



CAMBRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Edwin T. Steffian Succeeds

George A. McLaughlin, Sr. as

General Chairman of CAC

Edwin T. Steffian of 46 Lakeview Avenue, Cambridge, has been appointed General Chairman of the Cambridge Advisory Committee by City Manager John H. Corcoran to succeed Atty. George A. McLaughlin, Sr., of 195 Grove Street, Cambridge. The appointment was sent to the City Council today by the City Manager.

In making the announcement the City Manager publicly thanked Mr. McLaughlin for his civic services and also Mr. Steffian for agreeing to accept the appointment. The CAC makes recommendations to the City Manager and City Council on civic matters.

Mr. Steffian has been Chairman of the Committee on Harvard Square and vice chairman of the Western Gateway Committee, both sub-committees of the CAC. In 1969 he was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects, a lifetime honor. He is a past president of the Boston Society of Architects, a member of the American Arbitration Association, a past president of the Cambridge Center for Adult Education and was chairman of the CAC Harvard Square Task Force of architects, city planners and engineers largely responsible for the abandonment by the MBTA of the cut and cover route for the proposed extension of the subway from Harvard Square to Alewife Brook by way of Massachusetts Avenue to Porter Square. He is a member of the Manager's Harvard Square Development Task Force.

Mr. Steffian is a member of the architectural firm of Steffian, Steffian and Bradley and was graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, MIT and Columbia University.

Mr. McLaughlin was appointed General Chairman of the CAC in 1966 by the City Manager. He instituted programs on transportation, housing for the elderly, housing for low income, and on Harvard Square. At the request of the City Manager he organized a committee on incineration which recommended that the City not construct an incinerator until a breakthrough on pollution was possible. He organized a committee at the request of the City Manager to study the membership of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority and he was the first civic leader in Cambridge to insist that the Harvard-Alewife subway could be built by deep bore construction rather than by cut and cover method. He also opposed having the trains run on the surface from Porter Square to Alewife Brook as approved by the Planning Board.

Mr. McLaughlin led groups within the CAC which strongly opposed the construction of the Belt Highway and Route 2 and it was the CAC Western Gateway Committee and the West Cambridge Survival Committee which organized the successful letter campaign to Governor Sargent against the construction of the Route 2 extension through West Cambridge. Governor Sargent later assured Mr. McLaughlin he was in favor of an acceptable subway extension to Alewife Brook.

Mr. McLaughlin's family has lived in Cambridge since 1803. (correct) He is a former chairman of the Cambridge Board of Appeal, former City Solicitor, former Chairman of the Cambridge Rationing Board, Chairman and one of the founders of the Cambridge Committee for Plan E, a founder of the Cambridge Civic Association, was special counsel to the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts on the Kelly-Cendella-Derham investigation, and a special

counsel to the Massachusetts Legislature on the Metropolitan District Commission investigation. He is a senior partner in the law firm of The McLaughlin Brothers composed of trial lawyers.

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John H. Corcoran, City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear John,

The time has come for me to offer my resignation as General Chairman of the Cambridge Advisory Committee, an act which I have delayed for months so that this action could not be interpreted by anyone as opposition to you as City Manager during the recently concluded hassles over the Manager's position.

I hereby resign as General Chairman of the Cambridge Advisory Committee.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

George A. McLaughlin, Sr.

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The appointment of Edwin T. Steffian
as General Chairman of the Cambridge
Advisory Committee.

In City Council

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