



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

July 31, 1995

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MYERS
MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: Muriel Smith was nominated for her activism through both the Area IV Crime Task Force and the Area IV Youth Center Board of Directors; she serves as secretary with the Youth Center Board of Directors and has been centrally involved with the Area IV Crime Task Force for four years; and

WHEREAS: Natalie Phillips is an Area IV youth, age eighteen, who has been active in the Area IV Youth Center since it opened in June of 1993; she is very involved with the Youth Council and helps plan activities for the younger members of the Center; and

WHEREAS: Stephanie Morris was nominated for her work with the Margaret Fuller House and the Pentacostal Tabernacle Church. She works with the Children's Haven Program, a free program in which the Church opens its doors to about 35 neighborhood children during school vacations and some Saturdays; and

WHEREAS: Muriel Smith, Natalie Phillips and Stephanie Morris exemplify the ideals of community service and neighborhood commitment which make Cambridge so special to all its citizens; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its heartiest congratulations to Muriel Smith, Natalie Phillips and Stephanie Morris on the occasion of their receipt of the Harriet Wigfall Awards and thanks them for their service to their community; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution congratulating these Area IV residents on their receipt of the Harriet Wigfall Award.

In City Council July 31, 1995

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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Ordered
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Whereas:

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Whereas:

Muriel Smith was nominated for her activism through both the Area Four Crime Task Force and the Area Four Youth Center Board of Directors; and has been centrally involved with the Area Four Crime Task Force for four years; and

She serves as Secretary Youth Center Board of Directors

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and at the Pentecostal Tabernacle Church
she works with the Children's Haven Program a
which ^{free program} provides, in which the Church opens
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during school vacations and some Saturdays;

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Stephanie Morris ~~embody the ideals of~~
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Resolved: That this City Council ^{herby} congratulates M
Muriel Smith, Natalie Phillips and
Stephanie Morris on the occasion of their
receipt of the Daniel Wigfall Award and
thinks them for their ~~comm~~ service to
their community; and be it further

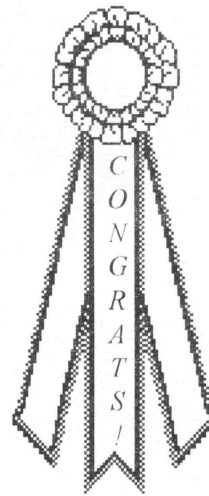
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prepare & suitably engrossed copies of this resolution

Richard Rossi, Assistant District Attorney Patrick Connell, and City Councilor Katherine Triantafillou helped to carry the message that this fair's purpose is to encourage everyone to get together toward the common purpose of making Area 4 a neighborly and safe place.

Plaques expressing the Area 4 Crime Task Force's appreciation for help and resources extended were given to: Pat Sayers; the Boston Foundation; the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs; Draper Laboratories and Polaroid Foundation; the Cambridge Housing Authority; and Toscanni's.

Support for the fair was also received from: the Department of Human Services' Community & Youth and Recreation Divisions; MIT; the Cambridge Police Department; the Department of Public Works; the Electrical Department; Cambridge United for Smoking Prevention; the Cambridge Substance Abuse Task Force; Pulling Together for Health and Drug Free Schools; the Area 4 Coalition's UDAG; Purity Supreme; and Boston Chicken.

"The Drug Free Fair has become a fixture in our community," said Noel Johnson, CO-Chair of the Area 4 Crime Task Force. "People really look forward to it, and that's in evidence with the number of residents who attend." □



AREA 4 RESIDENTS RECEIVE HARRIET WIGFALL AWARDS

Three of the six 1995 Harriet Wigfall Awards for service to the community have been presented to Area 4 residents Muriel Smith, Natalie Phillips, and Stephanie Morris.

Muriel Smith was nominated for her activism through both the Area 4 Crime Task Force and the Area 4 Youth Center Board of Directors. Smith serves as Secretary with the Youth Center Board of Directors, and has been centrally involved with the Area 4 Crime Task Force for four years. Reverend Nelson Foxx of St. Bartholomew's Church nominated Smith for the Award, and commented: "In spite of Muriel's personal challenges, she has risen in support of her community. That says a lot about her."

