



The Eastern Cambridge Youth Center Design Advisory Committee has been working diligently toward the goal of creating a new youth facility in the East Cambridge area. Thirty men and women from the community have come forward to become part of a dedicated, hard-working committee. The role of this group has been to help design a youth facility that will best serve the needs of the young people in the community. With the assistance of D.H.S.P. representatives, this project has been able to move forward rapidly.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The architectural firm of Cambridge Seven Associates recently completed a study to determine the feasibility of building a facility in the East Cambridge area - on the site of the unused tennis courts behind the Harrington School on Donnelly Field. The results showed that the site is entirely feasible for this proposed building - the site is ideally located, the plot of land is large enough for the building (the building will fit within the fenced-in area of tennis courts without taking away any green space), and the soil on the site is appropriate to build upon. The Eastern Cambridge Youth Center Design Advisory Committee has reviewed the feasibility study and strongly supports its' findings.

This study took into account the various concerns of the community by directly addressing them. For example, several community residents had concerns about parking. Gary Johnson, of Cambridge Seven Associates, specifically addressed those concerns by assuring everyone that no parking spaces would be lost to area residents because of the building. Throughout this process, the committee has been impressed by the fine work of Gary Johnson and Cambridge Seven. We would certainly look forward to working with them in the next phase of the project - the actual design of the building.

We understand that in order for this project to continue on to the next step the Cambridge City Council must vote to approve the project and, with this support allow the City Manager to allocate the necessary funds. We also understand that the revenue from the sale of the Engine 7 fire station will be used to fund this project. Although we strongly support the sales of the Engine 7 fire station to insure funding for this facility, we also request the City Manager to investigate any potential alternative funding sources if the sales of the fire station does not happen. We feel that the youth of our neighborhood need affordable, accessible, safe, and challenging programs that appeal and respond to their diverse interests.

We urge the Cambridge City Council and the City Manager to act expeditiously to resolve the funding issue and allow the project to go forward.

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Consent Comm. # 13 CM-361

Comm. from Eastern Cambridge Youth
Center Design Advisory Committee,
requesting the resolution of funding
issues for the new youth facility in the
East Cambridge area.

In City Council,

October 17, 1994

*Referred to the
City Manager
on motion of
Councillor
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