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February 1, 2001

Robert Healy, City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

I am writing in response to the recent notice concerning the formation of The Marsh Conservation District. I wish to put my name forward for possible membership on the Commission.

I have been a resident of the Marsh District for the past three years, having bought the property at 34 Bradbury Street and then carrying out an extensive renovation. When the issue of forming a Neighborhood Conservation District arose, I have been active in the subsequent hearings, and I believe that I am conversant with the issues and sensibilities of the neighborhood.

My present position is Professor of Physics at M.I.T., and I have followed Cambridge issues with close attention over the past 35 years.

As a member of the Commission, I can bring experience in the complex process of coming to a consensus on complex issues. In addition to serving on numerous committees for the government, and serving as a trustee of Associated Universities, Inc. and of the Northeast Radio Astronomy Corp., both non-profit organizations, I have also held a presidential appointment as a Member of the National Science Board, the governing body of the National Science Foundation.

In summary, I believe that I can serve The Marsh Conservation District Commission responsibly during the critical initial period when policies and procedures will be set.

Sincerely,



Bernard F. Burke

Neil Levine
5 Foster Place
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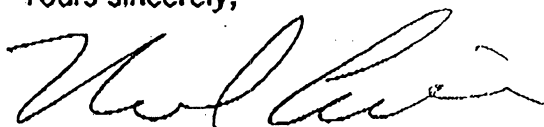
Robert Healy
City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

Following the suggestion of Sally Zimmerman, I am submitting my name as a candidate for the Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission. It is something I would be very interested in being part of as well as something for which I believe I am quite qualified. I am a professor of architectural history at Harvard University, specializing in nineteenth- and twentieth-century architecture. I have lived on Foster Place since 1979. In addition to being a member of the Board of Directors of the Society of Architectural Historians, I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, where I chair the Advocacy Committee. The Conservancy is a national organization devoted to the preservation of Wright's architecture.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



Neil Levine

JIM VAN SICKLE

ARCHITECT

15 BROWN STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138
617-868-4700

March 21, 2001

Mr. Robert Healy, City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy,

At Sally Zimmerman's invitation, I am submitting my name as a candidate for the newly established Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission.

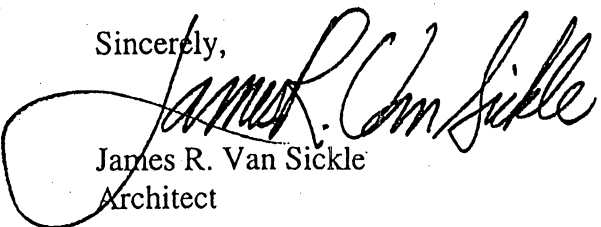
I have been a resident of Cambridge since 1971, and have resided at 15 Brown Street (within the new Marsh NCD) since 1983, when my wife and I purchased and renovated our current house. We have always loved this unique Cambridge neighborhood for its scale, its architectural character, and especially for its residents. Many of our neighbors have become friends. I have also come to appreciate the history of the neighborhood as it relates to the river and the Brattle Street Historic District. I have followed many renovation projects of properties around us over the years, and have been generally pleased with the positive effect that has resulted. However, I also want to see the neighborhood maintain its character of scale, details, and open space in the form of lovely yards and gardens which offer a friendly street character to neighbors and pedestrians.

I am an Architect and Urban Designer working in the Cambridge area. I have been fortunate to work on a variety of wonderful projects over the years, from college buildings to performing arts buildings, and have been in charge of a number of urban design projects in Boston, New York, and overseas. I have also done many residential projects, both new construction and renovations. I am currently doing a renovation and addition to a house on Lee Street in Cambridge. As a design professional working in Cambridge, I have been before many of the special architectural review boards, as well as the Planning Board, Historic Commission, and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

I graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1968, and from the Harvard Graduate School of Design with a Master of Urban Design in 1980. I taught architecture and urban design at the Boston Architectural Center for four years, and was a teaching assistant while I was at Harvard. I was also an Associate Professor of Architecture and Urban Design at Auburn University for one year.

I will be happy to provide more detailed information on my qualifications and background if required. Meanwhile, I look forward to participating in the new Marsh NCD, and hope that you will give my submission your serious consideration.

Sincerely,


James R. Van Sickle
Architect

cc: Sally Zimmerman

James R. Van Sickle
Consulting Architect

Mr. Van Sickle is a senior architect and urban designer with design and management experience on a wide variety of high quality projects. He has special expertise in the design of retail and entertainment facilities such as Navy Pier in Chicago and Harborplace in Baltimore, but also has experience on other project types ranging from performing arts theaters and university facilities, to capital improvements for downtown business improvement districts. Previously, Mr. Van Sickle was an Associate and Principal at Benjamin Thompson & Associates and a Principal at Prellwitz/Chilinski & Associates, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts. In those positions, he was in charge of several major projects.

