



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From Paul E. Healy, City Clerk
Subject Agenda Items 3-5 of December 16, 1985
(responses to Awaiting Reports)

Date December 19, 1985

Reference

Please be advised that at the City Council meeting of December 16th, Councillor Alice Wolf brought out the following points & suggestions with reference to the following items:-

1. Agenda Item No. 3 - Re: repair of fence & sidewalk areas along the Concord Avenue side of the Fresh Pond Reservation. She suggested that the Police Dept. be taken into consultation on this matter, from a public safety standpoint.
2. Agenda Item No. 4 - Re: speeding bicyclists. This item was referred back to you, on motion of Councillor Wolf, with the request for the inauguration of Bicycle Safety Month, with programs, etc.; also, for the placement of signs on the Common & to improve the lighting on the Common.
3. Agenda Item No. 5 - Re: UDAG loan repayments. This communication was placed on file and Councillor Wolf requested in connection with this matter that the City Manager notify the City Council before each UDAG payment & hold hearings prior to the allocation of monies.

I hope you will find the above information of assistance.

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WATER DEPARTMENT
250 FRESH POND PARKWAY
CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 02138

John J. Cusack, Jr.
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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From: *JJC* John J. Cusack, Jr., Supt., C.W.D.
Date: *JJC* November 14, 1985
Subject: DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM TO REPAIR THE FENCE, AREA WITHIN THE FENCE AND SIDEWALK ON THE CONCORD AVENUE SIDE OF FRESH POND RESERVATION -
(FROM THE BELMONT LINE TO THE TRAFFIC ROTARY)

In response to the 4/22/85 Council Order on the subject referenced above, please be advised that the Water Department has reviewed this situation and is recommending the following improvements:

- 1) Replace all granite curbing and sidewalk as part of the Concord Avenue/Smith Place roadway improvement project, which is now in the planning stage at the Community Development Department.

Limits of work: from the intersection of Blanchard Road/Concord Avenue to Fresh Pond Parkway/Concord Avenue Traffic Rotary, at railroad crossing.

- 2) Remove all existing chain link fence and concrete posts with cable wires.

Limits of work: same as Item No. 1

- 3) Install new, low-profile wooden timber guard rail fencing in front of Neville Manor (at the back of new sidewalk).

Limits of work: 150-ft. on both sides of the existing entrance roadway.

- 4) Install new 5-ft. high, black chain link fence (with top and bottom rails) at the back of new sidewalk described under Item No. 1.

Limits of work: Excluding the area at Neville Manor described under Item No. 3; the new fence will start at the intersection of Blanchard Road/Concord Avenue and extend south to the Alewife Brook Parkway/Traffic Rotary, opposite the Ground Round Restaurant.

- 5) Install new, low profile wooden timber guard rail fencing at the back of the sidewalk near the pine tree, open area at Fresh Pond Reservation.

Limits of work: from the railroad crossing at the Fresh Pond Parkway/Concord Avenue Traffic Rotary north to end of the chain link fence described under Item 4.

Memo

Robert W. Healy,
City Manager

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- 6) Relocate and clean up the existing Public Works Department stock pile of granite curbing sections adjacent to Neville Manor.
- 7) During the interim between Items No. 2 and No. 4 above, all trees within 4-ft. of the back of sidewalk line along Concord Avenue should be removed to permit installation of new fencing.
- 8) The existing wooded area between Blacks Nook and Concord Avenue should be selectively thinned out to allow for a scenic overlook location. Additional work will be considered after the Conservation Commission releases its consultants report on the restoration of Blacks Nook.
- 9) Pedestrian access into the Reservation from the Concord Avenue side will continue to be located at Neville Manor and at the Sozio Corner section.

All of the items outlined above were informally discussed with the Water Board at its November 6th meeting. Because of the multiple agencies involved (Water Department, Conservation Commission, Public Works Department, Health and Hospitals Department, Community Development Department and the M.D.C. Parks and Roadway Division) the Water Board will require a public meeting to address the co-ordination issues involved with this restoration/rehabilitation program.

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cc: Water Board



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
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Deputy City Manager

December 16, 1985

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 12 regarding the repair of the fence and sidewalk areas along the Concord Avenue side of the Fresh Pond Reservation, please refer to the attached development program outlined by John Cusack, Jr., Superintendent of the Cambridge Water Department.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

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Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No.
12 on the repair of the fence & sidewalk
areas along the Concord Ave. side of the
Fresh Pond Reservation.

Letter sent to City Manager in the
action taken by Council - copy within
12/19/85 mb

In City Council,

December 16, 1985

12/16/85

Placed on File
More to be done
to include Police
Dept in the consultation
on this matter from
a Public Safety standpoint