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# Central Square Neighborhood Coalition

PO Box 986, Central Square  
Cambridge, MA 02139-0011

July 16, 1977

## PRESS RELEASE -- New Elections

### "Democracy in Action"

At its best-attended meeting in recent years, the Central Square Neighborhood Coalition elected a new board of directors and retracted the former board's declaration of support for demolition of buildings in Central Square Cambridge.

The election was widely advertised, including mailings to all coalition members and notices to newspapers.

Bill Cunningham, a long-term resident of Cambridge and new member of the Board, said "I was amazed to see a completely different agenda when I arrived at the meeting. The election was taken off the new agenda."

David Hoicka, also a long-term resident and new board member, spoke quietly before the meeting started to former Coalition president Bob Boulrice, and asked, "Can the people who have come in response to your agenda, vote and run for election as promised in your mailing?" Boulrice said that he would not conduct any election, and he would adjourn the meeting instead of allowing a vote.

When the meeting began, Boulrice refused to recognize Coalition members who tried to object to his revised agenda, or even recognize a point of order.

Boulrice then attempted to adjourn the meeting. A motion from the floor challenged his attempt to adjourn, and the Coalition members in attendance overwhelmingly voted to continue the meeting.

A new chair was elected. Boulrice and some of his associates left the meeting.

Two slates of candidates were then presented to the meeting: the slate which included Boulrice as president (which was nominated by the outgoing board), and a slate of community residents, many of whom were representing the deep community opposition to the demolition of buildings and construction of new high-rises in Central Square.

After candidates for both sides were invited to speak, members voted by secret ballot which was counted by members of both sides. The Boulrice slate was defeated by a substantial margin.

Coalition members then voted to express their opposition to the Holmes proposal to demolish buildings in Central Square. Jay Scheide said, "This project threatens the very fabric of our community, by destroying Central Square as we know it."

The new Coalition Board realizes its responsibility to be truly responsive to community concerns.

The new Board hopes to schedule more frequent meetings and forums through which Central Square and neighborhood residents can learn about issues affecting our community and make our voices heard.

David Hoicka said, "Many of the former board members worked long and hard to better Central Square, and we hope we can work with them to improve our neighborhoods in the future."

The new Coalition board announced, "We invite the entire community, especially Bob Boulrice and the former board, to continue to attend meetings of the Central Square Neighborhood Coalition and participate fully."

"We also hope to involve people from our community, who historically have not been involved in the Coalition, particularly people of color, and tenants, and people of low and moderate income."

The new Coalition board members are (alphabetically): Ellen Al-Wegayan, Jon Bekken, Niels Burger, Bill Cunningham, David Hoicka, Mykol Larvie, George Salzman, Jay Scheide, Dave Slaney, Wattie Taylor, and Elizabeth Washburn.

A member of the audience made a videotape of the proceedings.

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(Annexed are photocopies of annual meeting announcements published by the former Coalition board -- which announced the election of officers and directors for July 15 at 7:00 PM).

Contact persons for more background:

George Salzman, 547-5033

Ellen Al-Wegayan, 492-1677

Wattie Taylor, 868-6219

Jon Bekken, 354-4775

Mykol Larvie, 868-5534

David Hoicka, 547-4000



# CENTRAL SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

## CSNC Announces Annual Meeting

July 15, 1997

7:00 to 9:00 PM

First Baptist Church

5 Magazine St.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROBERT BOULRICE  
PRESIDENT

GENEVA MALENFANT  
VICE PRESIDENT

PAUL SCHLAYER  
TREASURER

ERIC PFEUFER  
CLERK

JOHN DIETRICH

DECIA GOODWIN

JULIA GREGORY

FRED KIMBERK

CAROL KRIEGER

LOUISE OLSON

ROBERT WINTERS

FRAN WIRTA

Please attend our annual meeting where the election of officers and directors will be held. The agenda includes presentations from the owners of City Mart in Central Square, who will be taking over the Purity Supreme; representatives of the Holmes Family Trust will again present plans for their development adjacent to Carl Barron Plaza. Also, a report from the recent fourth anniversary Envision session will be distributed.

The slate of candidates to serve one year terms includes:

Robert Boulrice, President; Geneva Malenfant, Vice President ; Paul Schlaver, Treasurer; Eric Pfeufer, Clerk. For Directors: John Dietrich, Decia Goodwin, Julia Gregory, Fred Kimberk, Carol Krieger, Erik Scheier, Robert Winters, Fran Wirta.

For more information call Robert Boulrice, 800-707-8923

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# CSNC Postcard Announcement

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## CENTRAL SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1997, 7:00PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 5 MAGAZINE STREET

Be sure to attend our annual meeting. Agenda: election of officers and directors; introduction of new managers of Purity Supreme; and a presentation by the Holmes Family Trust. Members are reminded to pay their annual dues (\$5) at the meeting. See you there!

### SLATE OF CANDIDATES

Bob Boulrice, *President*

Geneva Malenfant, *Vice President*

Eric Pfeuffer, *Clerk*

Paul Schlaver, *Treasurer*

John Dietrich, *Director*

Decia Goodwin, *Director*

Julia Gregory, *Director*

Fred Kimberk, *Director*

Carol Krieger, *Director*

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Fran Wirta, *Director*

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Mr. Bob Boulrice

Re: New Elections

Dear Bob,

Enclosed is a press release which we are distributing to announce the results of the Central Square Neighborhood Coalition annual meeting.

We may have disagreed on certain issues, but I know you and the former board members have worked long and hard on Central Square issues.

We look forward to your continued participation with us as we work for a democratic vision of Central Square.

Warmest regards,



David Hoicka, Mykol Larvie  
547-4000  
for the Central Square  
Neighborhood Coalition

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Ms. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk  
Cambridge City Hall

Re: New Elections

Dear Ms. Drury,

At its annual meeting last night, the Central Square Neighborhood Coalition elected a new board, replacing the former board. A copy of the Coalition's press release is enclosed.

The Coalition's new board is deeply interested in all matters affecting Central Square and the four neighborhoods around it. We look forward to working closely with the City and the Community Development Department.

Would you kindly update your mailing list to show the Coalition's new mailing address, on the letterhead above.

Thank you.

Warmest regards,



David Hoicka  
547-4000  
for the Central Square  
Neighborhood Coalition

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Communication was received from David  
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hood Coalition, transmitting notice of  
the newly elected officers and directors.

In City Council August 4, 1997

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