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Dear Council,

we are now a month away from May 1st. A year from the Mayor's Central Square envisioning process.

I attended the recent last four meetings at the Community Development Offices and indeed I feel a feasible vision has evolved. Although why it has taken a year to figure it out is something I don't understand.

If this is the natural pace of things I'm writing the council to ask whoever should be asked, how many years will it take to actually do something? I fear if this question isn't asked in a noisy way it might take 10,000 years to actually do something.

Let me suggest three things that should be done as soon as possible since they have been problems for many years.

The crowds waiting for the buses, interfere with the easy flow of citizen and consumer movement on the Purity Supreme side of the street. I suggest all buses not heading down Mass. Ave, not stop on Mass. Ave. but stop around the corner where they stop as well.

Central Square's cold cement atmosphere should be changed in the direction of making it a more textured comforting place to be in and walk through. I and others have suggested attractive wood barrels with floral and small tree plantings. These decorations should be anchored to prevent their abuse or destruction.

Purity Supreme has long contributed to the derelict and image problem with its liquor front display. Purity Supreme, I believe should be considered a significant family Cambridgeport shopping center and should be entirely rearranged to reflect a more wholesome uplifting Central Square gathering and shopping center.

There's much more the visioning process has revealed that needs to be done. What will 3 million accomplish and how long will it take to figure this out and how many years will it take to do actually do something?

Peter Valentine 3/27/94



Consent Communication #1

A comm. was received from Peter
Valentine regarding suggestions
he has for Central Square.

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