Representative project experience:

Renovations and Addition to 717 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY

Consulting Architect-in-Charge of design and management of a premier retail "re-positioning" of the former Corning Glass Building on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

The Shops at Wailea, Maui, Hawaii

Consulting Architect in charge of building design of a 150,000 square foot, up-scale resort shopping center containing 69 shops and restaurants.

Sebastian's Food Court, Fidelity Investments, Merrimack, NH

Principal-in-Charge of design and management of a large prototype corporate food service facility including design of five new "branded" concepts.

Four Restaurants, Denver International Airport

Principal-in-Charge of design and management of four "new concept" restaurants for each Concourse and the Main Terminal of the new Denver International Airport. (Restaurant Award)

Retail Master Plan and Restaurants, New Orleans International Airport

Principal-in-Charge of retail master plan and design for the entire airport, including fifty-nine retail and food/beverage units.

Navy Pier Redevelopment, Chicago, IL

Senior Associate-in-Charge of design of \$150 million redevelopment into a major entertainment, retail, and exposition/conference facility for the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority. (AIA Award)

James R. Van Sickle - cont.

The Terrace Food Court at Prudential Center, Boston, MA

Senior Associate-in-Charge of design of a food court facility containing twelve vendor's stalls and a seating area for 800 patrons. This facility works as a major anchor for a new up-scale downtown shopping center.

Harvard University Division of Continuing Education, Cambridge, MA

Senior Associate-in-Charge of design of renovation of former seven-story apartment building into Division of Continuing Education offices, seminar rooms, and library.

Cultural District Master Plan, Boston, MA

Senior Associate-in-Charge of the Cultural District Urban Design Guidelines for the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Grand Central Business District, New York

Senior Associate-in-Charge of urban design master plan and capital improvements for the Grand Central Partnership Business Improvement District.

New York University School of Law, New York, NY

Senior Associate-in-Charge of design and management of the Law Library, D'Agostino Residence Hall, Law Common, Law Club, and Banquet Facility.

Ordway Music Theatre, St. Paul, MN

Associate-in-Charge of design of a two-hall performing arts theatre to be home of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Minnesota Opera Co. (AIA Award)

Harborplace, Baltimore, MD

Design team member for a major downtown waterfront marketplace. (AIA Award)

Pickering Wharf, Salem, MA

Project Architect for a mixed-use waterfront redevelopment in a historic New England city. (P/A Design Award)

Registration

Registered Architect in Massachusetts
NCARB

Affiliations

American Institute of Architects
Boston Society of Architects

Education

Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Master of Architecture in Urban Design, 1980
University of Arkansas School of Architecture, B. Arch., 1968

43 GIBSON STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138

March 14, 2001

Sally Zimmerman

Dear Sally,

I would be happy to be
considered for the Marsh
NCD. I think you have
my qualifications from

the first interview.

Thanks,

David Altman

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Date sent: Fri, 16 Mar 2001 09:05:25 -0400
Subject: letter of interest and intent Marsh District
To: histcomm@ci.cambridge.ma.us
From: alowell@carrollschool.org (Anne Lowell)

Dear Mr. Healy,

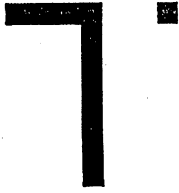
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I would be pleased to be considered for the Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission. I am extremely interested in the neighborhood, and served on the study group looking at the establishment of a Conservation District. I believe my skills in negotiating, listening and helping to solve problems would be helpful to the process.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Most sincerely,

Anne O. Lowell



April 13, 2001

THOMPSON DESIGN GROUP

368 Congress Street
Boston, MA 02210

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Sally Zimmerman
Cambridge Historical Commission
831 Mass Avenue
Cambridge, Mass 02139

Dear Sally Zimmerman,
Thank you for the invitation to be considered for the Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission. I have considered it, and would be interested in serving, after some further discussion about the conditions under which the Commission will work.

My professional qualifications – as a urbanist, professional planner, honorary architect, and historian of the 20th century are somewhat reflected in my attached C.D. It does not include my activities as a conservationist, environmentalist, preservationist (of a Reform Party), and historic modernist (working directly with SPNEA), which may just confuse the picture. But I will explain that I believe in bridging the past and present with a spirit of urban continuity that values appropriateness, harmony and scale above traditional issues of pure Style.

