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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-92, regarding the feasibility of installing additional bicycle racks at Brattle Square and City Hall and to add a consultative process with abutters as to where bike racks are installed, Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager For Community Development reposts the following:

Community Development staff installed three bike racks in front of One Brattle Square (near HMV) on October 17, 2002. This location is within the Harvard Square Conservation District and staff from the Department of Public Works, Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Commission for Persons with Disabilities, and Historical Commission were contacted prior to the installation to incorporate their input and obtain the necessary permits.

Regarding the requests for additional bike racks in front of City Hall, an application for a certificate of appropriateness will be filed with the Historical Commission, to be included on the Historical Commission meeting agenda for the month of December. The relevant city departments (listed above) will also be contacted to obtain their input regarding suitable locations.

In general, requests for installation of bike racks come directly from property owners and/or residents. Community Development staff then contact the source of the request to identify the specifics and consider the most appropriate location in relation to the property entrance, access requirements, parking and circulation patterns, etc. Based on the context of each site, the staff works with property owners and others impacted by installation to resolve outstanding issues. Based on that work, CDD staff develops a set of plans for the installation, which are circulated to the relevant city departments (listed above) for their input.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #3

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