



# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 2023

5:30 PM

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MEETING

Monday, October 2, 2023

TIME

5:30 PM

PRESIDING OFFICER

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui

**MINUTES OF THE  
CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, October 2, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Cambridge City Council was held on Monday, October 2, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, adopted by Massachusetts General Assembly and approved by the Governor, this public meeting was hybrid allowing participation in person and via Zoom.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll. City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Absent\*

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Present/In Person

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Present/In Person

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Present/In Person

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Present/In Person

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Absent\*

Councillor Paul Toner – Present/Remote

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Present/In Person

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Present/In Person

**Present-7, Absent-2. Quorum established.**

**\*Councillor Azeem joined at 5:38 p.m. and Councillor Simmons joined at 5:43 p.m. Both were in person.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized individuals for public comment. The following individuals participated and were allowed up to 2 minutes to speak:**

**Public Comment 10/2/2023**

Laura Taronas, 84 Prescott Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #171 noting that it would allow more socialization for dogs and people.

Gabrielle Joella, 6 Ellsworth Avenue, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #171 noting that it would positively affect the large dog community in Cambridge.

Namoi Dunson, 39 Dana Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments that were in support of Policy Order #171 and urged the City to allow additional hours for the dog park.

Suzanne Blier, 5 Fuller Place, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on rooming housing, affordable housing, and NCD's.

James Zall, 203 Pemberton Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments in support of the proposed amendments to NCD's.

Federico Muchnik, 82 Richdale Avenue, Cambridge, MA, offered comments that were not in favor of the amendments to the AHO and asked the City to do better.

Craig Kelley, 6 St. Gerard Terrace, Cambridge, MA, offered comments that were in favor of Communication #1.

Allene Pierson, 210 Lakeview Avenue, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on lodging houses in Cambridge and zoning.

Marilee Meyer, 10 Dana Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments that were against the proposed amendments to the NCD.

John Pitkin, 18 Fayette Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that they would like the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Association and the Joan Lorentz Park Committee to be involved with the discussions about extending dog park hours.

Elaine DeRosa, 4 Pleasant Place, Cambridge, MA, offered comments in support of the AHO and urged the Council to vote in favor.

Justin Saif, 259 Hurley Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments in support of the NCD reforms and affordable housing.

Mary Ellen Doran, 48 Spring Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments in support of amendments to NCD.

Ben Weiner, 900 Lynnfield Street, offered comments on Policy Order #12 and shared they would like to work with the City on solving the problems related to miniature liquor bottles.

Julia Sokol, 1 Broadway Court, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #171 to increase more opportunities for dog socialization.

Tina Alu, 113 ½ Pleasant Street, Cambridge, MA, Director of the CEOC, spoke in favor of the amendments to the AHO and affordable housing.

Michael Monestime, 4 George Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #169 and urged the City to include Narcan in all needle boxes.

Dan Totten, 54 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on 105 Windsor Street and urged the Council to prioritize that location for renovations.

Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on NCD's, AHO, bus shelters at Miller Rivers Apartments, and Policy Order #171.

James Williamson, Churchill Avenue, Cambridge, MA, offered comments that were not in support of the AHO and shared it should be called housing affordability.

Keni Hotta, 20 Ware Street, Cambridge, MA, urged the Council to vote in favor of Policy Order #171.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to close public comment.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – No

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-8, No-1. Motion passed.**

## **SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to accept the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting held on September 11, 2023 and the Regular City Council Meeting held on September 18, 2023.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

## **CITY MANAGER AGENDA ITEMS**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to adopt the balance of CMAs as part of the consent agenda; CMA 2023 #246 and CMA 2023 #248.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized City Manager Huang and Public Health Chief Derrick Neal on CMA 2023 #245 relative to a public health update. Chief Neal gave an update using a slide presentation.**

**At 6:30 p.m., the Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to recess so that the City Council could hold the Public Hearing on the Tax Classification.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Absent

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to come out of recess at 7:08 p.m.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Present

