



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 23, 1998

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

WHEREAS: Open space for the eastern segment of Cambridge has been described variously and repeatedly in City Council meetings as a pressing need; and

WHEREAS: Engine Seven, the defunct fire station and adjacent property in Kendall Square was first advertised for disposition by the city four years ago; and

WHEREAS: At the time offers were received by the city, including one from MIT, which would have included the purchase of portions of city streets, Deacon and Dock Streets and the possibility was raised by this Councillor, keeping in mind the ever increasing cost and other procedural complications of the city's acquiring land, of a land swap which might have included land for housing or open space; and

WHEREAS: For reasons not clear, the sale of this property to MIT or another buyer was not completed at that time; and

WHEREAS: The property has recently been offered for sale again in the form of a RFP (Request for Proposals) and apparently the city is engaged again in conversations with potential buyers; and

WHEREAS: The City Council adopted an order setting out in principle a "no net loss of open space" principle to be a guidance in disposition of public property; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record affirming the "no net loss of open space" policy with the specific intent that the disposition of Engine Seven, if executed, be done so with the specific condition that any proceeds from the sale go towards the purchase of open space or other publicly beneficial real estate in the eastern segment of the city, and that a land swap to that end be accorded a high priority when assessing potential offers.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; 

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk



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Consent Order #40

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Councillor Born re: reaffirm policy of "no net loss of open space" to require land swap or earmarking of proceeds from disposition of Engine Seven for open space.

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ORDER ADOPTED