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From: Susan B. Schlesinger *SBS*
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Re: City Council Order #30

Date: April 24, 1997

I have attached an update from Tom Kennedy related to the development of a Bread and Circus at River and Putnam Avenue. The developer has not yet submitted site plans or building plans, but intends to do so in mid May.

As Mr. Kennedy states he will be proposing a two level store with 50 additional parking spaces. This will require a variance to be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

We have and will continue to be in contact with other supermarkets including Star, SuperValue, Shaw's, Food Master, Capital Market, America's Market Basket, DeMoulas and Wallstar Market. None of these entities have indicated an interest in the site.

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April 22, 1997

Ms. Susan Schlesinger
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Re: River Street and Putnam Avenue, Cambridge, MA

Dear Susan:

As you are aware, I have entered into a lease agreement with Bread & Circus. For the past two months Bread & Circus and I have been working on a building configuration and an exterior design, which is just about to be completed.

Bread & Circus is a subsidiary of Whole Foods out of Texas. At the present time, Hatch Partnership Architects, 702 San Antonio Street, Austin, Texas is preparing an interior layout of the store. This layout should be completed within the next couple of week.

As you recall, I announced to the City Council about two months ago that I would be forming a committee to make recommendations of affordable products for the community which are normally not carried by a Bread & Circus. Osco and Bread & Circus agreed that between the two stores they would carry a line of products, along with their regular product lines, which would be affordable and service the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Bread & Circus made a good suggestion that in order to determine the number of affordable products they will be able to carry they would first have to determine the size of the retail area and then a layout of the retail area. Their attitude is the larger the store that they can place on the site the more numbers of affordable items can be incorporated into the product line. To this goal, Bread & Circus has designed a two level store with fifty (50) additional parking located under the building, along with a bundle pick up area and loading docks. The actual shopping will be located on the second level which allows for an increase in the size of the retail area over that which was originally approved.

As soon as Bread & Circus completes their interior layout, myself, Osco and Bread & Circus will begin meetings with the food committee to formulate the affordable product line. We anticipate our first meeting to begin around the middle of May and continue through August.

Over the past two months, I have spoken with numerous people in the community and have met with representatives at 808 Memorial Drive, the Ward Five Committee, along with speaking with several City officials to obtain recommendations as to various individuals who will make up this committee. To date, Juanita Saunders of 808 Memorial Drive, and Jerry Bergman have agreed to be a part of the committee.

Ms. Susan Schlesinger

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The final committee will be made up of three (3) additional members from the community from recommendations of the Ward Five Committee and government leaders.

The anticipated schedule for the City approval process is as follows:

APPROVAL PROCESS

May 15, 1997

Submission to Planning Department

(1) Building Site Layout

(2) Exterior Design

(3) Interior Design

June 15, 1997

Planning Board Review

August, 1997

ZBA Hearing

September, 1997

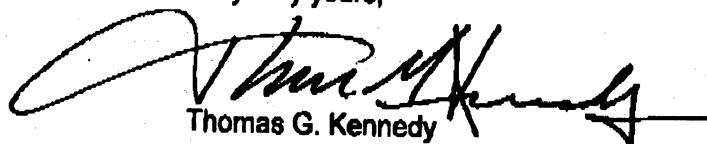
Begin Construction

May through August, 1997

Food Committee

I will keep you updated on all further events.

Very truly yours,



Thomas G. Kennedy

President

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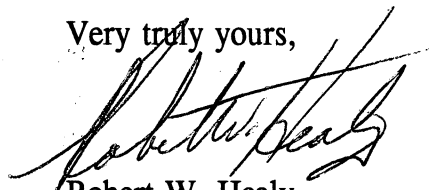
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

April 28, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 19, relative to progress in bringing affordable food to the Cambridge/Riverside area of Cambridge, please find attached a report submitted by Susan Schlesinger, Assistant City Manager for Community Development.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda #19

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Ninetien, regarding progress in
bringing affordable food to the
Cambridgeport/Riverside area.

In City Council April 28, 1997

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