

Inman Square Business Men's Association

Inman Square

Cambridge, June 18 1926

Hon. Edward W. Quinn,
Mayor of Cambridge, Mass;

Dear Mr. Mayor:

We are forwarding copy of resolutions adopted by the Inman Square Business Men's Association, which we hope you will forward to the City Council for its next meeting.

Thanking you for your courtesy, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

Henry Rutter
Secretary

To the Mayor and the Honorable City Council:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Inman Square Business Men's Association the following resolutions were adopted and voted to be sent to the proper authorities:

Whereas: The Mayor has recommended in official communication and in public for several years the plan to remove the present fire department and electrical department headquarters from Inman Square and to sell the building to make additional and necessary space for mercantile and office uses in this fast developing center, and

Whereas: the people of this community, the most thickly populated in the city, have waited in vain for the proper action for several years now, and believe that some coordinated and organized effort be made to the end that the aforesaid building be sold and the fire department apparatus be located in a building to be built on a less expensive lot of land, owned by the city, not far from the present location, where the Mayor, City Council, and Chief Engineer might believe that the fire apparatus will be in as good, if not better, position to respond to the usual and future needs of fire protection, and further, that the electrical department with its delicate and sensitive alarm system be moved to a location where the vibration caused by the heavy traffic in this square will not interfere with it, and where its indispensable use may not be impaired in the event of a conflagration, etc., and

Whereas: This Association believes that the practical knowledge of and correctness of the statements made below are admitted by all persons who have gone into this matter: I.E. (1) That the time for public buildings that do not necessarily have to be located on highly desirable mercantile and industrial locations, is gone; and (2) That this square is seriously hampered in still further natural development by the location here of this piece of property that would mean attractively taxable property to our city if used as suggested; and (3) That the efficiently organized Cambridge Fire Department of today does not require the conveniences of prominent or strategic locations that seemed to be necessary and desirable in the days of the volunteer fire department, and later the horse drawn vehicles, with streets that were hilly and unimproved as compared with the smooth surfaces of today which allow for quicker response; and (4) That it is obvious that the early completion and opening of the new thoroughfare from Scollay Square, Boston, over the Cambridge Bridge, and its consequent flow of traffic up Hampshire Street and Beacon Street will cause immeasurably more traffic congestion in Inman Square, which would add to the already awkward traffic situation, and add to the menace; and (5) That the converging of several main thoroughfares at this point adds to the hazards mentioned above, and (6) That the community and public in general would be helped by the opening of other retail establishments in a remodeled building, because of the keener competition that would naturally follow; and

Whereas: We believe that the city might take advantage of this opportunity alone and be the gainer, we also suggest that it might help to work out the problem by merging the Inman Square building with the Portland St. building, which now stands on highly desirable property with track facilities--and permit the erection of a large building that would serve the needs of both stations now and in the future; and

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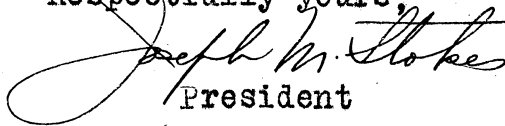
continued:

Whereas; we believe that a study of the statistics in the office of Chief Casey pertaining to the runs made by the fire companies in Inman Square and Portland St. will demonstrate the reasonable practicability of such a merger ;e.g. eighty-one(81%) percent of the runs made by the company at Inman Square were made to East Cambridge and Cambridgeport, in the area as follows: on the north-the Somerville line; on the west-Springfield St- Inman St; on the south Mass. Ave; and on the east-the water front; we further believe that the location of a firehouse in the vicinity of Norfolk St. would bring the Inman Square apparatus, at least, nearer the bulk of its present calls; and

Whereas; we believe that the time is opportune and appropriate to suggest this work for your consideration;

Be it resolved; That we hereby petition the Mayor and the City Council of Cambridge to bring this matter to a successful conclusion as soon as is practicable.

Respectfully yours,


President

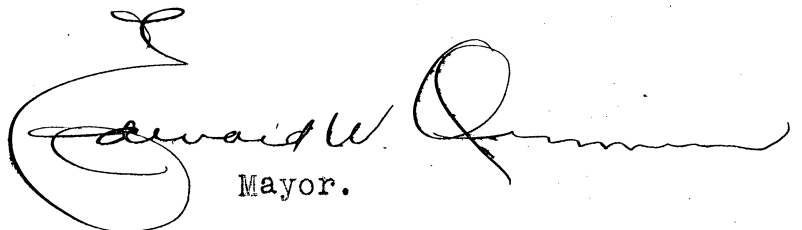
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL - CAMBRIDGE

June 22, 1926.

The Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith communication from the Inman Square Business Men's Association inclosing copy of resolutions adopted by that organization relative to the proposed sale of the building now occupied by the fire and electrical departments, and the location of these departments elsewhere.

Respectfully yours,



Mayor.

COMMUNICATION

from the Mayor, transmitting
one from Inman St. Business Assoc
enclosing copy of resolutions adopted by
that organization relative to the proposed
sale of City Bldg. in Inman St.

In City Council JUN 22 1926

Referred to the Committee on
Public Property & Public Institutions

Fredrick H. Clark
City Clerk,

In City Council MAY 1 1928

PLACED ON FILE

Fredrick H. Clark City Clerk

City of Cambridge

In City Council May 1, 1928.

The

Committee on Public Property and Public
Institutions

to which was referred a communication from the Mayor transmitting one from the Inman Square Business Men's Association enclosing copy of resolution relative to proposed sale of City Building at Inman Square

Reports,

Recommending that the communication be
placed on file.

For the Committee.

James O. Leahy

REPORT

Committee on

*Public Property and
Public Institutions*

*recommending that com-
munication from Inman Sq.
Business Men's Ass'n be placed on file.*

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May 1, 1928
Report received, and
recommendation ADOPTED.

Attest: *Fredrick H. Barker*
City Clerk