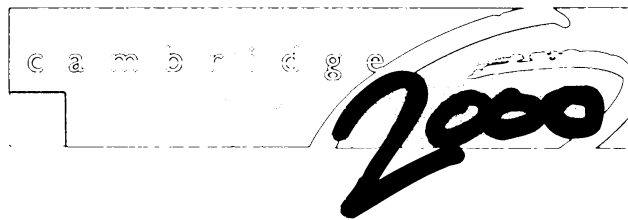


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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

April 3, 2000

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-10, regarding a report on handicapped accessibility issues at the North Cambridge Senior Center, Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold reports the following:

For several months, staff of the Council on Aging (COA) have been working with the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Commission for Persons with Disabilities and the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) to develop a plan for addressing handicapped access issues with respect to the bathrooms and the front entrance of the North Cambridge Senior Center. COA staff has been informed by the CHA that the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development has agreed to cover the cost of making all the necessary handicapped access improvements. The CHA is currently in the process of developing cost estimates for the work and will be going out to bid in the very near future. Had the State not come forward with the funding, the DPW has already begun the necessary work for expediting the job. We are pleased that the State has seen fit to cover the cost of these critical improvements.

Regarding access to the blind of COA publications and leased bus access concerns, the Executive Director of the COA, Eileen Ginnetty will meet with the advisory councils of both senior centers to discuss these concerns.

Very truly yours,

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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