Neighborhood Council Meeting Notes

General Business - Several items of general interest were discussed at the Agassiz Neighborhood Council meeting on September 16th including:

1. The request for a transfer of liquor license from LENORA'S (which specifies 375 seats) to new owners who also requested entertainment and dancing licenses. Concern was expressed that entertainment licenses were just what had been fought against at the Sears/Wasserman and Slater sites in Porter Square, and they were opposed for the same reasons: parking, noise and safety problems for the abutting neighborhoods.

2. A limousine license request at 59 Garfield St. was discussed. The applicant is currently parking taxis on Garfield St., and neighbors felt that the license at that address should stop with this license. It was agreed to write a letter to the license commission requesting that if the license was granted, the limousine should be parked off the street, and that no further licenses be granted.

3. It was rumored that the new owners of University Wine intended to expand into a discount liquor store.

Since all three licenses were scheduled for the License Commission Hearing on September 22, it was agreed to work with Neighborhood Nine Association and get people informed and out to the hearing. (See below for a report on the License Commission Hearing 9/22.)

Les Barber from Community Development spoke at 8 PM. The main purpose of his visit was to inform us of the new Porter Square Agreements between the City of Cambridge and CDIA/Wasserman and Slater. (COPIES OF THESE AGREEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LICENSE COMMISSION 498-9021). He informed us that the CDIA/Wasserman plans have not changed.

next council meeting...

AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
and the Agassiz PTA present:
Candidate's Night for School Committee Candidates
Wednesday October 14, 1987 Agassiz School Gym
28 Sacramento St. (Oxford St. Entrance)
7:30 Coffee 8:00 Candidates

He explained the new Slater/White Street development plans with help from Porter Square Advisory Committee members. That development has been extremely scaled down. It will have two stories and a basement, it will be 35' high with 52,000 square feet. There will be retail and restaurant space only. There will be no parking garage (there will be six less spaces than required as a trade off for scaling down the development). Two liquor licenses will be granted, one must be transferred from the Mass. Ave. corridor and one will be new. One license will have an 11 PM closing, the other will have a 1 AM closing. The non-alcoholic restaurants will have an 11 PM closing, and there will be a maximum of 300 seats in all restaurants. White Street will be the entrance and egress, and it will be blocked off at the Somerville end.

Mr. Barber said he did not know the timetable for building at the White Street site.

Members of the council asked Mr. Barber how the community could get better access to the process of development before permits were issued. Mr. Barber questioned whether the interest in this process was subterfuge for no development or real interest on the part of the community. It was suggested that both sides could be better served if they could come together and have some healthy discussion, and that if the city agencies could work together on development, everyone would be better served.

While there are some developments in Cambridge that require citizen review or site plan approval, it was argued that there is no citizen process at present that has any "teeth" in it, and the community does not have any real power, especially before permits to build are issued. Mr. Barber said that an order by City Councillor Duehay that Community Development come up with a site plan review was not yet done.

come to the
AGASSIZ SCHOOL FAIR
Saturday October 24, 10 AM-3PM

Come to the Agassiz School Fair in and around the Agassiz School and Tot Lot. There will be games, food, entertainment, raffles and much more. Proceeds go to the Agassiz PTA to support staff development, classroom resources, parent programs and much more.
These problems and questions were left again unsolved, leadership in the city on this problem left unclear, and the discussion turned to the corner of Garfield Street and Mass Ave. Mr. Barber said that the MBTA was interested in selling, but there was no real plan for the site.

At 9:00 Irwin Hipsman capsulized the goals of the newly formed Cambridge Community Television, Inc. Briefly this organization was formed with money from American Cablesystems to provide equipment, channel time, technical assistance (studio time and training) to Cambridge residents.

Some of the possibilities include broadcasting events right from the Agassiz Community Center, such as council meetings and poetry readings. There are a variety of technical possibilities as well; programs could be broadcast only to the Agassiz neighborhood. Our agency could be broadcast to or received by other agencies and organizations that have cable systems.

Their ambitions are very good, and this organization should prove to be an excellent resource for the Cambridge community, but residents questioned if their resources could begin to serve a city like Cambridge? If the services and equipment will be available on a first come, first served basis, will there be enough resources for the community and the non-professional population after the video professionals are finished??

The Grand Opening will be sometime in March or April, and some of their channels and services will be available before then.

**Programs of Interest to Agassiz**

**Yoga Classes Available in Agassiz Neighborhood**

Daniele Levi Alves will instruct classes in Kripalu Yoga at Jillsville, 354 A Beacon St. near Oxford St. Classes will be held on:

- Tuesday 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Thursday 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Participants should bring a blanket and wear loose clothing. New classes will be formed as interest grows. Classes cost $6 each or $42 for 8 weeks. For more information call Danielle at 354-2113.

