



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 22, 1976

Mayor Vellucci

WHEREAS:

The proposal to build a park on the Riverside Press site has failed, and

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As a result, the city will lose the opportunity of acquiring outside funding as a result of this failure, thus making a park unrealistic and unaffordable, and

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This failure is primarily the result of the Council being unable to reconcile the divergent needs of open space on the one hand and an increased tax base on the other, and

WHEREAS:

For each problem there exists a solution if one is willing to seek it out, therefore be it

RESOLVED:

That the City Council go on record in support of a study by the City Manager on the feasibility of the following proposal:

If we are honest and realistic, we must acknowledge that there is an abundance of open space by the site of proposed park, namely, the banks of the Charles River directly across the street. However, the usefulness of this space, particularly to the residents of Riverside, is diminished because of the problem of access. It is a hazardous crossing area, particularly for children and the elderly.

Therefore I propose that a 'Gateway to the Riverfront' be provided by building an attractive footbridge that spans Memorial Drive, bringing the Riverfront to the people of Riverside.

This proposal does not satisfy all of the competing demands that have been raised, but as a practical man I believe that it is a practical response - "Weeks Bridge Type."

Councillors Clem and Sullivan voted in the negative.

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 5 members

Paul E. Walsh
City Clerk

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Order #8 *8-125*

M. Vellucci resolutions on the Riverside
Press site.

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*- Lullimo Against -
L. Freeman in favor
L. Vellucci against
8-2-02*