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-8, Present-1. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Nolan, and Vice Mayor Mallon for questions.** Chief Neal, Anna Kaplan, and Dr. Dobberteen responded to questions from Councillors. Chief Neal noted that Cambridge residents who have questions or need help should call the COVID Hot Line on 617 933-0797.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #245 on file.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Absent  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes  
**Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons on CMA 2023 #247 relative to a recommendation regarding the assignment of thirty-two police officers and any other officers as required for all elections in FY24. Councillor Simmons asked several questions and raised concerns relative to safety and staffing. Executive Director Tanya Ford and City Manager Huang responded.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to approve the recommendation and place CMA 2023 #247 on file.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes  
**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to suspend the rules to bring forward unfinished business Item 3, Proposed Ordinance 2023 #7 relative to the Affordable Housing Overlay that was passed to a second reading on September 11, 2023 and further amended in Council on September 18, 2023, and COF 2023 #167 and COF 2023 #168.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes  
**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to amend the current language by substitution with the language provided by City staff in CMA #249.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – No

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-8, No-1. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan on COF 2023 #167 and COF 2023 #168.** Councillor Nolan explained that each communication contained amendments that she, Councillor Carlone and Councillor Toner view as necessary and explained the reasons for putting the amendments forth. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner and Councillor Carlone who offered similar comments. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui also recognized Councillor Azeem, Councillor Zondervan and Councillor McGovern for comments.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who offered the following AHO Height Amendments from Councillors Nolan, Carlone, and Toner:**

(Amendments are based on text currently on the table. Text is amendment using **strikethroughs** in **sections 11.207.5.2.1 b-e** and in **section 11.207.5.2.3 b-c**).

Currently Proposed Text:

AHO Corridor – One or more Lots with frontage on one or more of the following streets: Albany Street, Alewife Brook Parkway, Bishop Allen Drive, Broadway, Cambridge Street, Concord Avenue, First Street, Fresh Pond Parkway, Massachusetts Avenue, Memorial Drive, Mount Auburn Street, Prospect Street, and Sidney Street.

AHO Square – One or more Lots located entirely within the confines of the Central Square Overlay District, Harvard Square Overlay District, Lesley Porter Overlay District, or the area bounded by the centerline of Elm Street to the west, the Somerville/Cambridge municipal boundary to the north, the centerline of Windsor Street to the east, and Cambridge Street to the south; but not including ML 81-50, ML 81-101, or ML 81-100.

Amend Section 11.207 as follows:

#### 11.207.5.1 General Provisions

- a. For the purposes of this Section, the phrase "District Development Standards" shall refer to the development standards of the base zoning district as they may be modified by the development standards of all overlay districts (with the exception of this Affordable Housing Overlay) that are applicable to a lot.

- b. District Dimensional Standards shall include the most permissive standards allowable on a lot, whether such standards are permitted as-of-right or allowable by special permit. A District Dimensional Standard that is allowable by special permit shall include any nondiscretionary requirements or limitations that would otherwise apply.
- c. An AHO Project that conforms to the following development standards shall not be subject to other limitations that may be set forth in Article 5.000 or other Sections of this Zoning Ordinance, except as otherwise stated in this Section.
- d. An AHO Project containing more than one base zoning district shall follow the requirements of the zoning district that covers the largest percentage of the area of the lot or development parcel, as if the entirety of the lot was served by a single zoning district. Section 3.32 shall generally not apply to development that proceeds under the provisions of this Section 11.207.
- e. Where an AHO Project may have various applicable Building Height and Stories Above Grade limitations as specified in 11.207.5.2.1, the most permissive height limitations shall generally control. Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in Section 11.207.5.2.1, an AHO Project may match the height of an existing building on an adjacent lot.

11.207.5.2.1 Building Height and Stories Above Grade. For an AHO Project, the standards set forth below shall apply in place of any building height limitations set forth in the District Development Standards.

- a. Where the District Dimensional Standards set forth a maximum residential building height of forty (40) feet or less, an AHO Project shall contain no more than four (4) Stories Above Grade and shall have a maximum height of forty-five (45) feet, as measured from existing Grade. For AHO Projects containing active non-residential uses on the ground floor, the maximum height may be increased to fifty (50) feet but the number of Stories Above Grade shall not exceed four (4) stories.
- b. Where the District Dimensional Standards set forth a maximum residential building height of more than forty (40) feet but not more than sixty-five (65) feet, an AHO Project shall contain no more than ~~nine (9)~~ seven (7) Stories Above Grade and shall have a maximum height of ~~one hundred (100)~~ seventy-five (75) feet, as measured from existing Grade, except as further limited below.
  - i. Except where the AHO Project abuts a non-residential use, portions of an AHO Project that are within thirty-five (35) feet of a lot whose District Dimensional Standards allow a maximum residential building height of forty (40) feet or less shall be limited by the provisions of Paragraph (a) above.
- c. Where the District Dimensional Standards set forth a maximum residential building height of more than sixty-five (65) feet, an AHO Project shall contain no more than ~~thirteen (13)~~ nine (9) Stories Above Grade and shall have a maximum height of ~~one hundred and fifty (150)~~ one hundred (100) feet, as measured from existing Grade, except as further limited below.



