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Sheila Doyle Russell
Vice Mayor

May 31, 1995

To the Honorable City Council:

On Tuesday evening, May 30, 1995, a group of concerned citizens in North Cambridge participated in a "Crime Walk" in their neighborhood. This walk was sponsored by the North Cambridge Crime Task Force. Attending the walk, were approximately seventy people from the vicinity of Cedar St, Harvey St, Dudley St, Harrington Rd, Reed St, etc., Commissioner Perry Anderson, Supt. Harold Murphy, Deputy David Degou, Vice Mayor Sheila Russell, Councillor Katherine Triantafillou, North Cambridge Crime Task Force Co-Chairs, Larry Burke, and Harry Johnston, and the new Task Force Co-ordinator, Lisa Deller.

During the course of the walk, people expressed their concern regarding a series of house breaks which have occurred in the neighborhood. The homes where the breaks occurred were observed, and advice on securing property was given by the police Department staff who were present.

Lighting in the neighborhood appears to be adequate, but there are several places where trees need to be trimmed around street lights to provide better illumination. The places to be trimmed are as follows:

Harrington Road, around street lamps
Linear Park, near lights (check lights to see if working)
Reed Street, around light near Dudley intersection.
Reed Street, in front of #93
Clay Street, near George Street, trees very thick.

After the walk, approximately forty five people returned to the United American Veterans Post on Cedar Street to meet with the Commissioner and express their concerns. Several people indicated that they felt that more patrols were needed between midnight and 6:00 a.m., due to the fact that most of the breaks occurred during that time frame. Commissioner Anderson indicated that although they have a suspect in custody, they will still patrol the area thoroughly.

One resident of Harvey Street expressed concern about the number of young people who make Harvey Street a hangout.

Lisa Deller is planning to meet with the people in the neighborhood, along with the Community Policing people from the Police Department to set up Crime Watch groups, and to plan for a neighborhood event which will bring people together in a positive way to get to know one another so that they will feel free to call one another when something out of the ordinary occurs.

Plans for National Night Out were announced, along with the information that the Crime Task Force Service Center for North Cambridge will be in place at the corner of Cameron and Massachusetts Avenue very soon.

Sincerely,



Sheila T. Russell
Vice Mayor

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Comm. was received from D. Margaret Drury, transmitting a memorandum from Vice Mayor Russell regarding the North Cambridge Crime Task Force.

In City Council June 5, 1995

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