

City of Cambridge

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

*Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair
Councillor Anthony D. Galluccio
Councillor Brian Murphy*

In City Council September 9, 2002

The Health and Environment Committee held a public hearing on July 25, 2002, beginning at 7:05 P.M. in the Ackermann Room for the purpose of discussing a proposed tree protection ordinance (**Attachment A**).

Present at the hearing were Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Committee, Councillor Brian Murphy and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Nancy Glowa, First Assistant City Solicitor, Lisa Peterson, Commissioner of Public Works, Greg Garber, Parks Supervisor, Department of Public Works (DPW), Lester Barber, Director of Zoning and Land Use, Community Development Department, and Charles Sullivan, Executive Director of the Historical Commission.

The Following residents of Cambridge were also present: Karen Carmean, 1657 Cambridge Street #3, Ellen Mass, 104A Inman Street, Kathryn S. Podgers, 148 Pearl Street, Skip Schloming, 102-R Inman Street, Bonnie Solomon, 1 Newport Road, #1, Mary Otis Stevens, A.I.A., 6 Riedesel Avenue, Sam Bass Warner, Jr., 15 Cottage Street, Council, Keren Schlomy, 3 Irving Terrace, Deborah Kershner, 12 Laurel Street, Dick Clarey, 15 Brookford Street, Lydia Vickers, 45 Cherry Street and Alison Field Juma, 363 Concord Avenue, .

Vice Mayor Davis convened the hearing and explained the purpose. She requested that Commissioner Peterson begin the presentation. Ms. Peterson began with a review of the history of the proposal, starting with the Tree Protection Task Force convened by the City Manager in June, 2000, in response to a request from the Health and Environment Committee of the City Council.

The task force adopted two goals: (1) establish and maintain maximum tree cover, and (2) prevent the loss of highly valued, significant trees. Thereafter, the task force developed the following recommendations to achieve these goals:

- Implement a strong education program for residents and developers on proper tree care.
- Use the Historical Commission and landmarking process for highly valued, significant individual trees.
- Introduce a tree ordinance to address trees in the context of larger scale development projects and evaluate its effectiveness at a later date, with goal of enlarging the scope of ordinance if necessary in the future.
- Enact tree ordinance in conjunction with an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to include consideration of trees in the large project review and special permit process. Creating a separate tree ordinance will allow easier

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Consent Communication #2

Committee Report from Vice
Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of
the Health and Environment
Committee, for a meeting held on
July 25, 2002 for the purpose of
discussing a proposed tree
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**REPORT ACCEPTED.
PLACED ON FILE.
ORDER ADOPTED AS
AMENDED. SEE ORDER #25.**