♫♫♫ Agassiz Neighborhood Youth Chorus♫♫♫

A chorus is now being formed for boys and girls ages 9-14 beginning September 25 from 3:15-4:15PM. It will be held in the Lesly College Music Room, and there will be a small fee to cover expenses.

Parents of interested children who attend Agassiz Afterschool Programs on Fridays should contact Steve Winter so arrangements can be made to attend.

For more information contact Ada Snider at 661-2961.

**Voter Registration in the Neighborhood**

New to Cambridge? Just moved into the neighborhood from another part of town? COME REGISTER TO VOTE or just change your name or address on the voting list.

**OCTOBER 7**

5-8 PM

Agassiz School (corner of Sacramento and Oxford Sts)

Sponsored by the Agassiz Neighborhood Council. For more information call the Election Commission at 498-9087.

☆☆☆ Free Concert at Sanders Theater ☆☆☆

The Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra, in celebration of its TENTH ANNIVERSARY, will perform a chamber music concert featuring the work of Mozart, Dvorak, and Bergsma on Sunday October 11 at 3 PM in Sanders Theatre (located where Oxford St. meets Kirkland St.)

Special guests will include Doriot Anthony Dwyer, flute; Victor Rosenbaum, piano; and Max Hobart, violin.

The concert will be taped by American Cablesystems for future broadcast.

Assigned seat tickets will be distributed starting at 2:15 PM at the door. Advance seating available for sponsors, people with special needs, students in Cambridge schools, and ProArte Subscribers. For more information call 661-7067.

♫♫♫ The Little Orchestra of Cambridge ♫♫♫

The Little Orchestra of Cambridge is a community group made up of amateur musicians. In its thirteenth season, the orchestra is committed to learning and playing good music in a relaxed atmosphere. There are no auditions, no dues and no permanent part assignments. Rehearsals are on Monday nights in Cambridge. For more information call 965-3875.

**CRIMEWATCH**

This is a list of crime in the Agassiz Neighborhood from September 1 through September 21:

- Prentiss St..........Break and Entry (9/10)
- Sacramento St......Car Theft (9/1)
- Oxford St..........Car Theft (9/15);
  Hit and Run Property (9/7)
- Carver St..........Car Theft (9/22)
- Holden Green..........Thief of Bicycle (9/12)
- Holden St..........Hit and Run Property (9/11)
- Mass. Ave........Assault and Battery (9/17)
- Eustis St..........Hit and Run Property (9/7)
- Hammond St...........Malicious Destruction (9/21)
- Museum St........Bicycle Theft (9/5)
- Howland St..........Theft from unlocked car (9/10)
EVENTS IN THE GALLERY THIS FALL HAVE SUPPORT FROM THE CAMBRIDGE ARTS COUNCIL AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL.

FALL 1987

October 17 - November 14
Anne Hyland will show her grids and games of porcelain and other materials. There will be a reception on Oct. 16th from 5 - 7 PM

Friday November 20 - 7:30 PM
Carl Sesar, a poet and translator, will read from his translations which include Poems to Eat a work of the modern Japanese poet, Ishikawa Takuboku, selected poems of Catullus, and he will also read from Hey, a collection of original poems.

December 3 - 17
There will be a show of children's art from students in the after-school program.

Saturday December 5th at 2 PM
Robin Winter, an artist and popular teacher in the neighborhood, will tell stories.
***** Five Neighborhood Sites on License
Commission Agenda at 9/22 Hearing *****

CDIA and SLATER DEVELOPMENTS

At 5 PM the License Commission had copies available of
the agreements between the Slater Co and the City of
Cambridge and CDIA and the City of Cambridge in regard to
licenses for both Porter Square developments. Contact the
License Commission, 498-9021, for copies of the
agreements. There will be a public hearing on Tuesday,
October 6 at 5 PM, and comments will be permitted.

LENORA'S

Lenora's Restaurant, 1812 Mass. Ave., requested to
transfer its liquor license (which permits 375 seats) to Chu
and Chan Inc. Additionally requested were entertainment and
dancing licenses, and a change in the description of the
licenses. The new owners wish to have a 160 seat restaurant
with a piano bar.

Testimony given that night reflected resident concerns
about noise, safety and above all, parking, if the
entertainment and dancing licenses were granted. There were
also letters protesting new licenses from additional residents
City Councillors Wolf and Duehay. Some residents were
sympathetic to the needs of the new owners, but explained
that entertainment and dancing licenses can be transferred to
the next owners, who may use the licenses to their legal
limit, and once granted, licenses are hard to revoke.

