



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

March 6, 1975

Mr. Robert Gordon, Executive Director
Polyarts
Box 1974
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

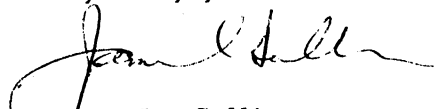
Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 4, 1975, requesting the use of the Cambridge Common for a series of events which you wish to undertake during the Year 1975. It is difficult for me to understand why you feel that you are entitled to use the Cambridge Common for your own purposes to the exclusion of any other kinds of public activities. The language of your letter is best described as intemperate and arrogant and I cannot believe that you feel that you and your organization are required to be granted permission to use the Cambridge Common for whatever purposes you devise and whatever times you feel are appropriate.

In order to assure that the Cambridge Common will be available for the use of the general public, I have requested a Committee, consisting of the City Solicitor, the Police Chief, the Commissioner of Public Works, and others, to draw up appropriate guidelines for the use of the Cambridge Common to insure that it is never again monopolized by any one group to the exclusion of others. This Committee will also develop a procedure for permits for the use of the Common, and appropriate procedures for protecting the public interests.

Your request to this office for the use of the Common for the purposes described in your communication is hereby denied, and I would suggest that you submit your requests to the City Solicitor, who will chair the Committee described above, and your requests will be considered appropriately in context with other requests for the needs of the total community.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf

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March 10, 1975

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Robert Gordon, Executive Director of Polyarts, relative to the use of the Cambridge Common.

Very truly yours,

James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Use of the Cambridge Common.

In City Council,

March 10, 1975

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