

C O P Y

John W. Lyons
Mayor

MAYOR'S OFFICE
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

April 18, 1939

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I beg to advise you that I am seriously considering leasing the land at 125 Prospect Street, at the corner of Harvard Street, containing 75,809 square feet of land, more or less, as a parking place to relieve traffic conditions in Central Square.

I would suggest that your honorable body appoint a committee of three members to confer with a committee of the Central Square Business Men's Association and the Cambridge Industrial Commission, in order that suitable rules and regulations may be drawn up, controlling the use of said land, in order that the purposes for which said land is being leased, will not be defeated.

Respectfully yours,
John W Lyons
Mayor.

In City Council April 18, 1939
Referred to the Committee on Public Property
and Public Institutions.
Frederick H. Burke, City Clerk.

In City Council May 16, 1939
Returned to His Honor the Mayor.
Frederick H. Burke, City Clerk.

File With No. 8. P.P. & P.C. 1939.

City of Cambridge

In City Council..... May 16, 1939.....

The

Committee on Public Property and
Public Institutions

to which was referred a communication from His Honor, the Mayor, relative to appointment of a committee to draw up suitable rules and regulations controlling the use of land at corner of Harvard and Prospect Streets as a parking space

Reports,

Pursuant to the recommendation of His Honor, the Mayor, in his communication dated April 18, 1939 the committee to which this matter was referred (Public Property and Public Institutions) held a meeting on April 26th at which time representatives of the Central Square Businessmen's Association and Cambridge Industrial Commission were invited to be present.

On May 3rd another meeting of the committee was held. The Chairman of the Cambridge Industrial Commission was present and informed the committee that several sites have been looked over with the idea of relieving the parking situation in and about Central Square and this particular site, while not ideal, was desirable as an experiment for one year.

At the meeting of May 3rd a petition was presented signed by adjoining and adjacent property owners protesting against the use of this land for parking purposes.

REPORT

Committee on

The total valuation of the property owned by objectors to the use of this location as a parking area amounts to over \$250,000.

The City Engineer submitted an estimate of the cost of making a parking area of this site at \$12,000 to \$15,000. The rental cost per year to be \$4,200.

Your committee does not at the present time submit rules and regulations as requested because it has not definitely committed itself to the idea that it is the most desirable location for a parking area. While in accord with the desires of merchants to obtain relief we feel that a further effort should be made to secure land nearer Central Square and favors the establishment of two areas (of smaller size) one on each side of Massachusetts Avenue. This might better solve the problem of the Central Square merchants.

Therefore, it is respectfully recommended that the communication be returned to His Honor, the Mayor, and that the Central Square Businessmen's Association and the Industrial Commission be requested to make a further study of the situation in the hope that locations nearer Central Square might be found where little or no objection to their presence would be encountered.

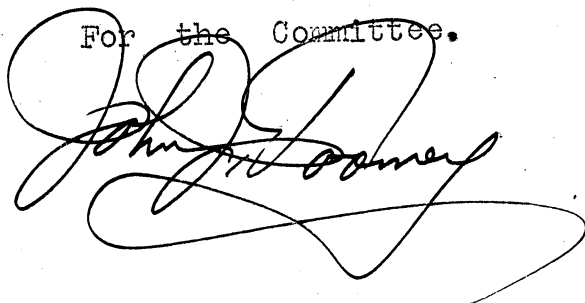
City Council **MAY 16 1939**

Adopted by the affirmative vote.

of 14 members

Frederick H. Burke City Clerk

For the Committee.



City of Cambridge

In City Council.....

The

Committee

to which

Reports,

REPORT

Committee on

Public Property
and
Public Institutions

Recommending that commutation from
Mayor relative to public parking space (paved)
be returned to Mayor

May 16, 1939
Report received and
recommendation ADOPTED.

Attest: Friedrich H. Bushe
City Clerk