



City of Cambridge

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COUNCILLOR WOLF

IN CITY COUNCIL
June 25, 1984

- WHEREAS: Cambridge has had a long history of active citizen interest and participation in governmental decisions; and
- WHEREAS: Many residents of Cambridge have a strong feeling for their neighbors and neighborhood, development and capital improvements in their area, the quality of City services, the housing stock, schools and other factors that have a major impact on the neighborhood; and
- WHEREAS: Other cities, like St. Paul, Minnesota and Washington D.C., have been able to put this energy and concern into a consistent structure throughout their City for citizen participation through neighborhood advisory councils that have a clear, well-defined role in certain decisions affecting their neighborhood, as a few committees do in Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge now has a budget by neighborhood whose format would allow neighborhoods to make judgements about City expenditures and services it is getting; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council wishes to analyze and improve the process by which residents work together to maintain, revitalize, and have a say in the City priorities for their neighborhood and to consider whether a structure of neighborhood advisory councils through the City is in the best interest of all Cambridge neighborhoods; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That to meet this end, the City Manager convene an ad hoc committee to Study Neighborhood Advisory Council; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Committee comprise Cambridge residents from throughout the City, of which at least two-thirds represent existing operating neighborhood Committees, Councils, or teams, along with other citizens who are active in the community; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Committee receive staff support from the Community Development Department; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the mandate of the Committee be broadly defined, but include:

1. Assessing the present role of Cambridge citizen groups in decision-making, particularly with regard to questions of what their real influence in City decisions is, the uniformity, across the City, of that decision-making power, and the representativeness of that input;
2. Defining ways in which our participation process could be improved and broadened, by comparing our process with local advisory councils in cities like St. Paul, Minnesota and by eliciting suggestions from Cambridge citizens and organizations;
3. Recommending to the City Council the feasibility of establishing a more formal neighborhood advisory council system for each neighborhood in Cambridge; the opportunities and difficulties that such Councils would represent; and alternative structures for such council.

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RESOLVED:

That the Ad-Hoc Committee to Study Neighborhood Advisory Councils be requested to inform the City Council of the time and place of its meetings and keep minutes that are forwarded to the Council; and be it further

RESOLVED:

The Committee forward a preliminary report of its findings to the Manager and City Council not later than mid-December, and after receiving reactions from the Manager, City Councillors, and community organizations, submit a final report to the Council by February 1.

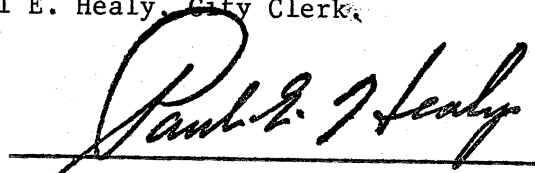
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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ATTEST:-



Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

C. Wolf re: City Manager to convene an ad hoc committee to Study Neighborhood Advisory Council to analyze & improve the process by which residents work together to have a say in City priorities for their neighborhoods & consider whether a structure of neighborhood advisory councils throughout the City is in the best interest of City neighborhoods.

In City Council,

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