Commissioner McDevitt, on the basis of the testimony,
suggested that a committee of residents, organized by
Neighborhood Nine Chairman Howard Medwed, meet with the
license commission and the new owners in order to come to
some agreement over the licenses.

UNIVERSITY WINE

University Wine, 1739 Mass. Ave., applied to transfer
its liquor license as a package goods store to new owners.
Commissioner McDevitt read a letter from Councillor Duehay
which asked McDevitt to question the new owners on
circulating rumors that there were plans to make University
Wine a discount liquor store. Commissioner McDevitt
requested that the new owners respond to these rumors. He
also asked if they had any plan for expansion, adding that
under the liquor cap there could be no expansion of the square
footage for retail liquor sales.

The response was that there were no plans for a discount
liquor store, and that expansion will be in the future. When
they do expand (into Arsenic and Old Lace and International
pressions, stores for which they will hold the leases) the
new business will not be liquor sales.

When asked if they had an option to buy the property,
the response was no. A decision will be made pending
discussion by the commission.

59 GARFIELD STREET

The limousine service license at 59 Garfield was
postponed pending a meeting between the applicant and
residents to resolve the garaging of this and other vehicles
(cabs) at that address.

LESLEY College Events

October 16- BRIDGING REGULAR AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION: THE GOLDEN GATE TO SUCCESSFUL LEARNING.
This conference will focus on the movement of special
education into regular classrooms. 9 AM-4 PM

October 17- LEARNING AND LIVING WITH NON
HANDICAPPED PEERS: THE INTEGRATION OF STUDENTS WITH
SEVERE DISABILITIES INTO SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES
9:30-3:30 at the Tobin Elementary School.

October 27- FORUM: UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE
PROGRAMS FOR THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS IN
MASSACHUSETTS 7:30-9 PM with State Senator Lois Pines.
For more information on all programs please call Jane
Sullivan, Office of Communications, 868-9600 x 117.

ADS

HELP AVAILABLE

HELP WANTED OCTOBER 7

to help publicize voter registration session at Agassiz
School. Someone with car to drive very slowly around
neighborhood between 6-7 PM accompanied by someone using
PA system to remind residents of an extraordinarily
convenient opportunity to register to vote. Good company,
fun job, great sense of civic accomplishment guaranteed. To
help (or for more info), call Astrid at 354-6553.

Spare Time? Re-entering the Job Market?

Permanent part-time library post, 15 hours per week,
three days per week, $5.40 per hour. Shelving, typing
records, and assisting patrons in a large university library
(knowledge of a second language helpful). For information call
495-2415.

PIANO LESSONS

Piano Lessons available in the neighborhood. Call Janne
Bruene at 547-7427.

Call TABI

for clowning and magic at parties of all kinds and sizes.
Lesley College student can be reached at 868-6810.
**Community Calendar**

**OCTOBER CALENDAR**

October 6, Tuesday .................................. License Commission Hearing—Final Public response to licenses for CDIA/Wasserman and Slater Co (Porter Square developers) 5 PM City Hall

October 7, Wednesday ................................ Voter Registration, Agassiz School 5–8 PM 28 Sacramento St (Use Oxford St. Entrance)

October 8, Thursday .................................. CANDIDATE'S NIGHT FOR CITY COUNCIL Peabody School, 8 PM, 44 Linnaean St.

October 11, Sunday .................................. FREE CONCERT—Music of Dvorak, Bergsma, Mozart; Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra, 3 PM Sanders Theater

October 12, Monday .................................. Columbus Day. No Public or Community School

October 14, Wednesday .............................. CANDIDATE'S NIGHT FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE Agassiz School Gym, 7:30 PM Coffee, 8 PM Candidates

October 16, Friday ................................. Gallery Opening for Fall Season 5–7 PM—See Flyer

October 21, Wednesday .............................. Agassiz School closes 12:45, Afterschool opens 12:45

October 24, Saturday ................................ AGASSIZ SCHOOL FAIR 10 AM–3 PM Agassiz School, grounds and Alden Tot Lot

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**THE WHISTLER**

**OCTOBER 1987**

**Agassiz Neighborhood Council**

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498-9056

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**Cambridge Candidate's Nights**

Meet the *Cambridge Candidates for City Council* at Peabody School on Thursday, October 8 at 8 PM (44 Linnaean St.) sponsored by the newly organized Neighborhood Nine Association.

Then come back to Agassiz the following week and meet *Cambridge Candidates for School Committee* at the Agassiz School (corner of Sacramento and Oxford Sts.) on Wednesday, October 14 at 8 PM (coffee at 7:30) sponsored by the Agassiz Neighborhood Council and the Agassiz School PTA.