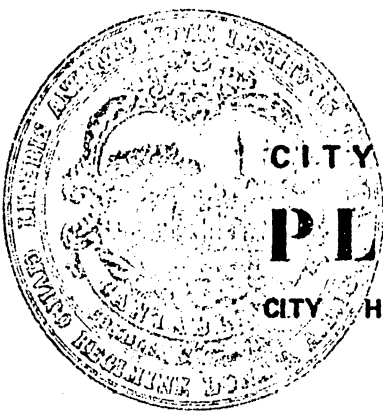




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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

December 10, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

SUBJECT: ALEWIFE AREA REZONING PETITION

We have received your request that we withdraw the above-cited petition which was presented to you on December 3 for referral back to this Board. It is our understanding that you would like to wait until the new City Council is organized before dealing with this petition. Since your only obligation under the State Zoning Law (Chapter 40A, G.L.) is to refer the petition to the Planning Board, we strongly urge you to do so.

The Planning Board's public hearing has been scheduled and advertised for January 15. The Alewife Business Association and several neighborhood groups have been notified of this hearing. Many members of the business community who have worked with the Community Development staff, as well as several prospective developers, are anxious to have the zoning issues for this section of the city resolved as quickly as possible. This petition was initiated six months ago. Further delays could jeopardize implementation of the Alewife Revitalization plan.

If the Council refers this petition to us on December 10, a City Council public hearing could be held as late as March 13. Even if the Council committee structure is not organized by then, Chapter 40A only requires a hearing by the entire City Council. So that this project can move along in a timely manner, we ask that you give careful consideration to this request and refer the petition back to the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Planning Board

Arthur C. Parris

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Chairman

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Comm. from Arthur G. Parris, Chairman,
Planning Board, re: Alewife Area
Rezoning Petition.

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In City Council,
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