



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From: ^{BK} Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for
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Date: October 10, 2000
Subject: Council Order #23 dated 9/11/00: Report on current make-up,
mission and functioning of the Central Square Advisory
Committee.

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

The Central Square Advisory Committee was established in May 1989 as a result of changes to the zoning ordinance that rezoned Central Square and created the Central Square Overlay District. As set out in Section 11.304.1 of the zoning ordinance, the committee's purpose is to:

1. Establish a formal, ongoing body to review all major development actions in the Central Square Overlay District.
2. Provide a forum within which a wide range of perspectives on development actions can be heard.
3. Establish a citizen/professional body to advise both public agencies and private interests as to the development and urban design issues raised by a development or planning proposal. The Advisory Committee can also suggest avenues of research to resolve identified conflicts or make the project better fulfill both public and private objectives for the Central Square Overlay District.

The Central Square Advisory Committee undertakes all large project reviews and receives, for review and comment, all applications for variances and special permits for activities within the Central Square Overlay District. In addition, upon request of a project proponent the Committee may comment on any preliminary proposal.

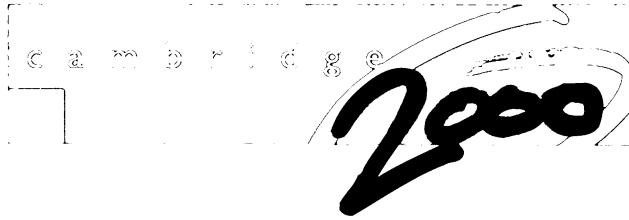
As set forth in the zoning ordinance, the committee is appointed by the City Manager and consists of eight members: four residents (one from each of the abutting neighborhoods) and four business representatives from the Central Square Overlay District. The committee chair must be an architect or landscape

architect. The members serve three-year terms. The committee meets on an as-needed basis.

The current committee members are:

George Metzger, Chair	(Business Representative/Architect)
Carl Barron	(Business Representative)
Arnold Goldstein	(Business Representative)
Noel Johnson	(Area Four Resident)
Wendy Landman	(Cambridgeport Resident)
Scott Levitan	(Mid-Cambridge Resident)
Gus Rancatore	(Business Representative)
Vacant	(Riverside Resident)

As terms expire, the City solicits applicants for vacant positions; we are currently seeking interested applicants for the Riverside vacancy.



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Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

October 16, 2000

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-71, regarding a report on the current make-up, mission and functioning of the Central Square Advisory Committee, received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment



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Consent Agenda # 3

**Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number
00-71, regarding a report on the current
make-up, mission and functioning of the
Central Square Advisory Committee**

In City Council October 16, 2000

*Referred to Neighborhood
and Long-Term Committee
on motion of C. Sluis.*