



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

BETH RUBENSTEIN

Acting Assistant City
Manager for Community
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TO: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

FROM: Beth Rubenstein, Acting Assistant City Manager
for Community Development

DATE: April 21, 1999

RE: Revised response to Council Order #046 dated 4/12/99:
Report on Providing Additional Technical Assistance to the
East Cambridge Planning Team

As you know, the Community Development Department has agreed to make available to the East Cambridge Planning Team \$15,000 for transportation consulting services, consistent with the agreement between the city and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for expenditure of neighborhood stabilization funds.

We have asked the Planning Team to let us know whom they plan to hire so contracts can be executed. We are expecting to hear from the ECPT regarding their selection of a firm or individual. We have also agreed to review any other requests for consultant services consistent with HUD regulations. We assume the ECPT will want to have a transportation consultant on board to assist with review of IPOP traffic studies related to the development of Cambridge Research Park.

Regarding the community's interest in mediation between the neighborhood and the developer, I understand that CRP developer David Clem agreed at the City Council meeting of April 12 to meet with the neighborhood to discuss outstanding issues. CDD would be glad to facilitate such a meeting between the community and the developer if that would be helpful, and will invite any interested Planning Board members as well. If at that time the parties agree that a negotiation process would be productive, the city is willing to provide resources to engage a facilitator.

Now that the PUD special permit has been completed, it is possible for the Planning Board to participate in such discussions. As indicated in earlier communications to the City Council, until now it was not permissible for the Planning Board to engage in discussions of the project outside of the public hearing process established by the Zoning Ordinance.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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April 26, 1999

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 99-48, regarding a report on providing additional technical assistance to the East Cambridge Planning Team concerning the ComEnergy project, received from Acting Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

Consent Agenda #13

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Relative to AR #00-48, regarding
a report on providing additional
technical assistance to the East
Cambridge Planning Team concerning
the ComEnergy project.

In City Council April 26, 1999

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