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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-90, regarding a report on City Council directives on the transfer of the VFW building to the Affordable Housing Trust, Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein reports the following:

Housing: Community Development Department Housing staff will schedule a public meeting in November to discuss the housing component of the VFW project. Notices will be sent to abutters of the North Cambridge VFW, Porter Square Neighborhood Association, North Cambridge Stabilization Committee, and residents who participated in previous meetings. In preparation for drafting the Request for Proposals (RFP) from housing developers, CDD staff will lead a discussion of the design of the housing units, location of mechanical equipment, parking, and other issues. CDD will continue to meet with interested parties as the RFP is developed.

Community Space: In collaboration with Department of Human Services Programs, CDD will schedule a separate meeting to seek input regarding the use of the 500 square feet of community space. The focus of this meeting will be the needs of seniors and artists in the North Cambridge area.

Schedule: CDD expects that the housing RFP will be issued in January 2001 and seeks to select a development team in March 2001. Once a development team is selected, interested parties will have an opportunity to meet with the developer and architect as they begin to create architectural plans.

At this stage, we anticipate that the housing will be completed within 12-18 months from the date the development team is selected.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 00-90 regarding a report on City Council directives on the transfer of the VFW building to the Affordable Housing Trust.

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