

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
City Hall Annex - Inman & Broadway - Cambridge, Mass. 02139

498-9034

October 25, 1984

To: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

From:  Kathy A. Spiegelman
Assistant City Manager
for Community Development

Subject: Mid-Cambridge Conservation District Recommendation

I am forwarding to you, for consideration by City Council, a compromise draft order for the establishment of a Mid-Cambridge Conservation District as formulated by the Mid-Cambridge Conservation District Working Group which the Council instructed me to assemble. The draft order which the Working Group is recommending is a carefully crafted compromise achieved after more than twenty working sessions held by the group over the past two years. In addition, it reflects comments and concerns expressed at a series of three public meetings held in Mid-Cambridge in the Spring of this year, meetings to which all property owners in the district were invited by mail. The draft has received endorsement by the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association at its annual membership meeting held in May.

The order as now proposed has significantly changed the emphasis of the suggested Conservation District from its earlier version. As recommended, only a few properties in the district (buildings on the National Register of Historic Places and properties subject to development or redevelopment) are subject to regulatory control. The vast majority of properties will only be affected, in a positive way, by the educational and incentive programs which will be established by the new Neighborhood Commission. To this end the Working Group has incorporated a funding program in the order the implementation of which is a prerequisite to the Working Group's support of the regulatory aspects of the order.

It is anticipated that the Historical Commission will make a recommendation on the draft to the Council early in November. The Council may wish to await that recommendation before taking final action on the order or holding a public hearing. I will supplement the Council's regular notice of this hearing by mailing copies of the Work Group's recommended order to everyone who expressed an interest in the meetings and discussions held last Spring.

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After many months of dedicated effort, the Working Group would like to recommend adoption of this order to establish a Mid-Cambridge Conservation District. One member of the Group, however, did wish to be recorded in opposition to its adoption.

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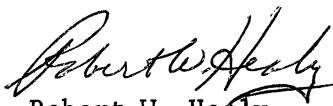
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

October 29, 1984

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed for your information is a report from Kathy A. Spiegelman, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, relative to the establishment of a Mid-Cambridge Conservation District.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

SR 658

Re: Community Development Dept. report on the
establishment of a Mid-Cambridge Conservation
District.

10/29/84

Referred to Historical
Commission for
Review and Report.
Copy sent to Historical
Commission 10/30/84 (d)

In City Council,

October 29, 1984

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- Dr. Dobson Tabled
to Colonial withdrawing
then to Historical
Commission on Motion
of C. D. Sullivan -