



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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City Manager

December 17, 1979

To the Honorable City Council:

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON THE COMMONPLACE RECREATIONAL FACILITY

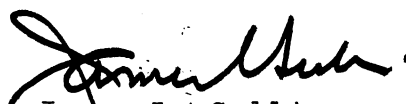
The City of Cambridge leases the Commonplace (St. Mary's Teen Center) facility from the St. Mary's Parish for \$31,000 a year. The current lease will expire June 30, 1980. The City also has a contract with the Cambridge YMCA for \$14,000 to manage the Commonplace facility.

At this time, there are many building code violations and safety hazards cited by the City's Building Department and a certificate of occupancy has not been issued for the building. The City has offered to advance as much of the rental fee to the Parish as is necessary to bring the building up to code compliance. The Parish reports that they have signed a contract with a building contractor to complete the necessary work and the Building Department has stated that, upon receipt of the signed contract, they will issue a provisional certificate of occupancy.

Because the current lease expires June 30, 1980, staff in the Community Development Department are currently working with all tenants of Commonplace to find adequate and appropriate sights for relocation. The Elderly Program, co-sponsored by Longfellow Community School and Home Care Corporation, has already successfully re-located at 1221 Cambridge Street and several other re-location efforts are underway.

The YMCA has recently stated (December 12, 1979) that they will have to terminate their management contract for Commonplace with 30 days notice if several concerns regarding the physical plant are not addressed. It is expected that the issues raised by the YMCA can be dealt with in a short period of time and that they will continue to manage the facility until June 30, 1980.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Response to Awaiting Report No. 22 re:
Commonplace Recreation Facility on Prospect
St.

In City Council,

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