Natalie Phillips is an Area 4 youth (18 years old) who is active with the Area 4 Youth Center. George Greenidge, Jr, the Youth Specialist with the Area 4 Youth Center and the person who nominated Phillips, said that Phillips "really involves herself with the Youth Council. Natalie has worked with us since the youth center opened in June of 1993," Greenidge continued, "and she helps plan activities for the younger members of the center. Natalie provides a great model for all youth of Area 4."

Stephanie Morris is originally from Trinidad in the West Indies, moving to the United States 27 years ago, and to Area 4 in 1981. Morris volunteers at the Margaret Fuller House food pantry, and helps with community outreach for Margaret Fuller. She also volunteers with the Pentecostal Tabernacle Church on Columbia Street, with the Children's Haven Program. Through the Children's Haven Program, the church opens its doors during school vacations and on some Saturdays, to about 35 neighborhood children. "It's a free program," Morris explained; "we take the children on trips, to the aquarium, to the police open house, and other places, and we teach them self-discipline and about Jesus. We make snacks for them, too. The parents love it, and the children are so good." □



WELCOME NEW CO-CHAIR NOEL JOHNSON

Noel Johnson was voted in as the new Co-Chair at the Crime Task Force's January, 1995 meeting. Johnson has lived in Area 4 since 1983, and has been involved in the neighborhood since 1989. Her people-oriented labors of love began many years ago, and have included a position as Executive Director of the Black Achievers of Greater Boston YMCA, as well as work which brought her into middle and high schools in Boston and Cambridge. More recently, Johnson served as President of the Board of the Community Arts Center for more than three years.

"My interest in Co-Chairing the Area 4 Crime Task Force comes out of my belief that I can have a greater impact as a Co-Chair," Johnson said of her decision to run for the office. "You need hands-on action to really accomplish something," she continued, "and real commitment. It's a big responsibility, but I welcome it." Johnson remarked on her vision for the Crime Task Force: "I would like to see more Area 4 residents become involved in the Task Force's mission, and I want to see our group collaborate more with other community organizations in Area 4."

Johnson recently received the Molly Moon Award of 1995 for community service, an honor bestowed by the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts. □



A TRIBUTE TO PAT SAYERS

Pat Sayers' volunteer work with the Area 4 Crime Task Force began in 1990, with a request for better signs near the Maynard School, warning drivers to slow down for the school crossing zone. From this energetic beginning, Sayers took the initiative on a wide variety of safety and crime issues for her neighborhood, and became one of the Task Force's most visible and dedicated volunteers to date.

Sayers lobbied hard with local officials for the enforcement of laws which make property owners responsible for keeping abandoned buildings safe. She kept on the case until action was taken to stop access by drug dealers and users in an abandoned house in Area 4. Sayers also worked with officials to ensure that elementary schools will be adequately posted as "Drug Free School Zones," and this posting will occur within the next few months. Sayers was instrumental in campaigning for the traffic light which has been installed at the corner of Windsor and Harvard Streets, the site of the Maynard School. Her aggressive efforts also brought about the sponsorship, by the Area 4 Crime Task Force, of three annual youth-police dialogue meetings and for having the Task Force set aside \$2,000 for a police-youth partnership program. Additional funds, close to \$8,000, have been earmarked

for a 1995 summer youth drama project with the Area 4 Youth Center, thanks to Sayers' commitment to finding creative ways of involving young people in the Task Force's mission.

Sayers was voted in as Co-Chair of the Area 4 Crime Task Force in December, 1993. She served one and a half years of her two year term, before personal hardships made it necessary for her to resign. Eileen Keegan, Director of the Community and Youth Division of the Department of Human Services, who works alongside the Task Force Coordinator and Co-Chairs, said of Sayers, "She gave an inordinate amount of her personal time to the Area 4 Crime Task Force. She focused on many critical areas that help Area 4 in so many ways, and never seemed to tire from her efforts. Pat will be deeply missed." □



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ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitable resolution congratulating Area IV residents on their receipt of Harriet Wigfall award.

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Consent Order #19

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Councillor Sullivan re:
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Order adopted