That is possibly what you mean by “fair and open-minded” – at least that is how I function in the many cities where I work as a consultant and designer for restoration and revitalization of neighborhoods and down-towns. I hardly need to say, I am a devoted 33-year resident of Cambridge, a former business owner (The Harvest Restaurant) and professional design practitioner (Ben Thompson Associates) during this period.

If this seems to fit your job description, I'll be glad to come around to talk further.

Sincerely,

Jane Thompson AICP AAIA

JANE THOMPSON is an urbanist who over thirty years has made a mark on many cities in North America and the world, planning highly successful well-loved places that contribute to the economic health, vitality and identity of the cities in which they are located. Her projects include **Navy Pier in Chicago, Boston's Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Grand Central District, Times Square Center in New York and Cleveland's North Coast Harbor.**

Mrs. Thompson has pioneered concepts for reinvestment in urban contexts throughout the world by integrating multi-disciplinary technical expertise in Planning, Architecture and Urban Design with the crafting of public-private partnerships for implementation. Throughout her career Mrs. Thompson has specialized in the development of under-utilized urban and industrial land to reconnect cities to their waterfronts.

In long partnership with Ben Thompson, FAIA, she has been planning principal for urban waterfront commissions in Europe, UK, and Asia. Now, as Principal of Thompson Design Group, she creates successful places by addressing social interaction, commercial exchange, and economic vitality in all the firm's planning and design work. She was awarded **Institute Honors by the American Institute of Architects**, and received the **Personal Recognition Award of the Industrial Design Society of America** for a lifetime contribution to the field of design.

Recently, the firm's Master Planning and Development Guidelines for the City of Long Branch have received top awards from the **Monmouth County Planning Department and New Jersey Department of Planning.**

Current commissions with TDG include a new **ocean pier for the City of Long Branch, NJ**, a restoration master plan for **Governor's Island in New York Harbor**, and a 24-acre mixed-use redevelopment on the Hudson River in **Hoboken, N.J.**

Ben and Jane Thompson were recently recognized by the President of Finland for their lifetime contribution to world understanding of Finnish design. They were each named Knight First Class, Order of the Lion of Finland.

JANE THOMPSON AAIA, AICP

Principal

PROFESSIONAL

Thompson Design Group
Boston, MA
President

Thompson & Wood
Cambridge, MA
President

Benjamin Thompson & Associates
Cambridge, MA
Partner, Vice President

Industrial Design Magazine
Founder, Editor-in-Chief

Interiors Magazine
Architectural Editor

Museum of Modern Art, New York
Assistant Curator, Architecture

EDUCATION

Bennington College, VT
New York Institute of Fine Arts
Vassar College

SERVICE

Member of the Board:
International Design Conference (IDCA), Aspen, 1972-
Institute for Urban Design, 1982-
The Waterfront Center, Washington DC, 1994-

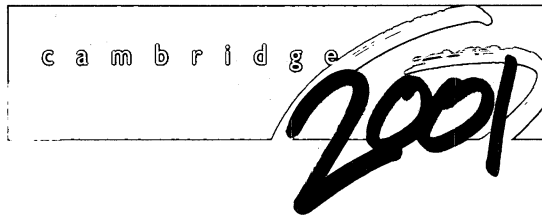
LECTURES AND TEACHING:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Harvard University, Yale University, Cooper Union,
Pratt Institute, Illinois Institute of Technology,
University of Illinois, Boston Museum of Fine Arts,
Cooper-Hewitt Museum of the Smithsonian Institution,
Urban Land Institute, American Planning Association,
Regional Plan Association, Institute of Urban Design,
US National Council for Urban Economic Development

Founding Member, EcoPlan,
a non-profit comprehensive planning task force

AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement Award,
Industrial Design Society of America, 1996
Investors in America Award,
Partners for Livable Cities, 1995
Institute Honors,
American Institute of Architects, 1993
Platinum Circle Award for Design Excellence,
Restaurant/Hotel Design International, 1989
Louis Sullivan Award,
American Institute of Architects, 1987
Knight First Class of the Order of the Lion of Finland,
President of Finland, 2000



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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

May 21, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby transmitting notification of the appointment of the following persons as members of the Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission effective June 1, 2001:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM</u>
James Van Sickle, 15 Brown Street	1 year term
Neil Levine, 5 Foster Place	2 year term
Bernard Burke, 34 Bradbury Street	3 year term
William King, 27 Hurlbut Street	3 year term
Mary Ries, 15 Willard Street	3 year term
Dorothy Altman, 43 Gibson Street	3 year term
Anne Lowell, 88 Foster Street	3 year term
Jane Thompson, 27 Willard Street	3 year term

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Appointment of members of
the Marsh Neighborhood
Conservation District
Commission effective
June 1, 2001.

In City Council May 21, 2001

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