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The disadvantages

- There would be safety issues, and the possibility of accidents at the construction site
- There would be an interruption of garage use
- There would be an interruption of use of outdoor space
- There would be a permanent loss of some outdoor space
- The tennis courts would be less usable because they would not be supervisable from the gym
- There would be possible conflicts over garage use

IF THE CURRENT SITE SHOULD BE SELECTED THE FOLLOWING SERIOUS CONCERNS/ISSUES MUST BE ADDRESSED, and the School Committee and School Department must be involved in all phases of the planning.

- Particular attention must be paid to mitigation measures concerning safety
- Designs should be reviewed by our Director of Security relative to safety issues/concerns
- Garage construction: construction should take place during the summer
- Off-site parking location will be needed during construction
- Any Additional parking should be below grade thus allowing tennis courts which act as additional physical education space to be at same level as the field house track
- Expansion of number of courts and amenities, e.g. bleachers, water fountain
- Particular attention to careful monitoring of construction site
- Blending of architectural detailing to garage structure to blend into the library, housing and historic Rindge building

The Members are very willing to assist in any way that is deemed appropriate, and ask that they be kept informed as to the status of the project.

Very truly yours,

Claire E. Rodley

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Secretary of the School Committee

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cc School Committee Members
Superintendent



City of Cambridge

Comms. & Rpts from
Other Officers #3

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 15, 1999

MAYOR DUEHAY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to invite the Vice President of the Post Office to come to the City of Cambridge for more discussion/explanation of the possible availability of the Post Office in Central Square as soon as reasonably possible with the expectation that there will be a final answer by June, 1999.

In City Council March 15, 1999.

Adopted by a voice vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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The Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o D. Margaret Drury
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Members of the City Council:

Re: Proposed Addition/Construction, Public Library

The Members of the School Committee were most appreciative of the presentation last fall by the Deputy City Manager and the representatives from Sasaki Associates on the "Cambridge Library Site Selection Study". The Members see advantages and disadvantages to the present site and a site in a different location.

IF THE MAIN BRANCH IS LOCATED AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION, the advantages would be:

- There would be no disruption to the campus
- There would be little or no impact on high school activities
- Access to the tennis courts would be continued
- Outdoor space around the high school would not be lost
- All the issues and possible conflict around parking would be eliminated
- Library access could be maintained if a branch library were to be located at the present site
- Technology would make access to materials at main branch possible

The disadvantages relate to lack of student access to the main library, especially if a branch is not established at the present site. Also it would be more difficult for library and school staff to collaborate effectively.

IF THE EXPANSION IS AT THE PRESENT SITE (Broadway expansion), the following benefits would accrue to our students:

- There would be equal main library access for all students
- There would be continuing collaboration between the library staff and school staff and resources
- There would be the potential for additional parking during off peak library hours for school related events
- There would be the possibility of additional tennis court space for the physical education department

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A communication was received
from Claire Rodley, Secretary
for the School Committee,
transmitting the School
Committee's consideration regarding
the site for the new library.

In City Council March 15, 1999

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ORDER ADOPTED