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Subject: City Council Order # 2 of 5/11/92

In response to City Council Order # 2 of 5/11/92 regarding concerns with the Area IV Crime Task Force meeting, the comments attributed to Sergeant Carlin were inaccurate and the statements he did make were taken out of context.

In the first five months of calendar year 1992, the North Cambridge area (the Police Department's Sector 5) has recorded 266 Part I crimes. When compared to the 371 crimes recorded during the same period in 1991, this reflects a 28.3% decrease in reported crime in the area. During this five month period in 1992, reported crime in North Cambridge accounted for 11.1% of the City's total. In 1991, North Cambridge accounted for 14.8% of the City's total.

"Park & Walk" assignments are scheduled daily in the North Cambridge area, as well as in all parts of the City. Police coverage and attention to Walden Square and other developments continue.

As part of a neighborhood streets/parks and playground project, extra walking officers, on overtime, were scheduled during the Memorial Day weekend for the M.B.T.A. Alewife area, Rindge Avenue, Russell Field, Danehy Park, St. Peter's Field, and Comeau Field. These assignments will continue during the summer in North Cambridge and in every neighborhood, park and playground throughout the City.

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 11, 1992

COUNCILLOR WALSH
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL

WHEREAS: In the Minutes of the Area IV Crime Task Force Meeting for April 15, 1992, Police Sergeant Carlin is reported as indicating a fairly strong concern that some serious problems are raising their heads in the area of North Cambridge. It will benefit our work as City Councillors to be provided a lengthier and more specific itemization of what these problems are, how intense they are, whether the individuals who are involved therein are Cambridge and/or non-Cambridge residents and what preventive procedures have been initiated and will be in place momentarily to hold the situation in check and assure safety on the streets for our residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager request the Police Commissioner to provide response to the above raised questions within two (2) weeks.

In City Council May 11, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

M I N U T E S
AREA IV CRIME TASK FORCE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1992
57 INMAN STREET

ATTENDING: Arlene Henry, Eileen McCluskey, Rosemarie Moorehead, Ruth Hanig, Loretta Tower, Venita Mathias, Iona Smith Nze, Pat Sayers, Kathleen Granchelli, John Keane, Ted Carlin, Eddie Mitchell, Gloria Beeks, Wilfrido George, Winona Boardley..

CO-CHAIRS: Jacqueline Clarke and William Lee

Co-Chairs welcomed everyone and expressed their appreciation of all who attended.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Eileen McCluskey reported that the Third Annual Drug Free Community Fair will be held on Saturday, May 30, from noon to 4:00, at Sennott (St. Mary's) Park. Featuring the CRLS Jazz Ensemble, Dreamers Inc, magician John Bonaparte, and all of the usual assortment of refreshments, information tables, races, basketball, arts & crafts, balloons, and t shirts. Jacqueline and Eileen both expressed their welcome to all who wish to attend the upcoming meetings of the Education Committee, to get involved with the fair. The next such meeting will be Tuesday, April 28, at 6 pm at 51 Inman Street. Jaqueline stressed the need for volunteers, and mentioned that the Area IV Crime Task Force will have a "Block Party Fever" table at the fair, to encourage people to sign up to have a block party on their street this summer.

POLICE REPORT:

Sergeant Ted Carlin gave the report: he said that Area IV has been fairly quiet. The only problem areas are Bishop Allen Drive and Central Square: with the warmer weather, typically 40-50 youth ages 18-20 congregating in Central Square, which is currently 10 times worse than Columbia Terrace ever was. Drugs are in Central Square. North Cambridge also surfacing as a major problem area.

Resident asked if call should be put in to police if a car with a NY license plate is spotted every morning. Sgt. Carlin: no; a NY plate does not necessarily indicate drugs. Drugs come from all over the place.

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Calls are way down in the developments since 1988. Speedy evictions have done wonders.

Resident asked about the new youth center, what's going to be done to keep drugs out. Sgt. Carlin: educating the kids, adult supervision, trainings, positive role models, same as in the other youth centers around the city.

William Lee asked about any concerns we as a Task Force should be looking at. Sgt. Carlin thinks Area IV's doing very well, but N Cambridge is going to blow up.

Discussion about the "Exculpatory Evidence Rule," sparked by a resident asking how to both give your name when you place a call with a tip to the police, and how to protect your identity. Police response was if you wish to remain anonymous, you must not give your name. Exculpatory... Evidence Rule dictates that names offered toward arrests of accused must be shared with accused if asked for. Soon as you give your name, it goes onto a police report. Discussion ended with need to share this kind of information with the neighborhood, so people understand the way it works.

Resident: Task Force should get the word out about the good things we're doing. One idea discussed was to invite the media to one of our meetings, to encourage more positive news coverage of Area IV instead of always focusing on the negative.

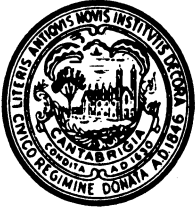
REVIEW OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

Jacqueline Clarke reviewed the results of the Crime Watch of last month, in which the whole of Area IV looked very quiet and peaceful.

ELECTION PROCESS:

William Lee reviewed memo that went out with minutes asking for response in writing by anyone interested in getting involved in establishing the election process for the Task Force. These notes are due by April 24 to the Co-Chairs and Eileen McCluskey at 51 Inman Street. Handwritten notes are fine.

Also reviewed the recommendation that the current Co-Chairs' tenure be extended to October 1992.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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June 15, 1992

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 33, regarding concerns of the Area IV Crime Task Force, received from Police Commissioner Perry L. Anderson, relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda # 1 *516*

Awaiting Report Item Number 33 regarding
concerns of the Area IV Crime Task Force.

In City Council,

June 15, 1992

Placed on file