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TO:

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM:

MWM Mark W. McCabe, Director, Animal Commission

DATE:

November 9, 1994

SUBJECT:

Council Order #37, dated 8/1/94

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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In response to Council Order #37, dated 8/1/94 - re: Request to meet with Cambridgeport residents concerning locating a dog run area - a committee has been formed to establish dog exercise areas throughout the city.

On August 16, 1994, there was a meeting with representatives from each department that would be involved in the process of locating and developing dog run areas in the city. The first meeting included Deputy City Manager Richard C. Rossi, and representatives from the City Solicitor's Office, the Recreation Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Animal Commission. Five additional meetings during August, September, and October have included residents from the Cambridgeport neighborhood, Area 9 neighborhood, and the North Cambridge neighborhood.

As a result of these meetings a committee (F.I.D.O.- Friendly Inner-City Dog Owners) has formed the following goals:

- * A review of the dog ordinance with regard to the "designation process" for a dog run area.
- * A review of the availability of open space in the City both publicly-owned and privately owned.
- * A complete survey of the dog community
- * A complete survey of non-dog owners
- * Create a listing for current dog groups within the city.

- * Review the revenue from dog license fees and fines
- * Research other cities' and towns' dog ordinances that allow for dog exercise areas.
- * Establish an educational program for dog owners and non-dog owners.

Also, as a result of these meetings, two areas have been recognized as possible sites for dog exercise areas:

1. Fort Washington Park
2. The area located between the railroad tracks and the tennis courts on Pemberton Street

At both locations there has been a concern for both personal safety and pets' safety. Proper lighting and secure fencing are the major concerns. These concerns are both being addressed by the appropriate departments.

Further meetings have been planned and updates will be available.



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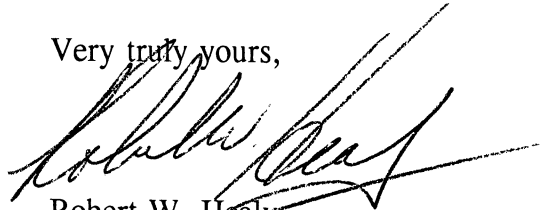
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

December 12, 1994

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 11, regarding locating a dog run area in Cambridgeport, received from Mark McCabe, Director of the Animal Commission.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda # 7 S-574

Response to Awaiting Report Item Number
Eleven regarding locating a dog run area
in Cambridgeport.

for original order see
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Requests # 252.

In City Council,

December 12, 1994

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