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Notes from the June 11 ANC Meeting
At the last ANC council meeting Roger Herzog, Housing Director for Cambridge Community Development joined the neighborhood to discuss the pending acquisition of 100 housing units to be purchased from Harvard by the City of Cambridge. They would be used as affordable housing stock for Cambridge. The target income level for this housing would be 50-80% of the median income, and the City hopes to place tenants with a mix of income ranges.

The buildings would be owned by a community housing non profit, and new rents would eventually be determined by costs that have not yet been established. For now all Harvard leases will be honored, and no one will be forced to leave. Apartments will be available as tenants vacate.

Neighbors requested that the City consider the possibility that this property be available for purchase by the tenants. Roger stressed that the need in Cambridge was for apartments.

Roger agreed to return to the neighborhood and have further discussions once the proposal is accepted. The transfer of property and closing should take from 6-9 months.

Below are listed the units that will be purchased by Cambridge from Harvard. Agassiz has 48 units:

Agassiz Property
• 64 Oxford Street (17 units)
• 9-19 Sacramento St.-odd side (19 units)
• 23 Wendell Street (3 units)
• 25 Wendell Street (3 units)
• 84 Wendell Street (6 units)
Total Agassiz Units 48

Riverside and Mid Cambridge Property
• 50-52 Trowbridge St. (35 units)
• 22-24 Flagg St. (5 units)
• 23-25 Athens St. (6 units)
• 27-29 Athens St. (6 units)
Total non Agassiz Units 52

Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council
[At the time of this meeting, the Harvard proposal for purchase had not been approved. At this time, the proposal has been approved and the sale is pending. The ANC is planning another housing meeting in October. [Look in The Whistler for upcoming meetings.]

Information on Next Meeting
The next ANC meeting will be held on September 17, Tuesday in the Agassiz School at 7:30 p.m. At that time guests will be Assistant City Manager for Community Development Susan Schlesinger and Deputy Director Liz Epstein. They will be on hand to discuss the community development department in general, to discuss projects that will effect the neighborhood, and to help the council with resources to develop a position document for planning on the Agassiz border of Mass. Ave.

In the second half of the meeting there will be an update on Sacramento St. Sewer construction, which should be in full swing by then.

Special Note
The Agassiz Neighborhood Council will be planting a sweet gum tree in honor of JoAnn Hoffman this fall on Sacramento Field. Check upcoming editions of The Whistler for more information.

Upcoming Council Meetings
7:30 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 17, Tuesday
AGASSIZ SCHOOL Dining Hall
28 Sacramento St. Entrance

Agenda:
1). Susan Schlesinger and Liz Epstein from Community Development will discuss planning.
2). Steve White from Cambridge Department of Public Works will discuss Sacramento St. sewer work.
Traffic will be detoured around Garfield St. from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday although residents will have access 24 hours a day, as will emergency, delivery and rubbish collection. Concerns can be called into Louis Kustwan at 349-4848.

Agassiz Sewer Construction
Public Works has given us an update on the overall sewer project. They remind us that final schedules are predicted on:
* Contract 1 of the sewer separation project completed in fall/winter 95
* Contract 2 of the sewer separation project scheduled to begin in late August and must be completed to connect the Agassiz Neighborhood sewer and storm drain systems. The Contract 2 part of the project is scheduled to take 18-24 months. However, we expect to get construction for Contract 3 for the Agassiz Neighborhood started in the summer or fall of 1997.
* Due to the condition of the sewers on Sacramento St. and Place from Massachusetts Ave. to Oxford St., this section of Contract 3 was moved up for construction.

Further general information:
* Contract 3 Agassiz Neighborhood Sewer and Storm Water Separation project estimated cost is $19,612,804.
* Present estimated eligible State Revolving Loan Fund loan amount is $15,046,006 based on 86% of the estimated eligible construction cost of $17,495,355.
* Present funds allocated by DEP for Contract 3 are $7,500,000. It is expected that the remaining funding will be made available.
* The authorization of the projects by the City is a requirement of the DEP
* Continued political and resident interest to complete the project is important to the process.

