



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 24, 1975

Mayor Sullivan

WHEREAS:

The Mayor and the Cambridge City Council appointed the Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee in April, 1963 to oversee the preparation of a neighborhood improvement plan and the implementation of a neighborhood improvement program for the residents of the Wellington-Harrington area, and

WHEREAS:

The Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee set about this difficult task with great patience and perseverance and prepared a community oriented neighborhood plan, emphasizing housing rehabilitation and low density development, and helped secure the approval of this Plan by the Cambridge City Council, the Federal government and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and

WHEREAS:

The Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee has continued to work on a voluntary basis to carry on a neighborhood stabilization program, in cooperation with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, City Departments and the City Council, and now has housing rehabilitation, property financing, low density development and community service programs in operation, and has supported and assisted the formation and work of the Wellington-Harrington Development Corporation and the Just-A-Start Program, both of which also generate volunteer work, and

WHEREAS:

These efforts for Cambridge since 1968 have produced over \$1.8 million in new, low density residences, over \$2.8 million in MHFA rehabilitation financing, over \$2.7 million in loans for rehabilitating individual homes and apartments, as well as jobs for neighborhood residents in the neighborhood stabilization program and over 600 jobs for youth from throughout Cambridge in the Just-A-Start Program; and, a continuing of these efforts can produce more benefits for the neighborhoods and the City of Cambridge, and

WHEREAS:

The Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee and the Wellington-Harrington Development Corporation have worked for the good of the entire community, have given thousands of hours of self-help, volunteer labor on behalf of their neighborhood, have involved youth and adults in this community effort, and have stabilized the neighborhood tax base through their program, and

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On April 24, 1975, in Washington, D. C., the Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee and the Wellington-Harrington Development Corporation will receive a national award, one of three for community organizations in the entire United States, and this is the only organization involved in neighborhood stabilization and youth employment to be so honored at this time, therefore be it

RESOLVED:

That this City Council go on record congratulating the Wellington — Harrington Citizens Committee, the Wellington-Harrington Development Corporation, the senior citizens, parents and teenagers in the Wellington - Harrington Area, the staff that works with these fine organizations, for this distinguished national award, and be it further

RESOLVED:

That this City Council go on record as wishing both of these organizations success in continuing and completing the neighborhood stabilization and youth employment program through which they have accomplished so much and contributed so much to the neighborhoods and to the City of Cambridge, and be it further

RESOLVED:

That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Wellington — Harrington Citizens Committee and the Wellington-Harrington Development Corporation as a permanent acknowledgment of this City Council appreciation of all this outstanding public service.

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