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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan M. Flannery, Director of Libraries *SMF*

DATE: August 7, 1995

RE: Council Order #52, dated 7/31/95

As you know there have been at least three community meetings at the O'Connell (East) Branch Library to address rumors of its closure, community appeals for expanded hours of operation, demands for improvements to the facility, and requests for more programs and materials.

Associate Director Marian Hampton and I, in response to the neighborhood's requests for more programs and books, worked with the then Branch Librarian to develop regular adult programs and special events for the branch library. Consistent with the requirements for branch librarians throughout the City, we asked him to meet articulated neighborhood requests for library services.

On June 23, 1995 the Branch Librarian requested a transfer to the Technical Services/Reference Departments of the Main Library. In deference to his years of service and his skills as a reference librarian, we complied with his request.

In selecting a librarian to fill the Branch Librarian's position, Ms. Hampton and I sought an individual who was familiar with East Cambridge, had many years of public service experience, and had a commitment to neighborhood library services. We selected a career employee, formerly of the Main Library Technical Services staff who is a dedicated, service oriented, community librarian willing to work with the neighborhood to make many of the improvements requested at the previously mentioned public meetings.

In my estimation, the transfer was the proverbial win/win opportunity. Both the past and current Branch Librarian have been given the chance to expand their professional horizons and to capitalize on their individual strengths. In both cases, I believe that the Cambridge Public Library and the residents of the City will benefit from their expertise and capabilities.

Electrical work for the air conditioning of the O'Connell Branch was scheduled to be completed today. I expect the air conditioning to be operational tomorrow.

Main Library	Boudreau Branch	Central Square Branch	Collins Branch	O'Connell Branch	North Branch	Valente Branch
449 Broadway	245 Concord Avenue	45 Pearl Street	64 Aberdeen Avenue	48 Sixth Street	70 Rindge Avenue	826 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02138	02138	02139	02138	02141	02140	02141
617-349-4040	349-4017	349-4010	349-4021	349-4019	349-4023	349-4015



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September 11, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 61, regarding a report on the recent personnel changes made at the East Cambridge Branch Library as well as the status of the installation of air conditioning at this location, received from Susan M. Flannery, Director of Libraries.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda Item # 9

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Response to Awaiting Report Item Number
Sixty-One regarding a report on the recent
personnel changes made at the East Cambridge
Branch Library as well as the status of the
installation of air conditioning at this
location.

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City Manager Requests
323.*

In City Council,

Sept. 11, 1995

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