



City of Cambridge

21.

IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor William H. Walsh

March 27, 1989

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WHEREAS: The project-advisory committee for the renovation of the Longfellow Bridge consists of 31 members, at least 25 of whom assure institutional presence, with less than a minority representing the voting residents of Cambridge in a project which will have a decisive impact on Cambridge residents (copy of project-advisory committee members attached) ; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager meet with MDC Commissioner Bhatti as soon as possible and insure that, before the Longfellow Bridge project proceeds, the top-heavy nature of institutional presence on the project-advisory board be countered by increasing the membership of said committee by adding to the committee a registered voter from each neighborhood of the City of Cambridge so that the interest of individuals in Cambridge and not only the interest of institutions in Cambridge adjacent to the Charles River or of the MDC itself, will be protected and promoted in this renovation process; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the Council on this matter by April 24, 1989.

(ATTACHMENT)

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RESTORATION OF THE LONGFELLOW BRIDGE
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, November 1, 1988

7:00 PM

U.S. Department of Transportation Building
Cambridge, MA

ATTENDANCE

Barnard, Mark	MIT 12-192
Barrett, David	112 Brattle Street, Cambridge
Barrett, Kent	Cambridge Marriott Hotel
Bluestone, L.	Monocelli Assoc., 806 Mass. Ave.
Boyd, Sharzn	Royal Sonesta Hotel, 5 Cambridge Pkwy.
Cabral, Robert A.	One Cambridge Center
Chipps, R.P.	TSC Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02142
Earle, George	CRA (Cambridge Redev. Authority)
	336 Main Street, Cambridge, MA 02142
Epstein, Elizabeth	Cambridge Conservation Commission
Fine, William E.	321 Dartmouth Street, Boston, MA 02116
Green, Nat	CRA 336 Main Street, Cambridge, MA 02142
Hobbs, Stewart	U.S. Department of Transportation, Cambridge
Kennedy, Mary	Cambridge Planting Committee
	57 Brewster Street, Cambridge MA 02138
O'Conner, Teresa M.	60 Wadsworth Street, Cambridge
Palmer, Kim	101 Main Street, Cambridge
Patton, Linda	MIT E32-214 Cambridge
Platt, Anthony	113 Inman Street, Cambridge
Robichar, Laurence	City of Boston
Smilovitz, Craig	2 Clinton Street, Cambridge, MA 02139
Tulimieri, Joe	CRA 336 Main Street, Cambridge, MA 02142
Delvecchio, Leanne	MDC 20 Somerset Street, Boston, MA 02108
Geary, William	MDC Commissioner
	20 Somerset Street, Boston, MA 02108
Grealish, John	Metro Police 250 Leverett Street, Boston, MA 02112
Lam, Betty	MDC 20 Somerset Street, Boston, MA 02108
Lenhardt, David	MDC 20 Somerset Street, Boston, MA 02108
Brennan, Pat	Stone & Webster 245 Summer Street, Boston
Davidson, Mike	Stone & Webster 245 Summer Street, Boston
Donnelly, Paul	81 Newbury Street, Boston
Farrell, Nancy	RVA (Regina Villa Associates)
	9 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108
Mader, Dianne	RVA 9 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108
Phillips, Valerie	RVA 9 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108



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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

C. Walsh order re: that the City Manager meet with MDC Commissioner Bhatti as soon as possible to insure that before the Longfellow Bridge project proceeds, the institutional presence on the project advisory board be countered by increasing the committee's membership by adding a registered voter from each neighborhood of Cambridge.

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Order Adopted