.

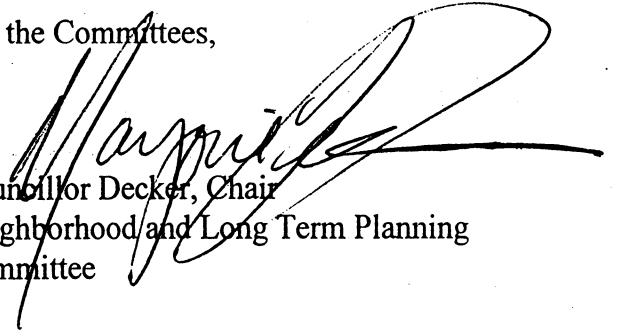
Councillors Decker and Davis thanked all attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



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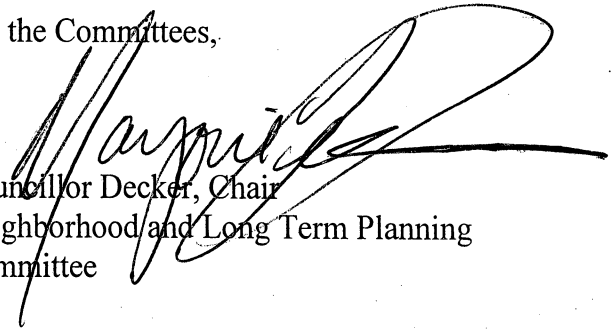
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