

Subj: Re: The Tasty!
Date: Sun, Nov 9, 1997 2:43 PM EDT
From: accordion@usa.net
X-From: accordion@usa.net (Gary Harvell)
To: KTCouncil@aol.com

11-7-97

Councillor Triantafillou,

Thank you very much for your kind reply, please do submit my little missive if it may help! Do whatever you wish with it! Over the www, i was able to send my message only to those people who offered e-mail addresses on your city web page, so there were several councilors who did not receive anything. Also i could not find an e-mail address for the Historical Commission and its director, a Mr. Charles Sullivan. It would be nice if they could receive it too.

I sincerely hope your beautiful city is able to retain this and other desirable features of its personality in the face of all that some developers would like to erase now (The Tasty), and in the future (what's next?). Is there some zoning/building/permitting regulation lacking that would provide for some extra measure of control over reckless changes to the character of the city or when its people and council would prefer at least some compromises from bull-headed privateers?

Sincerely,

Gary E. Harvell
715 West 4th St.
Duluth, MN 55806-2437
218-722-6774
accordion@usa.net

*Margaret -
Please submit
attached say a
communication?*

*Marybeth,
Please put
2d pge + part of
3d on Com List
per request of KT*

22

People will be talking negatively about this for a long time if Harvard Square is allowed to slip under the deep seas of careless commercialism.

It would be good publicity, however, for CSB to demonstrate it's responsible corporate citizenship by entering into some gracious compromises on this matter.

Then i hope the City of Cambridge enacts some stricter zoning/planning regulations to avoid this next time... it WILL happen again.

.....and now, in the spirit of keeping Harvard Square beautiful, respectfully submitted for your consideration.....

(sung to the tune of America, The Beautiful.....)

Oh beautiful, for Harvard Square,
Historic charm and all;
If it becomes a mini-mall,
We needn't come at all!

Oh Harvard Square, Oh Harvard Square,
They'll rip your heart from thee;
And set up endless ATMs,
Where once was The Tasty!

...humbly submitted from an admirer of the Boston/Cambridge area and its people. Having been an occasional visitor from Minnesota, i was disheartened to hear that Harvard Square is preparing to sell it's very soul just to become like every other drab business district anywhere.... corporation "short-term gain & cultural blindness" couldn't be behind this could it?? Naw! Never happens!

Hey... next they might clear the decks of the Constitution for discount stores!

Maybe they'll pave over the Charles River for a few more parking spaces! Where does this stupidity stop? Seriously,.... I really do hope folks in

the
Boston/Cambridge area will act quickly to save an attractive part of
their
area's historic character. Isn't there somebody watching out for the bad
guys??? Who's tending the sheep out there???

Thanks for listening.

Gary Harvell
715 West 4th St.
Duluth, MN 55806-2437
218-722-6774
accordion@usa.net

22-2

----- Headers -----
Return-Path: <accordion@USA.NET>
Received: from relay21.mail.aol.com (relay21.mail.aol.com
[172.31.106.67]) by air08.mail.aol.com (v36.0) with SMTP; Thu, 13 Nov
1997 21:31:51 -0500
Received: from Bulldog.Cl.Cambridge.MA.US (Bulldog.Cl.Cambridge.MA.US
[204.167.93.4])
by relay21.mail.aol.com (8.8.5/8.8.5/AOL-4.0.0)
with ESMTP id RAA05636;
Thu, 13 Nov 1997 17:44:25 -0500 (EST)
Received: from superior.computerpro.com ([204.220.140.3])
by Bulldog.Cl.Cambridge.MA.US (Post.Office MTA v3.1
release PO203a ID# 120-34551U1000L100S0) with ESMTP id
AAA374
for <Council@Cl.Cambridge.MA.US>; Thu, 13 Nov 1997 17:47:46
-0500
Received: from accordio (PM232.CP.Duluth.MN.US [206.147.79.232])
by superior.computerpro.com (8.8.6/8.8.6) with ESMTP id QAA24535
for <Council@Cl.Cambridge.MA.US>; Thu, 13 Nov 1997 16:42:06 -0600
(CST)
Message-Id: <199711132242.QAA24535@superior.computerpro.com>

22-2

Consent Communication #22

S-765

Communicatoin was received from Gary E.
Harvell, 715 West 4th Street, Duluth, MN,
transmitting his support to preserve
Harvard Square.

In City Council December 15, 1997

PLACED ON FILE