- i. Except where the AHO Project abuts a non-residential use, portions of an AHO Project that are within thirty-five (35) feet of a district whose District Dimensional Standards allow a maximum residential building height of forty (40) feet or less shall be reduced to a minimum of five (5) Stories Above Grade or a maximum height of sixty (60) feet, as measured from existing Grade, except that if the AHO project parcel extends into that District, then the height limitation shall only extend thirty five (35) feet from the property line.
- d. An AHO Project within an AHO Square shall contain no more than fifteen (15) Stories Above Grade and shall have a maximum height of one hundred and seventy (170) feet, subject to the height restrictions specified in Section 11.207.5.2.1.c.i above.
- e. An AHO Project within an AHO Corridor shall contain no more ~~stories and height than 1.5 times permitted under the existing zoning district, than twelve (12) Stories Above Grade and shall have a maximum height of one hundred and forty (140) feet,~~ subject to the height restrictions specified in Section 11.207.5.2.1.c.i above.
- f. The Height Exceptions set forth in Section 5.23 of this Zoning Ordinance shall apply when determining the building height of an AHO Project.
- g. An AHO Project may exceed the allowable height limitations of this Section, without restriction, under the following circumstances, subject to the Residential Density limitations set forth in Section 11.207.5.2.2. If the AHO Project is not subject to an FAR restriction in Section 11.207.5.2.2, then the total allowable floor area shall be calculated by subtracting the required open space from the total lot area, and multiplying the resulting lot area by the maximum number of stories otherwise permitted under this Section:
  - i. Where pre-existing, contiguous Green Area Open Space on a lot will be preserved or expanded, consisting of at least 5% or more of the total lot area.
  - ii. The AHO Project will exceed the minimum required open space as set forth in Section 11.207.5.2.4 of this Article.

#### 11.207.5.2.2 Residential Density

- a. Where the District Dimensional Standards establish a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of less than 1.00, an AHO Project shall not exceed an FAR of 2.00. Otherwise, there shall be no maximum FAR for an AHO Project.
- b. There shall be no maximum FAR for an AHO Project within an AHO Square or AHO Corridor.
- c. There shall be no minimum lot area per dwelling unit for an AHO Project.

#### 11.207.5.2.3 Yard Setbacks

- a. For the purpose of this Section, the applicable District Dimensional Standards shall not include yard setback requirements based on a formula calculation as provided in Section 5.24.4 of the Zoning Ordinance, but shall include non-derived minimum yard setback requirements set forth in Article 5.000 or other Sections of this Zoning Ordinance.
- b. Front Yards. An AHO Project shall have ~~no minimum front yard setback~~ a minimum front yard setback of 15 feet, except where the District Dimensional Standards establish a less restrictive requirement, or may be reduced to the average of the front yard setbacks of the four (4) nearest pre-existing principal buildings that contain at least two Stories Above Grade and directly front the same side of the street as the AHO Project, or may be reduced to a minimum of ten (10) feet in the case of an AHO Project on a corner lot. Where the District Dimensional Standards set forth different requirements for residential and non-residential uses, the non-residential front yard setback requirement shall apply to the entire AHO Project if the Ground Story contains a non-residential use as set forth in Section 11.207.4 Paragraph (b) above; otherwise, the residential front yard setback shall apply.
- c. Side Yards. An AHO Project shall have ~~no minimum side yard setback~~ a minimum side yard setback of seven and one-half (7.5) feet, or may be reduced to the minimum side yard setback set forth in the District Dimensional Standards for residential uses that is not derived by formula if it is less restrictive.
- d. Rear Yards. An AHO Project shall have a minimum rear yard setback of fifteen (15) feet, or may be reduced to the minimum rear yard setback set forth in the District Dimensional Standards if it is less restrictive.
- e. Projecting eaves, chimneys, bay windows, balconies, open fire escapes and like projections which do not project more than three and one-half (3.5) feet from the principal exterior wall plane, and unenclosed steps, unroofed porches and the like which do not project more than ten (10) feet beyond the line of the foundation wall and which are not over four (4) feet above Grade, may extend beyond the minimum yard setback.
- f. Bicycle parking spaces, whether short-term or long-term, and appurtenant structures such as coverings, sheds, or storage lockers may be located within a required yard setback but no closer than seven and one-half (7.5) feet to an existing principal residential structure on an abutting lot.

