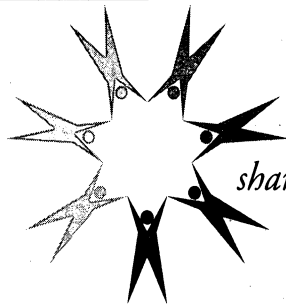


Department of Human Service Programs



sharing resources...building community

Jill Herold
Assistant City Manager

Ellen Semonoff
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To: Robert Healy, City Manager

From: Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services

Date: May 6, 1998

Childcare

Subject: Response to Council Order # 45 dated April 6, 1998, in regard to public access to youth center facilities

Commission for
Persons with Disabilities

In response to the Council Order inquiring about public access to youth center facilities, the Cambridge Youth Program staff has provided the following information.

Community and Youth

Community
Learning Center

Coordinating Council for
Children, Youth and Families
(Kids' Council)

Since our Youth Centers are public facilities, they should be available to members of the public during normal hours of operation for specific use of restrooms and pay phones. However, the Youth Program staff recognizes its role in ensuring the safety of children and young people participating in their programs. If a member of the public acts in any manner as to present himself or herself as a possible risk to the safety of youth in the center, they have the authority to deny access to the facility. Youth Center Directors may occasionally restrict entrance to the building during special activities, when the safety and comfort of participants is of special concern.

Council on Aging;
Elderly Services

Program staff affirmed this policy after meeting several times to discuss concerns and experiences around non-program building use by adults and youth. They then developed procedures for entrance which will be posted at every center with the assistance of Public Works. These rules include such basic safety and maintenance items as; checking in at the front desk, barring athletic cleats and other damaging footwear, et cetera.

Low Income
Fuel Assistance

Multi-Service Center;
Homeless Services

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May 18, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 8, regarding a report on what City policies exist that regulate public buildings and their availability to the public, received from Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

Consent Agenda #9

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A report on what City policies exist that regulate public buildings and their availability to the public.

In City Council May 18, 1998

Referred to

Back to City Manager for
additional information on
motion of Councillor Sullivan.