

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
City Hall Annex - Inman & Broadway - Cambridge, Mass. 02139

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6 February 1987

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

FROM: Michael H. Rosenberg *MHR*
Assistant City Manager
for Community Development

RE: Council Order No. 1
January 26, 1987
Schochet Development

Pursuant to your request for information regarding the above referenced subject, I am herewith providing the following update and report.

The project at 595 Massachusetts Avenue is moving ahead basically on schedule with construction estimated to begin sometime in June. As required by the City Council Order in which you were authorized to enter into a lease with Schochet Associates for the parking lot at the corner of Essex Street and Bishop Allen Drive, the design review process has been completed and construction drawings will be started shortly. This process has resulted in what we think will be a handsome building and welcome addition to Central Square.

Schochet Associates has also started the process of requesting removal permits for two rental units from the Rent Control Board who will hopefully be scheduling a hearing soon. In addition, the Historical Commission will hold a hearing on March 5, 1987 to make a decision on a petition to declare some of the subject buildings historical landmarks.

With regard to the UDAG application, HUD's decision has been delayed to at least May due to the temporary suspension of the program. This suspension has come about as a result

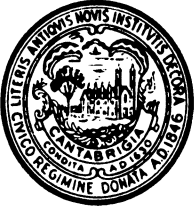
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of the Reagan Administration's move to rescind funds for the program. If Congress approves the rescission, then the program will most likely be permanently terminated in which case, the project will definitely not receive a UDAG.

Community Development staff have met with tenants of the buildings to inform them of what relocation benefits and rights they are entitled to if the UDAG is approved. If the UDAG is not approved, and the developer decides to still move forward with the project, he is under no legal obligation, as far as we know, to provide any relocation benefits. All the tenants have signed leases which contain demolition clauses giving the landlord the right to evict them once a six month notice has been provided.

While we would like to assist the tenants in locating alternative spaces, we unfortunately know of no other buildings which could accommodate their needs. If we learn of any such sites, we will surely provide any assistance we can in helping coordinate the relocation of these tenants to a new location.

MHR/jk



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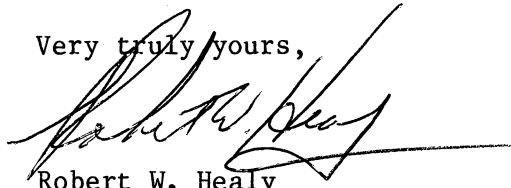
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

February 9, 1987

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 11 relative to the Schochet Development in Central Square, enclosed please find copy of a report from Michael H. Rosenberg, Assistant City Manager for Community Development.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

Agenda Item No. 15 S-92

Response to Awaiting Report Item No. 11
on the Schochet Development in Central
Square.

In City Council,

February 9, 1987

*Referred to Hearing,
Scheduled 2/23/87
@ 6 P.M.*