#### 11.207.5.2.4 Open Space

- a. Except where the District Dimensional Standards establish a less restrictive requirement or as otherwise provided below, the minimum percentage of open space to lot area for an AHO Project shall be thirty percent (30%). However, the minimum percentage of open space to lot area may be reduced to no less than fifteen percent (15%) if the AHO Project includes the preservation and protection of an existing building included on the State Register of Historic Places.
- b. The required open space shall be considered Private Open Space but shall be subject to the limitations set forth below and shall not be subject to the dimensional and other

limitations set forth in Section 5.22 of this Zoning Ordinance. Private Open Space shall exclude parking and driveways for automobiles.

- c. All of the required open space that is located at grade shall meet the definition of Permeable Open Space as set forth in this Zoning Ordinance.
- d. The required open space shall be located at Grade or on porches and decks that are no higher than the floor elevation of the lowest Story Above Grade, except that up to twenty five percent (25%) of the required open space may be located at higher levels, such as balconies and decks, only if it is accessible to all occupants of the building.
- e. For the purpose of this Affordable Housing Overlay, area used for covered or uncovered bicycle parking spaces that are not contained within a building shall be considered Private Open Space.
- f. Notwithstanding the foregoing, lots consisting of five thousand (5,000) square feet or less in total lot area that directly abut a Public Open Space consisting of at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet of area shall not have a minimum open space requirement under this Article.

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – No

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – No

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – No

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – No

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – No

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – No

**Yes-3, No-6. Motion failed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who offered the following AHO Middle Income Amendments from Councillors Nolan, Carlone, and Toner:**

(Amendments are based on text currently on the table. Text is amendment using **underlines** in **section 11.207.5.1 f.**).

Amend Section 11.207 as follows:

**11.207.5.1 General Provisions**

- a. For the purposes of this Section, the phrase "District Development Standards" shall refer to the development standards of the base zoning district as they may be modified by the development standards of all overlay districts (with the exception of this Affordable Housing Overlay) that are applicable to a lot.

- b. District Dimensional Standards shall include the most permissive standards allowable on a lot, whether such standards are permitted as-of-right or allowable by special permit. A District Dimensional Standard that is allowable by special permit shall include any nondiscretionary requirements or limitations that would otherwise apply.
- c. An AHO Project that conforms to the following development standards shall not be subject to other limitations that may be set forth in Article 5.000 or other Sections of this Zoning Ordinance, except as otherwise stated in this Section.
- d. An AHO Project containing more than one base zoning district shall follow the requirements of the zoning district that covers the largest percentage of the area of the lot or development parcel, as if the entirety of the lot was served by a single zoning district. Section 3.32 shall generally not apply to development that proceeds under the provisions of this Section 11.207.
- e. Where an AHO Project may have various applicable Building Height and Stories Above Grade limitations as specified in 11.207.5.2.1, the most permissive height limitations shall generally control. Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in Section 11.207.5.2.1, an AHO Project may match the height of an existing building on an adjacent lot.
- f. All AHO projects shall reserve twenty percent (20%) of units for middle income households defined as earning 80-120% AMI. If no middle income applicants can be identified after a reasonable time as determined by the project authority reviewing applications, a unit may be released from this restriction.

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – No

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – No

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – No

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – No

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – No

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – No

**Yes-3, No-6. Motion failed.**

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who noted that the proposed Ordinance language as amended relative to the Affordable Housing Overlay would remain on unfinished business and is eligible to be ordained at the next Regular City Council meeting.

