



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Traffic and Parking
57 Inman Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

George Teso
Director

Administration 349-4700
Parking Violations 349-4705
Resident Parking 349-4701

March 19, 1993

TO: Robert Healy
[Signature]
FROM: George Teso

SUBJECT: City Council Order #37, dated 3-15-93

RE: Traffic Study of Arsenal Square.

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The Traffic and Parking Department will conduct a comprehensive Traffic Signal Study at Arsenal Square to determine the best and safest design for pedestrians crossing these streets. At the present time, this intersection is controlled by an out dated set of traffic signals that flash yellow on the main street and flash red on the minor street. Upon activation of a push button, the signals will go to red and yellow which stops all traffic for pedestrians to cross the street. This type of signal installation is now obsolete and is one of three in the City that must be updated.

The Traffic Department has also concluded and sent to the Planning board, our opinion that the addition of 14 off-street spaces, with driveways designed, as we have recommended, will not have any effect on the operation of the intersections. I have enclosed a copy of our letter to the Planning Board.

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March 2, 1993

Mr. Paul Dietrich, Chairman
Planning Board
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Dietrich:

I have reviewed the proposal to rehab one home and build seven new residences at 17-23 Concord Avenue and 36-42 Garden Street.

The plan calls for two off street parking spaces per home accessed from four new and two existing driveways. The new driveway serving 19,21,23 Concord Avenue allows vehicles to enter and exit the street without backing up. The existing driveway to 17 Concord Ave. will still require vehicles to back into the public street.

Numbers 36 to 42 Garden Street will each have a 12 foot driveway to access two parallel parking spaces for each home. This will require vehicles to back into the public way but this is no different than other homes along Garden Street. I understand there has been some discussion about tandem parking at the site. We do not recommend this since it would result in more maneuvering on street as residents juggle their cars which would increase hazards along Garden Street. The developer has decreased the width of these driveways thus reducing the number of on street parking spaces lost to two spaces. This seems reasonable since eight off street spaces for residents and their guests are being provided.

Since the development is creating 14 additional residential off street parking spaces a determination of exclusion must be obtained from the Interim Parking Control Committee (IPCC). The applicant has been informed of this requirement, in addition they are aware of the procedures required to obtain permission for the four new driveways.

It is our opinion this is a reasonable project for this site and should receive the required approvals.

Very truly yours,

Lauren M. Preston
Deputy Traffic Director

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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April 12, 1993

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a status report to Awaiting Report Item No. 30, regarding a traffic study of the entire Arsenal Square area, received from George Teso, Director of Traffic & Parking, relative to this issue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #3

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Awaiting Report item No. 30 regarding
a status report of a traffic study of
the entire Arsenal Square area.

*for original order see
City Manager Request 1993
72 of 3/15/93*

In City Council,

April 12, 1993

Placed on file