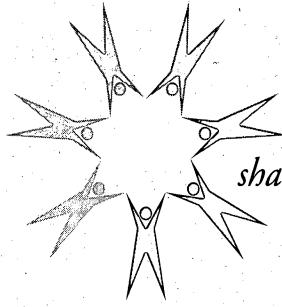


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Jill Herold
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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From: Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services
Re: Council Order #39, dated 11/3/97
Date: November 20, 1997

Childcare

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Community and Youth

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Children, Youth and Families
(Kids' Council)

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The following is in response to Council Order #39 of 11/3/97 regarding the status on pre-school and after-school programs in the East Cambridge and Wellington-Harrington areas.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

In the fall/winter of 1996-1997, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, the Harrington School conducted a survey to determine the interest and need for an afterschool childcare program at the school. Based on the survey results, planning focussed on the development of a summer program. The Cambridge Public School Department (CPS) provided financial support for the Harrington School to establish a pilot summer program with an academic focus. In addition the School Department's Office of Planning and Development, in conjunction with the Department of Human Services, submitted a request to the Massachusetts Department of Education to support the cost of an afterschool program at the Harrington School for the Fall of 1997. The Department of Education (DOE) informed the School Department in October of 1997 that the request was denied. DOE, however, anticipates that there will be additional opportunities to apply for funding in the near future.

Additionally, the School and Human Services Departments are actively involved in joint planning for extended day opportunities on a system wide basis. In addition to the 8 afterschool childcare classrooms currently offered by the Department of Human Services, pilot joint (CPS/DHSP) projects are currently under development in three schools (Fletcher, Maynard and Kennedy) and a joint planning group of staff from



both departments, is examining how services might be offered system wide. It is a significant challenge to develop a comprehensive extended program that is available and affordable to all who need it so thorough planning is essential.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The new Frisoli Youth Center houses two Headstart classrooms serving 36 children and open to eligible families in the community. Also, the East End House provides full time pre-school to 56 children. East Cambridge parents interested in pre-school services and who do not qualify for Headstart will be meeting in early January with representatives of the DHSP Childcare Division, Headstart, East End House, the Child Care Resource Center and the Community Schools Program Directors, to discuss interest in expanding additional pre-school programming in the East Cambridge area.



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December 15, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 18, regarding a status report on the pre-school and after-school programs in the East Cambridge, Wellington-Harrington areas, received from Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #10

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Eighteen, regarding a status report on the pre-school and after-school programs in the East Cambridge and Wellington-Harrington areas.

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In City Council December 15, 1997

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