



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager
for Community Development

Date: November 29, 2000

Re: Council Order #27 dated October 2, 2000: Report on feasibility of closing
a portion of Lopez Avenue and extending Costa Park

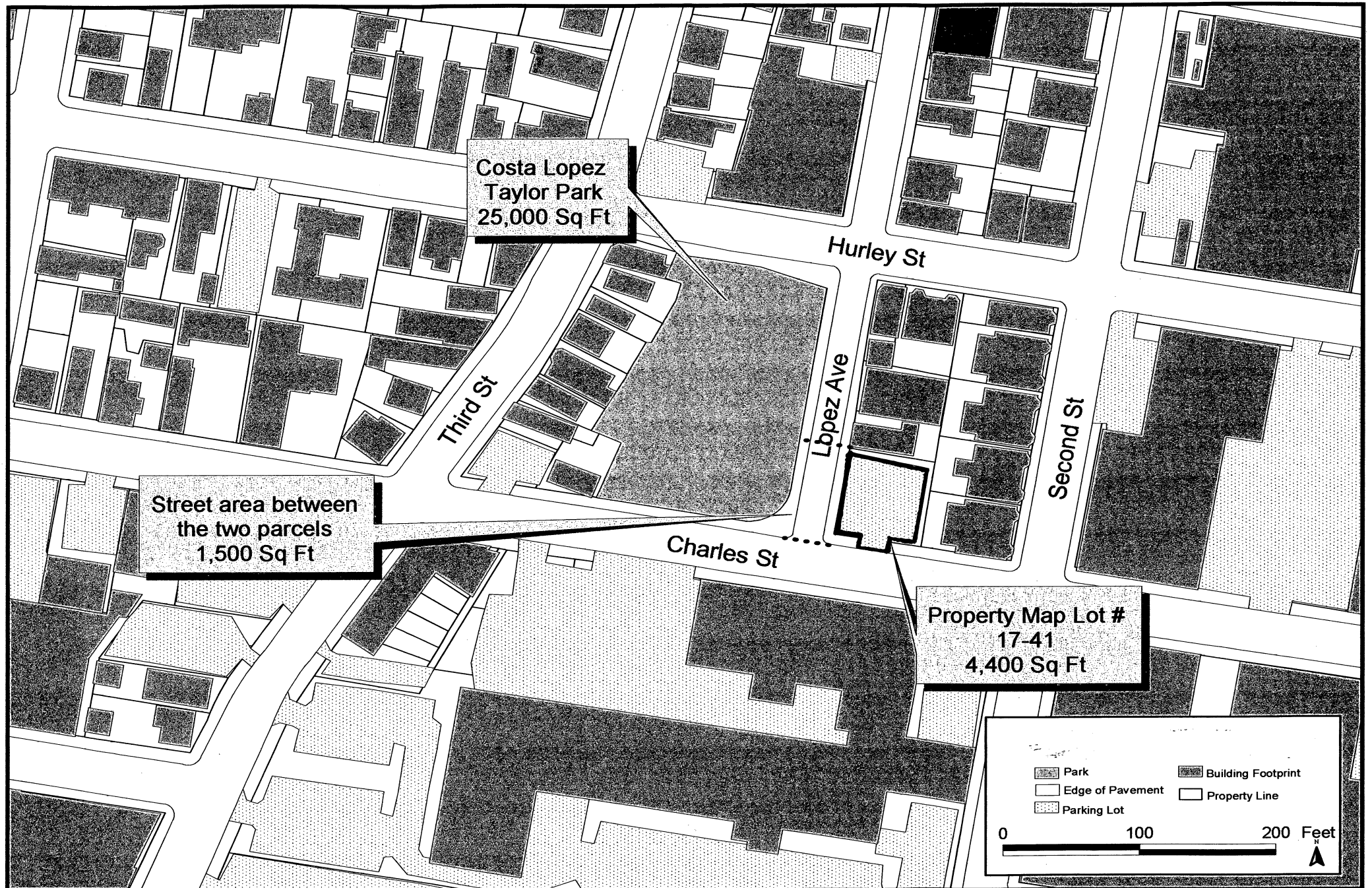
In response to the above-referenced order, we report the following:

As you are aware, the City recently acquired a parcel of land on the northeast corner of the intersection of Lopez Avenue and Charles Street. The parcel was donated to the City by the Beal Companies. The parcel is approximately 4,400 square feet in area and is currently paved. Residential uses immediately abut the property to the north and east, a commercial use lies across Charles Street to the south, and Costa Lopez/Taylor Park is located across Lopez Avenue to the west. The site is zoned Residence C-1. (See attached map.)

Since the property has only recently been acquired, its future use has not yet been determined. Given the site's land use context and city priorities, the most appropriate future uses would likely include housing or open space. In order to gather community input regarding future use of the site, the Community Development Department will bring the issue to a future meeting of the East Cambridge Planning Team.

If it is determined that the parcel will be used for open space, CDD will work with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to evaluate the feasibility of either closing a portion of Lopez Avenue or redesigning it to slow and discourage auto use and to connect the parcel with Costa Lopez/Taylor Park. Some of the considerations would include traffic volumes and circulation patterns on Lopez Avenue and area streets and public safety access to adjacent properties.

If it is determined that the parcel will be used for housing, CDD will work with the Affordable Housing Trust, the city's non-profits, and the community to develop housing plans.





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Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

December 4, 2000

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-84, regarding a report on the feasibility of closing a portion of Lopez Avenue and extending Costa Park, received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment



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A communication was received from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 00-84 regarding a report on the feasibility of closing a portion of Lopez Avenue and extending Costa Park.

In City Council December 4, 2000

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