

Spaulding & Slye

Comprehensive Real Estate Services

March 31, 1998

Mr. Robert Bersani
Commissioner
Inspectional Services Department
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: 784 Memorial Drive

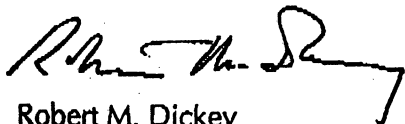
Dear Commissioner Bersani:

On behalf of Spaulding & Slye and the Polaroid Corporation, I am hereby postponing the application for the relocation of two (2) existing curb cuts at 784 Memorial Drive: the Putman Avenue driveway and the Pleasant Street driveway (opposite Florence Street). The application was filed with your office on February 5, 1998 and is currently pending Department of Public Works (DPW) approval. The aborist has scheduled a public hearing on the tree removal at Putman Street for April 7, 1998. The ownership has decided to postpone the application for two primary reasons:

1. Several residents and abutters in the Cambridgeport neighborhood have expressed concern over the timing of the abutter notification process. The permit application was filed and reviewed by several City departments prior to formal abutter notification and response.
2. We are negotiating with a large user for the project who has different traffic patterns and generates lower peak volume than the full build-out assumed in Vanasse & Associates *Traffic Review and Access Study* issued to the City of Cambridge in November 1997.

Together with our traffic engineer, we will continue to participate in the ongoing traffic meetings at the City which include representatives from CDD, TP&T, CNI, and Rizzo Associates to collaborate on ways to improve existing traffic conditions around the site. Additionally, we have submitted a TDM proposal to the City on which we are awaiting comment.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Dickey
Vice President

cc: Robert Healy, City Manager
Susan Schlessinger, CDD
Susan Clippinger, TPT
Charles Sullivan, CHC
Ann Daughaday, DPW

To: The Honorable, the City Councillors

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From: Cambridgeport Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) Co-chairs:

Daphne Abeel, Gordie Fellman, Stash Horowitz, Anastasia

Letsakos, Maureen Van Stry, Elie Yarden

Date: April 2, 1998, for Council meeting of April 6.

Subject: 1) Law Dept response, in written form, not yet available.

2) Putnam Ave. curb cut, & City Arborist tree-removal hearing

CNI joins the City Council's unanimous March 23 order, requesting a written reply to the Council, via the Manager, to the concerns raised in Communications #10 (from CNI), #12 (from Daphne Abeel), #16 and #17 (from Steve Kaiser), for March 23.

We are still awaiting the Law Department's written response, citing cases & precedent, explaining irregularities in issuance of a building permit for the 577-car garage, with an unsafe Putnam Avenue curb cut and a non-conforming (at an intersection) Pleasant St. curb cut.

Also, an explanation is needed for why ISD (Inspectional Services Dept.) approved 2 curb cut relocations on Feb. 9, without any abutter input, contrary to established procedure (Application submitted Feb. 5).

Now, we are told the City & the proponent will ^{either} not use the unsafe, ^{the proposed} or, relocated, Putnam Ave. curb cuts, voiding a tree removal hearing scheduled for April 7 (per Larry Acosta, City Arborist) (per revised garage plan, from ISD).

This means three-thousand-plus daily vehicle trips to this site will need to use one curb cut, an impossibility. Also, Moving this Pleasant St. curb cut to a safer location will require an additional 8M construction ^{permit} ~~cost~~ from the MWRA: (see, please, attached March 25 letter from MWRA)

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March 25, 1998

Mr. Stash Horowitz
Co-Chair C.N.I.
12 Florence St.
Cambridge, Ma. 02139-4635

Mr. Stash Horowitz:

Please accept this letter as confirmation of our phone conversation on 3-23-98 concerning the 784 Memorial drive project with regard to M.W.R.A. PERMITS. As of 3-19-98 an 8M permit was approved for the demolition phase of this project. The permit was issued with the following conditions:

1. Permit is only valid for the demolition phase of this project.
2. No set up of equipment or stockpiling of material on easement.
3. Corner of buildings that infringe on the easement will be cut out just below existing grade and remains to be left in place.
4. Existing abandoned M.W.R.A. sewer connection will be cut at building and capped in presence of M.W.R.A. .

As discussed a second permit will be issued for any new construction that effects our easement after the developer provides additional information that has been requested by our office and the normal review has been completed to insure protection of our lines. If I can provide you with any additional service please feel free to contact me at 617-242-0230.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Philip Coleman".

Philip Coleman

Project Manager

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Consent Communication #11 5236

A communication was received
from Stash Horowitz, Cambridge
Neighborhood Initiative (CNI)
transmitting a memorandum
relative to the Law Department's
response, Putnam Avenue
curb cut and the City Arborist's
tree-removal hearing.

In City Council April 6, 1998

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