



City of Cambridge

37.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 5, 1998

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The East End Christian House began in Area Four in 1875 and was incorporated in 1889 and moved to its present location on Spring Street in 1920; and

WHEREAS: In 1910, the name was changed to the East End House to reflect a new philosophy of recognizing the needs of all the communities as the primary focus; and

WHEREAS: In 1911, a survey revealed that the neighborhood had 11,000 residents in a quarter square mile and that, among these people spoke twenty-five languages and dialects; and

WHEREAS: From 1911 to 1916, the House's work began to change to "provide a center for social and civic life, to study the needs and conditions of the community, to maintain such activities as shall best meet these need, and to interpret American institutions and ideals to our neighbors of foreign birth;" and

WHEREAS: In 1917, Bertha Goldthwaite was hired as the director where she served for the following thirty years using her philosophy and experience to move a conservative board forward to embrace her vision of social work articulated in the following way "To me the most demoralizing thing about working with the so-called poor, or the foreign born poorer neighborhoods is the subtle consciousness that they are a bit inferior and other people should perhaps help them;" and

WHEREAS: The adoption of the settlement or neighborhood house served as an outlet for expression of these beliefs and served as a way to observe how the other half lives especially for women; and

WHEREAS: The most violent opposition to the East End House occurred in 1920 when a fire occurred which was alleged to be the result of arson; and

WHEREAS: Bertha Goldthwaite's liberal views helped the East End House through the Great Depression and the Hoover years with her emphasis not just on recreational outlets for the children but to be cognizant of the emotional and psychological aspects of the whole person/child; and

WHEREAS: When the United States entered World War II and the whole country geared itself to wartime conditions, the East End House was no exception by opening its doors to include military men and women, many USO activities and by the end of the War reaching out to the adult community with education and social programs; and

WHEREAS: In 1951, Bertha retired, but the House continued to respond to the changing needs of the community; and

WHEREAS: In the past decades, the House has been a home and resource to thousands of children in need of community services, hundreds of young people affected by violence, many community groups and neighborhood people seeking programming in different languages; and

WHEREAS: The East End House has become recognized as a landmark institution in East Cambridge with many people here today who have been touched by the East End House; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Women's Heritage Trail committee (consisting of representatives from Cambridge's Women and Historical Commissions, community activists, and local historians) formed in 1997 to celebrate Cambridge women joined with the staff of the East End House to recognize its importance past and current contributions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record commemorating the efforts of Bertha Goldthwaite and the countless contributions of the East End House by declaring **October 3, 1998 as East End House Day**; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the East End House on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 5, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

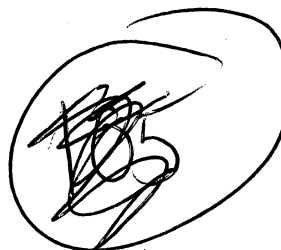
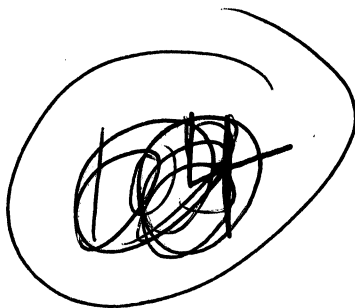
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk



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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS



37 of Oct 5th

September 28, 1998

City Council Office

Gail Jones
Dear Sandy,

I am attaching by e-mail a council resolution for Monday's meeting. It has been reviewed and amended by folks on the committee and at the East End House.

I spoke with Tim Toomey today who would like to be listed as the sponsor.

Thanks,

Mary
Mary Leno

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Consent Order #37

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Councillor Toomey re: resoltuion on
commemorating the efforts of Bertha
Goldthwaite and the East End House.

In City Council October 5, 1998

ORDER ADOPTED