



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

July 31, 2002

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Mayor schedule a meeting of the City Council the week of September 23, 2002 at the Area IV Youth Center, 243 Harvard Street to report back to the community on the progress made in addressing the violence in the area.

In City Council July 31, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" at the beginning.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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AREA IV NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

PRIORITY ISSUE: VIOLENCE

Immediate steps:

1. **Community self-empowerment and safety project.** A campaign to change the notion that Area IV is a neighborhood where violence, crime and drugs can happen. Program would include:
 Community led walk throughs and presence on blocks with support
 Visible campaign to "take back community"
 Area 4 based street workers (full time) to address and intervene in violence
2. **True community policing.** A change in the way police officers engage area residents that builds relationships and confidence in both. The assignment of officers the community wants and officers from the neighborhood to the neighborhood. Structural changes that support true community policing, and training for all officers that reflects this change in philosophy and action.
3. **Building agency collaboration.** A mapping/inventory of the available services, both public and private, a dissemination of that information, and a coordinated campaign to leverage existing services, identify gaps, and meet needs of target populations in the neighborhood (13 – 19 year olds and 20 – 30 year olds) and the community at large. Above all consistency in all services to the neighborhood.
4. **Funding** to make these steps happen

Other steps to address violence in the neighborhood:

Highlight programs that work	Festival for peace (anti violence)
Centers for 20 – 30 year olds	Lighting campaign
Restorative Justice program/2 nd chance program	Gun and knife reduction programs
Commitments for alternatives to jail	Job training program with job s/paid training
Tracking program to support young teens	Graffiti removal
Pamphlet on calling police (how to call, what to know/observe, keeping track of response time)	

Four other top issues in the community and steps to address them

Climate of Disrespect (youth towards adults) & Low expectations for (of) our youth	Youth serving programs struggling for funds & Not enough services for 13-19 year olds, not enough services for girls	No services for those 20-30 year olds	Mental Health
Parent workshops in the community Workshops that teach parenting Workshops should have an adult and youth focus Parents being more involved in building youth morale Community organizations need to set high goals for our youth Youth themselves planning a role in setting expectations	Research grant funds, Successful writing of grants, Develop programs that will attract girls Parent support for youth's participation, Running at full capacity, Private sector investment City design an inviting policy for zoning, Social conscious policy like VOAG program More collaborative programs and grant writing	Mapping to find current services, inventory Criminal justice, health, educational and corporate Jobs for this age group Training program Survey the target population Black Men's Task Force	In depth counseling (long term) Especially to closest affected Quickly contact providers and victims Meeting to plan services w/ all relevant people Mental health task force Pamphlet to explain services that is easy to read

Consent Communication #1

A communication was received from representatives of the Area IV community transmitting information regarding the Area IV neighborhood meeting.

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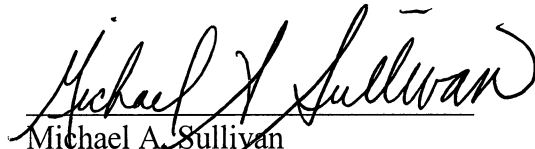
City of Cambridge

July 17, 2002

Dear Councillor:

You are hereby notified to attend a *Special Meeting* of the City Council for **Wednesday, July 31, 2002** at 7:00 p.m. at the **Area 4 Youth Center, Second Floor, Gymnasium, 243 Harvard Street, Cambridge, MA.**

By order of His Honor the Mayor.


Michael A. Sullivan
Mayor

The purpose of this meeting is to receive an update on recent incidences of violence and to take action on any and all business relative to this subject which may properly come before the City Council.

This meeting shall be subject to the Rules of the City Council as amended.

MEETING HELD.

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