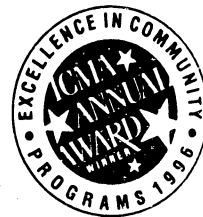




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November 14, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached for your information a progress report on the proposed Harvard Square Historic District, received from Executive Director of the Historical Commissioner Charles Sullivan.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Re: Progress Report on Proposed Harvard Square
Historic District

A recent communication from the City Council requested prompt completion of the Commission's study of proposed historic preservation measures in Harvard Square.

Since its appointment last February, the Harvard Square Historic District Study Committee has held over a dozen meetings to discuss the character of Harvard Square, to develop goals for preserving its physical fabric while nurturing its continued economic vitality, and to develop measures for amending the zoning and/or establishing an historic district there.

The committee is now refining three alternative measures which it will soon present to the Harvard Square community at large. These include:

- A. A strengthened Harvard Square Advisory Committee with expanded jurisdiction to include advisory comments to Cambridge Historical Commission and review of alterations to historic fabric;
- B. A Harvard Square Enhancement District, in which most of the jurisdiction of the Harvard Square Overlay Zone would be transferred to a new Harvard Square historic district commission.
- C. A Harvard Square Historic District with a strengthened Advisory Committee serving the planning board, BZA, and the Cambridge Historical Commission; and

These are complicated and far-reaching proposals, and the Study Committee has opted for a deliberate approach in hope of developing a strong consensus among all the interest

groups in Harvard Square. I anticipate that there will be several more committee meetings over the next six weeks before the end of the year, and then another series of public meetings before a proposal is finally forwarded to the City Council next spring.

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In City Council November 17, 1997