



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 6, 2000

VICE MAYOR MAHER
 COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
 COUNCILLOR DECKER
 MAYOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Advisory Board of the North Cambridge Senior Center has been attempting without success to resolve the following problems which are impairing the quality of life for disabled senior residents:

- ◆ Handicapped access is a problem at the center. They have been visited by the Public Works Department, the Cambridge Housing Authority in whose building the center is located, and the chairperson of the Disability Commission, Michael Muehe, and various other people. This has been going on for several months, possibility even as long as a year, and there is still no action. It is difficult for those who are in wheel chairs to access the center.
- ◆ Toilets in the rest rooms are too low. Seniors especially disabled seniors, have a difficult time getting up from the seat. Requests have been made to remedy this situation, but thus far, nothing has been done. Perhaps what is needed are some bars to grasp when getting up from the seat.
- ◆ The Board has been requesting for a long time that the regular Council on Aging publication sent to seniors be made accessible to the blind by recording it and having it read over a special phone line.
- ◆ There are also handicapped accessibility problems with some of the buses used for the seniors, including some of the transportation provided by the Interstate Bus Company; and

WHEREAS: One of the eleven top priorities of the Cambridge City Council is services for the elderly; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services, the Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority and other appropriate staff to be sure that these issues are addressed, to report back on the outcomes and to include in the report an analysis of why these issues have been pending for so long and what steps the Advisory Board may take in the future for timely resolution.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

MD Margaret Drury

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Resolve the problems regarding accommodations for disabled seniors at the North Cambridge Senior Center and report back on the outcomes and include an analysis of why these problems have been pending for so long and what steps may be taken in the future for a timely resolution of any future problems.

Vice Mayor Maher

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ORDER ADOPTED