

April 18, 1974

Committee on Transportation and Parking
Cambridge City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear City Councillors:

The undersigned businessmen and residents of the Inman Square area met on April 14 to discuss the proposals for development of off-street municipal parking and a resident sticker parking program in and near Inman Square. Stimulus for this meeting came from the "Inman Square Parking Study" by the Departments of Traffic and Parking and Planning and Development and by the Council's Committee on Transportation and Parking's hearing on April 10. After discussing the problem at some length we agreed to send this letter to inform you of our activity.

We also agreed on the following three statements:

1. There is a need for more off-street parking in Inman Square in order to adequately serve the customers of existing and future small businesses in the area. Flourishing small businesses are necessary to maintain the vitality of the neighborhood.
2. Residents' desire to implement resident sticker parking should be respected in view of the congested parking situation that now exists on the side streets in the vicinity of Inman Square. However, resident sticker parking should not precede the development of alternate, off-street parking to serve business needs.
3. All impacts of the development of off-street parking on the residential community, including the taking of residences and diversion of traffic to residential areas, should be held to an unavoidable minimum.

In view of our agreement on these points and our desire for a parking policy in Inman Square that will earn the support of businessmen and residents alike, we have agreed to work together for a period of a month to attempt to formulate a proposal on these matters that can be endorsed by the Inman Square Businessmen's Association, the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association, and by other residents of the area. This proposal will take into account, but may not be limited to, the recommendations contained in the "Inman Square Parking Study."

In order to give us time to try to accomplish this goal, we respectfully request the City Council not to act on any of the proposals concerning parking in the Inman Square area until May 15, 1974, at the earliest.

Sincerely yours,

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Comm. from the City Clerk retransmitting memorandum of agreement on behalf of certain businessmen and residents of the Inman Sq. area expressing their views as to a possible solution to the Inman Square Parking problem.

In City Council,
April 29, 1974

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