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To: Robert Healy
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From: Susan Schlesinger ⁸⁰⁸
Assistant City Manager for Community Development

Date: October 25, 1996

Re: Consent Agenda 008, dated 9/9/96

Three gas stations on North Massachusetts Avenue have been recently denied special permits by the Planning Board that would have enabled them to convert their use to other automotive related uses. In light of the Planning Board's action, the Community Development Department is assisting the property owners who wish to change use to determine re-uses that will enhance North Massachusetts Avenue.

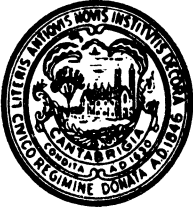
To date Community Development has done the following:

1. Evaluated the sites' potential re-uses.
 - created base maps of the locations of the gas station sites along the North Massachusetts Avenue Corridor
 - performed a zoning analysis of these gas station sites to determine what uses are permitted and at what density
 - explored the status of the environmental clean-ups for each site
2. Met with the North Cambridge Stabilization Committee and solicited input on desired uses.
 - scheduled and met with a NCSC subcommittee on Wednesday, October 16, 1996 to discuss desired re-uses of the gas stations along the North Massachusetts Avenue corridor
 - helped identify NCSC favorable and unfavorable re-uses and inquired about the reasoning behind their opinions

The future actions of the Community Development Department with regard to the gas stations in the North Massachusetts Ave. Corridor will include the following:

Meeting with the owners of the gas stations by the end of December 1996 to advise them on possible re-uses.

- hold a general informational meeting for all of the gas station owners and explain the North Massachusetts Ave Overlay District to insure they understand which land uses are permitted
- hold smaller meetings with individual gas station owners interested in selling to help them with locating funding for environmental clean-up, to explain how the North Massachusetts Ave. Overlay District relates to their individual site and to work with them on design issues related to their site.



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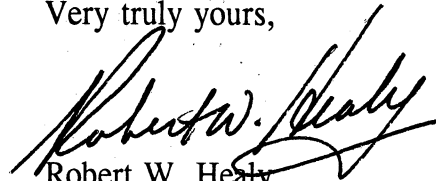
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

November 4, 1996

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 10, regarding meeting with gas station owners on North Massachusetts Avenue to provide information and technical assistance to facilitate the reuse and enhancement of the area, received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Susan Schlesinger.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #5

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Transmitting communication relative to
Awaiting Report Item Number Ten, regarding
meeting with gas station owners on North
Massachusetts Avenue to provide information
and technical assistance to facilitate
the reuse and enhancement of the area.

2nd Report received 11-4-96
Original Order #80 DE 7/29/96
See City Mgr Requests #360
1st rep. rec. 9/9/96 - Agenda #8

In City Council November 4, 1996

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