



City of Cambridge

2.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 22, 1986

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR WOLF

ORDERED:

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In City Council September 22, 1986.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton", is written over the printed name.

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

September 29, 1986

Mr. Robert W. Healy, City Manager
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Alpine Street, Cambridge

Dear Mr. Healy,

We are writing this letter at the urging of most, if not all Alpine Street residents, to urge the City to replace the sidewalks on our street as soon as possible. They have been neglected for too long.

The major issue is safety and convenience. Many sections of the sidewalk are not just uneven but dangerous, with major eruptions and depressions of asphalt that can easily trip people. As you probably know, a resident broke her arm last year because of these conditions. Most people take to the street to ensure themselves some predictability.

While this is the major problem, there are related issues, such as shut-off valves poking up or subsiding, poor street drainage (there are only two catch basins for a dead-level street about 450 feet long, in a high water-table area), and break-up of the street asphalt. These should be considered also.

An attempt was made several years ago to urge the Public Works Department to undertake this work. We believe that they agreed that conditions were bad. A few sections have been done at the insistence of individuals, but this is a rather piecemeal approach. What we need is a more unified and thorough treatment of the job.

With regard to materials, we would hope that we would be consulted, and Mr. Simmers would be happy to help coordinate an effort to determine a final choice. A large number of us would like to see brick, although we are aware that it is expensive, especially laying it to ensure long-term evenness. A good concrete (perhaps toned down from the stark whiteness of recent sidewalks) or a good bituminous concrete (perhaps with some red/purple stone rolled in the top layer) would be good alternatives.

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Your help in getting top priority for this work would be greatly appreciated. We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours very truly,

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cc Walter Sullivan, Mayor
Alice Wolf, City Councilor
Sheila Russell, City Councilor

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Order #2 *P-348*

C. Russell & C. Wolf order re: City Manager be requested to direct the Public Works Dept. to investigate sidewalk conditions on Alpine St.

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*Copy of this order & enclosed communication
sent to Everett Kennedy, Public Works
Commissioner 10/6/86 mch*

C. Russell
C. Wolf
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