For a copy of this report in its entirety, call the Council office at 349-6287.

Lesley College Seeks Zoning Relief
Lesley College has been working with the Agassiz neighborhood to resolve issues around their request to change use of a residential house to office space at 13

GET OUT AND VOTE IN THE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 17, TUESDAY

WARD 7 PRECINCTS 1 AND 2 VOTE AT AGASSIZ SCHOOL
Traffic and Transportation

The Traffic Committee completed a report on the traffic survey done in the Agassiz Neighborhood last spring. It was submitted to the City in June. The committee is working toward providing traffic calming solutions to Oxford Street when the sewer work is completed and the roads and sidewalks are resurfaced.

For a copy of the report, or if you are interested in this issue, please call the council at 349-6287

Livable Communities Workshop

On October 4th at the Cambridge Marriott, there will be a workshop from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. sponsored by the US Department of Transportation that will deal with building livable communities through transportation. It will include:
- Safety from speeding traffic and crime
- Green Space
- Freedom to walk or bike to the store or library
- Historic preservation
- Revitalized commercial districts
- More an better ways to get to work
- Less traffic noise

For information call the Conservation Law Foundation at 350-0990.

City Wide

Graffiti Task Force

The City of Cambridge had a Task Force look at the issues of Graffiti last spring. Recommendations were made to the City Manager, and here is a list of recommendations that were made:
1. The City should make a continuing commitment to prevent graffiti through a variety of efforts including educating young people about the damage it causes.
2. In the short term, the City's efforts should be oriented towards
   a. enforcement, and the apprehension of perpetrators;
   b. prevention through education of youth and business owners who sell paint and indelible markers, and raising public awareness through educational materials, the graffiti hot line, and enforcement efforts; and
   c. the swift removal of the "tags," and other graffiti, and the provision of technical assistance to property owners who have been victimized by graffiti.
3. A graffiti hot line 349-INFO for a rapid response
4. Graffiti should be identified as a quality of life issue and be treated by police as a priority.
5. The courts should vigorously prosecute offenders
6. A city employee should be identified as the graffiti coordinator to coordinate efforts.
7. The city should remove graffiti on its property as soon as possible and act as a model
8. The city should encourage other agencies to keep their buildings graffiti free
9. Technical assistance to property owners should be a high priority- to help with graffiti removal
10. Citizens should be recognized for anti-graffiti efforts

For a complete copy of the report, call the council at 349-6287. To have graffiti removed, you can also call Tom Burdulis at 876-0620 in the Central Square Post Office.
Agassiz Community School Programs

Afterschool Programs
Agassiz Afterschool programs will open on Monday, September 9. There are many activities from sports to drama to cooking to karate to illustration to dance to cheer to do each day after school. For more information, a schedule of activities, a brochure or to visit call 349-6287.

Sacramento St. Preschool
Sacramento Street Preschool will open on Monday, September 9. This is a half-day preschool for children ages two years nine months through four which has many flexible options for part-time scheduling. For more information, a brochure, a schedule of activities or to visit call 349-6287.

Evening Programs
Basketball for teens, basketball for adults, yoga and more will begin later this month. For more information on start dates and specifics, call Jody Garber at 349-6287.

Agassiz Public School

Agassiz Principal Hiring
The hiring process for a new principal (to replace retiring Eva Paddock) was interrupted last school year. Participants in the process felt that the pool of candidates was not wide enough, and the use of a search firm was approved. As The Whistler goes to press, two search firms have become finalists, and one should soon be hired to help with the hiring of a new principal for the Agassiz School.

Eva Paddock finished her duties as of August 31, and Fran Foley will continue as the temporary principal until a new one is selected.

