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September 12, 1994

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Attached, for your information, is a communication from the Historical Commission relative to the former fire station at 350 Main Street.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over the typed name.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Attachment



Cambridge Historical Commission

Cambridge Historical Commission, City Hall Annex, 57 Inman Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139. 617/349-4683



William B. King, *Chairman*, Allison M. Crump, *Vice Chairman*, Charles M. Sullivan, *Executive Director*.
Dorothy LeMessurier, Helen F. Moulton, Robert G. Neiley, Jo M. Solet, *Commission Members*.
M. Wyllis Bibbins, Suzanne R. Green, Anthony C. Platt, *Alternates*.

September 8, 1994

To the Honorable, the City Council:

On August 4, the Historical Commission accepted the City Council's invitation to reconsider its finding that Engine 7 is a preferably-preserved significant building under Section 2.78 of the City Code.

The Commission noted that the demolition delay ordinance did not allow it to directly consider such factors as the desirability of the East Cambridge Teen Center and the enhanced 911 system in determining whether Engine 7 should be a preferably preserved significant building. Instead, it could only consider the character of the building itself and the available information concerning its restoration or replacement. In the absence of this information, the Commission could not change its finding.

However, the Commission was greatly concerned that it not be perceived as impeding the disposition process, and offered to waive the six month delay so that a demolition permit could be issued immediately if the City Manager so requests.

The Commission wished to emphasize that a key factor in their decision to waive the six months' delay was their conviction that the City Manager's design review guidelines should be a binding part of the disposition process. These guidelines will go far to ensure that the city's interests in Kendall Square will be protected regardless of the outcome of the sale.

Finally, the Commission asked me to notify you that I am available to make a presentation concerning the significance of Engine 7 if you wish to review the evidence on which their decision was based.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Sullivan
Executive Director

Consent Agenda # 18

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Historical Commission communication
regarding the former fire station at
350 Main Street.

In City Council,

Sept. 12, 1994

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