Neighborhood Name

Updates & Next Steps
"There is a strong consensus in the neighborhood council in support of a name change, to be discussed in forums over the coming months with an opportunity to educate neighbors about the relevant issues, with the objective to come up with a recommended name from the neighborhood."
"That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to work with the residents of the Agassiz neighborhood in furthering this important neighborhood conversation and in helping make a determination as to how to arrive at an appropriate, official name change for this neighborhood,“
Tensions

Throughout this discussion, there have been a number of tensions which may continue even after a name is chosen. (Not an exhaustive list)

- For some residents, changing the name has been a “long-time coming,” for others the current name holds meaning
- Desire to honor Louis Agassiz’s scientific legacy
- Desire to uplift Maria L. Baldwin, especially during this cultural moment
- Acknowledgement and redress of the harms resulting from racism and white supremacy espoused by Louis Agassiz
- Coordination, education, outreach and timing - during a pandemic
Timeline

- **Today**: Updates & what to expect next
- **January & February 2021**: Letters sent to universities, AMCAD, & religious institutions, Mayor Siddiqui and Councillor Simmons (Council Order originators) were invited to share our outreach with their networks, residents can submit names until Feb 22
- **March 2021**: Flyer / survey neighborhood with help from Cambridge Community Development (CDD)
- **March 18**: Survey closes
- **Mar-Apr**: Tabulate survey, report back to ANC & City Council
Get Involved!

- Submit to the context library & share this resource with your friends and neighbors
- Take the survey in early March
- Anything else to consider?
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