**Councillor McGovern made a motion to place CMA 2023 #249 and COF 2023 #167 and COF 2023 #168 on file.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to suspend the rules to allow reconsideration of votes taken relative to the Affordable Housing Overlay Ordinance.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion for reconsideration.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – No  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – No  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – No  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – No  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – No  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – No  
Councillor Paul Toner – No  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – No  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – No

**Yes-0. No-9. Motion failed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan on CMA 2023 #251, a late filed item from the City Manager relative to an updated Surveillance Technology Impact Report.**

**Councillor Zondervan made a motion to bring forward Charter Right Item #1, CMA 2023 #241.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

Councillor Zondervan explained that after meeting with City staff changes were made to the original report to reflect a smaller scope of surveillance technology impact and that it is the updated report that needs to be voted on.

**Councillor Zondervan made a motion to accept and approve the Updated Surveillance Technology Impact report transmitted via CMA 2023 #251.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**Councillor Zondervan made a motion to place CMA 2023 #241 and CMA 2023 #251 on file.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

## **CALENDAR/CHARTER RIGHT**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern on Unfinished Business Item 2, Amendment to Chapter 2.78 of the Cambridge Code of Ordinance, entitled Historical Buildings and Landmarks, Ordinance #2022-11, that was passed to a second reading as amended in Council on August 7, 2023 and further amended in Council on September 18, 2023.**

**Councillor McGovern offered remarks and made a motion to ordain Ordinance 2022 #11, amending Chapter 2.78 of the Cambridge Municipal Code of Ordinances, entitled Historical Buildings and Landmarks.**

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone and Councillor Toner who offered comments and explained why they would be voting against this.

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – No

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – No

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – No

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-6, No-3. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to suspend the rules to allow reconsideration on the vote to ordain.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to reconsider the vote to ordain.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – No

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – No

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – No

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – No

Councillor Patricia Nolan – No

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – No

Councillor Paul Toner – No

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – No

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – No

**Yes-0, No-9. Motion failed.**

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to refer the Zoning Petition from Allene R. Pierson regarding a Cambridge Lodging House Zoning Change, APP 2023 #51 to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to place all communications on file.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to adopt the orders for the balance of resolutions as part of the consent agenda; RES 2023 #260 – retirement of Donna Gallant, RES 2023 #264 – retirement of John Sullivan, and RES 2023 #265 – retirement of Gilda Nogueira.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes



Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who spoke on RES 2023 #261 – the death of John “Jack” Haverty, Jr.** The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui also recognized Councillor McGovern and Councillor Nolan for comments.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to amend RES 2023 #261 by adding Councillor Nolan as a co-sponsor.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Absent

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the order for RES 2023 #261 as amended.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Absent

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who spoke on RES 2023 #262 on the death of Murrell Weekes and made a motion to amend by adding Councillor McGovern and Mayor Siddiqui as cosponsors.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the order for RES 2023 #262 as amended.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who spoke on RES 2023 #263 on the death of Mark Grant.** Councillor McGovern offered his deepest condolences to the family and spoke of his personal relationship with Mark Grant, noting that they were good friends. Councillor McGovern also highlighted his many contributions to the community and his devotion to his family.

**Councillor McGovern made a motion to adopt the order for RES 2023 #263.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

## **POLICY ORDERS**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the orders for the balance of policy orders as part of the consent agenda; POR 2023 #166, POR 2023 #167, POR 2023 #168, POR 2023 #174, POR 2023 #175, and POR 2023 #176.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern on POR 2023 #169 relative to installing a needle lock box, an emergency call box, and a Narcan box in the plaza outside the Central Square Library.** Councillor McGovern offered comments noting that this will save lives. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who also offered comments relative to the quality of life in Central Square.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #169.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who spoke on POR 2023 #170 relative to the feasibility of erecting a covered bus shelter in the immediate vicinity of 15 Lambert Street.**

**Councillor Simmons made a motion to add Councillor McGovern as a cosponsor.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #170 as amended.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who spoke on POR 2023 #171 relative to changing the hours of off leash usage at Joan Lorentz Park.**

**Councillor McGovern made a motion to amend POR 2023 #171 by substitution.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to further amend POR 2023 #171 by adding Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan, and Councillor Toner as cosponsors.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #171 as amended.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone on POR 2023 #172 relative to appointing Lauren Reznick to a 5 year term on the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority.** Councillor Carlone noted that the Neighborhood Long Term Planning, Public Facilities and Arts Committee met and the recommendation to send this to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation was unanimous.

