



# City of Cambridge

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## IN CITY COUNCIL

June 5, 1989

COUNCILLOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN

- WHEREAS: Long-time businessman and community activist Carl F. Barron will soon observe the 50th anniversary of the founding of Putnam Furniture; and
- WHEREAS: Carl, throughout the years, has been steadfast in his pursuit to revive Central Square as a viable, safe and clean business community for the benefit of both business concerns and the residents of Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: Carl has served a variety of commissions and civic groups throughout his long tenure in Cambridge, including President of the Central Square Business Association for the past ten years, a member of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce for forty-eight years, Founder and Chairman of the Combined Cambridge Business Association for the past five years, Founder and Past President of the Cambridge Property Owners Association for seventeen years to name just a few, and
- WHEREAS: Through his tireless efforts Carl has been an innovator and leader in the area of crime prevention, initiating and supporting legislation which has subsequently been signed into law such as: The Consumer Protection Law of 1987, the statute banning the sale of drug paraphernalia, the statute mandating medical treatment for alcoholics along with several other pieces of important legislation, and
- WHEREAS: The Putnam Furniture and Leasing Company has become an institution within the Central Square area, along with its owners Carl and Ruth Barron, who work at their office six days a week from early morning to late evening, oftentimes in direct relation to the commitment they have made to the community; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record congratulating Carl Barron on the occasion of his 50th year in business and to designate the plaza in Central Square located at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue, Western Avenue and River Street as "Carl Barron Plaza".

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:-Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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Cambridge Business Association for the past  
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Carl F. Barron, President, Putnam Furniture Leasing Co., Inc.

67 employees

Member: Cambridge Chamber of Commerce - 48 years

CFB: Director and Officer, Chamber of Commerce - 15 years

President: Central Square Business Association - 10 years

Founder and Chairman: Combined Cambridge Business Association - 5 years  
(Includes 8 local business association presidents, and President of the Chamber of Commerce, the Deputy City Manager, and the Chief of Police)

Founder and Past-President: Cambridge Property Owners Association - 17 years

Chairman - Crime Forum - 1976 (Co-sponsored by Cambridge Chamber of Commerce

Chairman - Crime Forum - 1988 and Combined Cambridge Business Associations)

Guest Panelists included: Chief Justice of the Supreme Court  
Ret. Chief Justice of the Superior Court  
United States Attorney  
Commissioner of the MDC  
Mass. Mental Health Commissioner

Forum included 16 Judges, 18 Chiefs of Police, and 500 Guests

Member: City of Cambridge Committees (various)

Hon. Lifetime Director: Rental Housing Association of the Greater  
Boston Real Estate Board

Trustee: Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge

Corporator: Cambridge Family YMCA

Founder and Past President: ARNET - 20 years

a corporation comprised of independent  
furniture leasing companies, coast to coast

Chairman of the Board: ARNET, 1987 to present

Past President: Furniture Rental Association of America (FRAA)

(Held every executive office and remains Secretary  
and Lifetime Chairman of the Honors Committee)

Awarded: Ira Olbum Memorial Award (FRAA's highest award)

Special Award named in honor of recipient: Carl F. Barron Award

Innovation of Product or Service:

Invented concept of furniture leasing in 1939, 50 years ago. In  
continuous operation. Is the oldest furniture leasing company in the  
United States, and the largest operation of its kind in New England.  
Showrooms are the largest in the country.

Created a series of high-level seminars for corporations and real estate  
industry to assist in solving re-location problems. Said seminars held  
on our premises, at our cost.

Contributions:

Carl F. Barron:

1. Has devoted a tremendous amount of time in civic matters of all  
kinds.

2. Has financially contributed to a huge number of worthy causes.

Introduced and supported legislation that is now enacted into law:

1. Consumer Protection Law of 1987, Ch. 419 Sect. 1904

2. Law that banned drug paraphernalia shops

3. Provided mandatory medical treatment for alcoholics

4. Provided for mandatory identification as new or used of all  
personal property for lease

5. Revised criminal law, Ch. 266, Sect. 87, to provide for  
criminal penalties against willful concealment of leased property



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*Mandy Clark*  
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Cambridge

where:

The Patron Furniture & Heating Company  
has become an institution within the  
Central Square area and along, with  
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Order #2 H-74

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