ARTS Activities
The arts at Agassiz School are growing with the help of teachers, school department personnel, parents and the community. Below are a few initiatives for this year that are highlighted.

Introducing Art: A Performance Series for Children will continue with a special performance each month, most scheduled on school release days. This program is provided through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and produced by the Agassiz Neighborhood Council. See page six for a fall calendar.

Everett Dance Theatre is an innovative and highly acclaimed group that combines principals of science into their dance performances. This year, with help from the Dance Umbrella, Agassiz will have the Everett Dance Theatre for two performances on September 17, one during school for Agassiz, the other after school for the community. (For more information on this performance, see page six.) They will also provide a series of ten workshops in the Agassiz School and in the Agassiz Afterschool that will culminate in an early February performance at Boston University’s Tsai Performance Center. Students who have participated in the workshops will perform with them. All Agassiz students will have an opportunity to attend this performance.

Gallery on the Go is a program of the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln that brings visual art into the school. This spring, Agassiz will take part in that program, thanks to the work of an arts committee that has a good parent, teacher and community mix. With the art will come staff who will work with teachers. There will also be a visit for all Agassiz students to the DeCordova’s excellent Sculpture Garden.

From Aztecs to Adams: Bringing History to Life is the name of the residency that will be in the eighth grade this year. The Massachusetts Cultural Council provided a grant in the dramatic arts for the fall.

Many exciting things are happening in the arts, and more are sure to come with such an enthusiastic and competent group working on these projects.

Harvard University

Happy Green Leaves Harvard
Happy Green, Director of Community Relations, left Harvard for a new position at the Boston Community Loan Fund. As of June, many of her duties were taken over by Kevin McClusky at the Office of Government and Community Affairs on Garden St. in Cambridge. No replacement has been made so far.
New Harvard U. sign makes interesting reading:

Announcements

Community Fund Gives $100 for Event
The Agassiz Community Fund was put to good use last June when a group of residents came up with the idea of having an event at the corner of Garfield and Mass. Ave. to use the vacant lot one last time. The Community Fund provided $100 to the neighbors for table and tent rentals, and a recycling fair and tag sale was held. Cambridge Common and The Half Shell Restaurants both contributed food for the event, and Cambridge Housing Authority provided additional funds.

If you have an event, public service or activity in mind, and you would like the ANC to help pay for the supplies, the Community Fund may be just what you need. Call 349-6287 for more information and a very simple application form.

Sexuality Discussion Group
This series will consist of lecture, question and answer and open discussion. Topics will include health concerns, body perception, sexual function and sexual idiosyncrasies, compulsivity and sexual abuse and its impact on the above. We will attempt to diminish feelings of shame, isolation and loneliness. Saturdays from 3-5 p.m. October 5 and 19th, November 2nd and 16th—$150 for the series.
Call Marcie Mitler M.Ed. 497-5283

NOTARY AVAILABLE
The ANC has a notary available for community members convenience. Kelly Tyler is in the office from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call for an appointment.

COHOUSING IN CAMBRIDGE
We are a group of people of diverse ages, backgrounds, abilities, professions and lifestyles. We are committed to creating a neighborly and cooperative community in which we know and care about one another. Our dream is becoming reality on a quiet, tree shaded 1.5 acre site, a ten minute walk from Porter Square.

Cohousing is happening now in Cambridge. This concept has existed in Europe for over twenty years.

Recently, cohousing has crossed the Atlantic and as many as 150 cohousing communities have been built or are being planned in the US, including five in Massachusetts. If you miss things once expected from a neighborhood — extended family, community, a sense of belonging — cohousing may be for you. Cohousing communities are planned and run by residents who make decisions together, usually by consensus. A balance of common areas and private housing is designed to encourage social interaction while respecting privacy. Shared meals are available in the common house 3-5 times a week. Each household lives in its own fully equipped house or apartment.

