



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 20, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene a meeting between the Superintendent of Schools, the Mayor, and the City Manager to discuss parking issues as they relate to the teachers and schools and report back to the City Council the outcome of this meeting.

In City Council May 20, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine 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.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

May 20, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-34, regarding a report on addressing parking problems as they relate to Cambridge schools and teachers, particularly at the Longfellow School, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger and Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein report the following:

The availability of parking for employees of the School Department or any other city department varies, depending on the location of the building in which the employee works and the available parking at that specific location. Not every school has off-street parking and often, where off-street parking lots do exist, these lots are small, such as the lot at the Longfellow School. If a school is located where the demand for on-street parking is low, segments of a street can be designated for unrestricted parking. This is not possible for the Longfellow School, which is in a densely populated neighborhood.

Parking in Cambridge is scarce and city policy encourages city and private sector employees, including teachers, whenever possible, to take transit, walk, bicycle, or carpool to work so the limited parking is available to those who truly have no alternatives to driving. The city has a number of programs in place to make it easier for employees to commute without a car, such as the MBTA pass subsidy program. City employees seeking more information about alternatives to driving and city resources can contact Joseph Barr, Transportation Demand Management Planner in the Community Development Department by telephone at 617-349-4671 or by email at jbarr@ci.cambridge.ma.us.

In June the city will be conducting its bi-annual, state-mandated employee commute survey. The survey documents how employees currently get to work and solicits input on measures that would cause employees who currently drive to switch mode. The results of this survey will provide valuable information that can be used to explore and implement programs to further assist teachers in finding alternatives to driving alone. As with all trip reduction efforts, the active involvement of all stakeholders, including the School Department administration, the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department, and the Community Development Departments will be needed to ensure that these programs are successful.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #13

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SEE ORDER #15.