



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 22, 1999

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The Mildred O'Neill Branch of the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families in North Cambridge have embarked upon a new project, "Rindge Avenue Connections;" and

WHEREAS: The project, funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, will explore family life in North Cambridge since the turn of the century, and will feature a number of events in April and May, including a panel discussion with long-time residents and new residents, a slide show, a photographic exhibit and two walking tours along Rindge Avenue conducted by the Cambridge Historical Society; and

WHEREAS: The project staff are currently searching for photographs of families who lived on Rindge Avenue, worked on Rindge Avenue or frequented the stores, schools and churches; they are particularly interested in photographs from 1890-1945 and 1945-1970; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging any citizens who have photographs of families or persons who lived or worked on Rindge Avenue during the years 1890-1970 to contact the Rindge Avenue Connection project by calling the O'Neill Branch Library 349-4023, and urging all Cantabrigians to be cognizant of upcoming "Rindge Avenue Connection" events in April and May, 1999.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "M".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Resolved:

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to contact the Ridge Avenue Connection project
by calling the O'Neil Branch Library 349-4023 ~~4023~~,
[~~be it further ordered that be as forth urging~~
all ~~contact~~]

And urging all Cubans to be cognizant of
upcoming "Ridge Avenue Connection" events in April and
May, 1999

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Dear Rindge Avenue Resident,

The Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities recently awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Mildred O'Neill Branch Library and the Center for Families of North Cambridge for a project about "Special Places." The project, entitled *Rindge Avenue Connections*, explores family life in North Cambridge since the turn of the century. A series of events are being planned for the months of April and May, including a panel discussion with long-time residents and new residents, a slide show, a photographic exhibit, and two walking tours along Rindge Avenue conducted by the Cambridge Historical Society.

We have already begun our research at the Cambridge Historical Commission, but have found that most of the photographs are of homes and other buildings. We are also interested in obtaining photographs of families who lived on Rindge Avenue, worked on Rindge Avenue, or frequented the stores, schools, and churches. We are particularly interested in seeking photographs from 1890 - 1945 and 1945 - 1970. The project will hire Karen Davis, a professional photographer, to take pictures of North Cambridge families going about their daily activities along Rindge Avenue in the next month.

If you or your family have any old photographs and are able to donate them or would allow us to make copies, please let us know. Ideally, photographs would contain a combination of people and either Rindge Avenue buildings, work sites, or recreational spaces. Also, if your family is willing to be photographed in your home while doing activities (i.e., - cooking dinner with your children, reading bedtime stories, etc.), we would love to hear from you! Please call either Caroline Ross at 349-3002 or Jessie Rabban at 349-4023. Please understand that due to limited exhibit space and funding, we will be looking for a broad representation of families during different time periods and will unfortunately not be able to accept all pictures or offers to be photographed.

Jessie Rabban

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Mildred O'Neill Branch Library

Sincerely,

Caroline Ross

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Center for Families of North Cambridge



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