For more information call Oaktree at 491-9100

Composting Machines Available
For $16 you can get a composting machine from the City of Cambridge, thanks to a grant from the Mass. Dept. Of Environmental Protection. This 33 inch machine turns vegetable and plant waste into fertilized soil—no mess—no odor. For more information call Robert Winters at 681-8230.

Porter Square Neighbors Association
Join Porter Square neighbors as they work on issues that affect Porter Square including shopping center renovations, traffic and pedestrian safety. All interested citizens who care about Porter Square are welcome.
Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7-9 p.m. in the Metro Baptist Church at the corner of Beech and Orchard Streets. For more information call Paul Myers at 576-3542.

Cambridge Celebrates 150 Years
Join in on the big celebration that will be held throughout the month of September to honor Cambridge in its 150th year. There will be a big kick off parade on Saturday September 7th starting in East Cambridge and marching through Central Square and Harvard Square to a Grande finale at the Cambridge River Festival on Memorial Drive.

There will be a golf tournament on September 13 and a giant block dance in front of City Hall on September 20 from 6-10 p.m. A field day will be held on September 28 at Danehy Park with sack races, sports clinics, demonstrations and music.
Check out The Cambridge Chronicle for events, or call the Arts Council at 349-4380.

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Cultural Happenings for September

Sacramento Street Gallery
20 Sacramento Street

The Sacramento Street Gallery is proud to announce a new exhibition of drawings by local artist Barry Bent, entitled FACE TO FACE. The show runs from September 9-30 and gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. There will be an opening reception on Saturday September 28 from 4-7 p.m. FACE TO FACE features portraits which go beyond a literal likeness and incorporate the feelings and actual semblance of the artist himself. Bent calls the "conceptual portraits" and his vision is sculptural in felling. The drawings are oil stick graphite on Strathmore paper, and they cut space as they spill over paper which is ripped and then glued together in many layers.

From the July 29th New Yorker

ON THEIR TOES

The Everett Dance Theatre, from Providence, Rhode Island, specializes in out-of-the-way subjects, such as the links between science and art ("The Science Project") and the early history of aviation ("Flight"). In an ode to labor, "Body of Work" (to be performed at Jacob's Pillow this week and in New York at Dance Theatre Workshop, March 28th-31st and September 6-14), the eight members of the company use, pile up stones, and shovel coal. A pastel passage includes a wooden work cart on earth, and during accompanying video clips—of interview with workers at loading docks, textile mills, and electric plants—the dancers carry the screens across the stage. The set design transforms into a cityscape, and the cumulative effect is not at all laborious, and the rapid segments—of work chants, street dance, filmed recollection—are dreamy, not deterministic.

EVERETT DANCE THEATRE AT THE AGASSIZ SCHOOL
Early release day performance
SEPTEMBER 17th at 2:00 p.m.
Admission $1.00 Public is welcome

Upcoming Cultural Events Fall 1996

Sacramento Street Gallery
Agassiz Community Center
20 Sacramento Street

September
"Face to Face"-Conceptual Portraits by Barry Bent

October
"Private Markings" by Elaine Gifford
and Jacqueline Fitzwater

November
Photography by Ron Morris

December
Sacramento Street Gallery Crafts Show Returns

The Gallery is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. Each show will have a reception. To receive specific information or to be on the mailing list, call the Council at 349-6287.

Introduction to Art:
A Performance Series for Children
Agassiz School Stage 28 Sacramento Street

September 17, Tuesday
EVERETT DANCE THEATRE-The Marriage of Art and Science

October 23, Wednesday
SOL Y CANTO-Music of South and Central America

November 21, Thursday
BEAU JEST MOVING THEATER - The Prince and the Pauper

December 10, Thursday
VALERIE STEPHENS - African American Folk Stories

All fall shows will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Cambridge Public School early release days. Admission is $1.00. For more information or to be on the mailing list, call the Council at 349-6287.
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hours. Classes are also held for adolescents
and adults. For more information or an
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