

Vice Mayor Davis said that she could see a structure that includes some aspects of each of the structures described by Councillor Decker and Councillor Maher. Whatever structure is established should remain closely tied to the Council, through this committee.

Councillor Murphy said that the Council should consider making this committee a committee of the whole. He also said that a structure combining the suggestions of Councillor Maher and Councillor Decker seems workable, but the City Manager must negotiate the taxation issue. The City Council must make it absolutely clear that this is its highest priority.

Ms. Miller pointed out that the opportunities for improvement of relations developed at the summit comprise an enormous amount of work. Establishment of priorities is essential.

Vice Mayor Davis noted the outstanding structural issue of how to address ongoing development problems.

Councillor Maher voiced a concern that in the area of these ongoing problems, a task force approach will not meet the public's often-expressed criticism that the City Council has not become involved. In the other substantive areas, where the stakeholders are different in each area, would like the Council to consider appointed task forces with city, university and council representation, and an overarching executive committee that meets once a month.

Ms. Miller pointed out that a full discussion of this structure with the City Council at the next committee meeting will require consideration, for each substantive area of the following questions:

- Who should be involved?
- When should the tasks be done?
- What should be done?
- What are the city interests that must be protected.
- What is the mechanism for reporting back to the Council via the committee?

It was agreed without objection that the structure discussed in this meeting and the outstanding questions would be presented at the June 26th meeting of the committee at which all members of the City Council are expected. The discussion will hopefully result in some guidelines that can come back to the committee for further development.

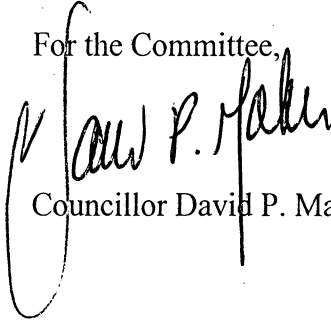
Councillor Maher then invited public comment.

Stash Horowitz, 12 Pleasant Street, said that perhaps the upcoming Riverside petition should be refiled. The Council vote on this petition will send a clear message. Council approval will give the neighborhood confidence in the process this committee is developing and will make the universities more willing to work with the neighborhood.

John Moot, 44 Coolidge Hill Road, stated that he believes that a City Council committee is the right structure for work on city/university relations. Mr. Moot also said that the committee should consider splitting the long-term and immediate development issues, perhaps even having different task forces to look at these issues

Councillor Maher thanked those in attendance for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

For the Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Maher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. It is positioned to the left of the printed name "Councillor David P. Maher, Chair.".

Councillor David P. Maher, Chair.

City of Cambridge

In City Council July 29, 2002

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor David P. Maher, Chair

Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Vice Chair

Councillor Brian Murphy

Councillor E. Denise Simmons

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey

The University Relations Committee held a public meeting/hearing on June 19, 2002, beginning at 12:55 p.m. in the Ackermann Room. The meeting was held for the purpose of planning the June 26, 2002 facilitated meeting at the Water Treatment Facility.

Present at the meeting were Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Committee, Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Vice Chair of the Committee, Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Councillor Brian Murphy, City Clerk D. Margaret Drury, Elaine McGrath, City Clerk's Office, and Roberta Miller, trainer and facilitator.

Councillor Maher called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m. and requested that Ms. Miller begin the discussion. Ms. Miller distributed material entitled "Discussion Documents from University/Cambridge Summit of 5/28/02" and reviewed the outcomes from that meeting. Ms. Miller then moved to the question of how the committee wants to address the priorities that emerged from the summit.

There was a discussion of the structure of the committee or entity that would oversee ongoing relations and future work. Councillor Decker said that she is interested in a committee that would be appointed by the City Manager and would include appointed representatives of the university, the City Council, the City Administration, the community, the schools, all of the major stakeholders, like the Kid's Council. Such a committee would have a continuity that a Council committee, which changes every two years, could not have.

Councillor Maher said that he thinks his vision is fairly similar. He too believes there should be appointed committees or task forces that include the stakeholders, but those people will be different for each of the substantive areas identified—finance and tax issues, housing, education and land use and planning. He favors working task forces with broad representation of the stakeholders for each substantive area. Councillor Maher said that he sees the need for the City Council to keep a central role in looking at the underlying principles and the congruence of the work with the goals of the City through the University Relations Committee.

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University Relations Committee,
for a meeting held on June 19, 2002
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