**Councillor Carlone moved to adopt POR 2023 #172, appointing Lauren Reznick to a 5 year term on the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone who spoke extensively on the need for POR 2023 #173 relative to the housing contributions from the City’s major institutions.** The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui offered comments in support of this policy order and also recognized Councillor Azeem and Councillor Nolan who spoke in support.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #173.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who spoke briefly on the intent of POR 2023 #177 relative to banning or limiting the sale of nips in Cambridge.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who exercised his Charter Right on POR 2023 #177.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who spoke briefly on POR 2023 #178 relative to reaffirming the City’s commitment to renovating the schoolhouse at 105 Windsor Street.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who exercised her Charter Right on POR 2023 #178.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to accept and place on file the Civic Unity Committee Report from August 21, 2023, the Health and Environment Committee Report from September 13, 2023 and the Ordinance Committee Report from September 20, 2023.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan on the Ordinance Committee Report from September 12, 2023 relative to potential amendments to the Municipal Code to protect family inclusion and relationship diversity.**

**Councillor Zondervan made a motion to pass the proposed ordinance language as amended in the Ordinance Committee to a second reading.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**Councillor Zondervan made a motion to accept the Ordinance Committee Report from September 20, 2023 and place it on file.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes  
**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to place COF 2023 #164, COF 2023 #165 and COF 2023 #166 on file.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes  
**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

## **LATE ITEMS**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt late resolution RES 2023 #266 congratulating Vanessa Ward on the birth of her daughter and RES 2023 #267 on the death of Lorraine Powers.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes  
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes  
**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

## **ADJOURN**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to adjourn.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes  
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes  
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes  
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes  
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes  
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes  
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes  
**Yes-9. Motion passed.**

**The Cambridge City Council adjourned at approximately 8:48 p.m.**

**Attachments:**

**Written comments received from a member of the public during public comment, per Council Rule 22.**

**Clerk's Note:** The City of Cambridge/22 City View records every City Council meeting and every City Council Committee meeting. It can be viewed at this link.

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**Perez, Lori**

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**From:** Marilee Meyer <mbm0044@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 2, 2023 6:13 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk  
**Subject:** NCDs - process and protocol.

It is a moot point fighting for neighborhood conservation districts because the council already voted to eradicate the national gold standard AND it's very definition.

Tonight's vote is **to make the lead sponsor** and his **minions** feel magnanimous after the fact. What is at stake is Cambridge history and **sense** of place. What continues **to be conflated-** what council is **so good at**—is removing NCDs **as barriers** to the AHO which **originally** respected NCDs.

It doesn't matter that over 35 yrs--of **the thousands of Historical Review applications** - less than 1% have been rejected and those were related to fences and garages.

It doesn't matter that NCD guidelines are **already non-binding** but **offer** suggestions leading to better projects. They are flexible and consider hardship **exemptions**

It doesn't **seem to matter** that the historical commission is one of the most diverse commissions in the city.

Do other departments have anti-racism, diversity, equity and inclusion statements? They should. And **these issues are beyond** the commission's purview which **is protecting material culture**.. Do other departments require 100 signatures for a petition? NO.

A historical commission member is on an NCD commission for the first 3 years to get it up to speed. Then an NDC commission reverts to its ideological make – up which doesn't have the expertise to determine the importance of architectural, cultural, aesthetic, or social history of a **distinctive** neighborhood **NOR DOES THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**Who** determines **“improvement, and enhancement of a district”?**

What is egregious is **not an amendment**—but an about face—removing certain recommendations and eliminating Size, shape, dimensions or setbacks from projects.

Congratulations—you just allowed big residences in small places for rich people.

And congratulations again—for rewarding bad **behavior from the beginning** lead by activist councilors carrying the water for the original author and his retaliation. YOU ALL KNOW IT AND YOU FOLLOW SUIT ANYWAY. This is not about conservation districts- it is about revenge and the AHO. THROWING THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATHWATER. SHAME ON YOU! PROCESS AND PROTOCOL CONTINUE TO TAKE A **BACK SEAT** TO AGENDA.

And while we are at it—those (**same**) **council candidates** - make sure **your misleading phone workers** know the AHO is NOT just on Mass Ave Only-

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