



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 12, 1999

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works regarding the attached letter with the view in mind of making whatever repairs to Langdon Street and the sidewalk and park can be made in the short run, scheduling Langdon Street for repaving and the sidewalk and park for improvements/renovations and responding as soon as possible to the citizen who wrote the letter.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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From: **Melisjoel@aol.com**
Date sent: **Sat, 3 Apr 1999 09:26:44 EST**
Subject: **No Subject**
To: **KathyBorn@aol.com, HenriDavis@aol.com, CAMBMAS1@aol.
KTCouncil@aol.com, TimToomey@aol.com, SRussell@Cl.Cam**
Send reply to: **Melisjoel@aol.com**

Dear Council People

My husband and I have just moved into Cambridge from Central Massachusetts. We are 50 somethings looking to enjoy the benefits of city living. And we are. We live on Langdon Street and have been here for 6 months. We have invested serious money into our condo and plan to be here a long time. So far we have been amazingly impressed with the sense of neighborhood from shop-keepers, to service providers and even yes the police. We have a far stronger feeling of neighborhood than anyplace else we have lived. There are three issues that we would like addressed in our neighborhood and I'm not sure where to go with them. So why not to the top-you. We have a potentially beautiful little street here- It should be a jewel in Cambridge. It has a center park in the street- reminding us of the South End- and it is quite and tree line. However, the condition of the park, the streets and the sidewalk are deplorable. 1. Sidewalks. So far I have fallen three times on the side walk- and given the number of elderly people who live on our street-it is clearly a serious problem. They are seriously cracked and uneven and I think dangerous.

2. The road. It is a mess. Everyone around us say its always like this. But why? I don't know when this road has last been paved but it looks and feels pretty bad. The ruts are deep and frankly its something out of rural America- not a classy city. I brought my car in for its 15,000 check up and was told I have 3 bent wheels. How is this possible, I exclaimed. Ruts in the road, they said. And this is only 6 months.

3. The Park. This is potentially a very beautiful park. All the neighbors use it. It has 3 park benches. One is so badly tilted that you really can't sit in it. The grass is non extinct. And it could use seriously upgrading. Its a very small little park. But we love it and would love to be able to use it more. We are quite willing to help make these things happen. Who else should be contact? How do we help keep our area of Cambridge a beautiful and safe place to live. Please advise. Thank you. Melissa Wenig 44 Langdon St Cambridge, MA email: melisjoel@aol.com

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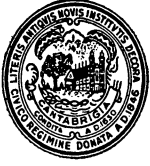
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Consent Order #17

Councillor Sullivan and Mayor Duehay
re: improvements/renovations to the
street, sidewalk and the park of
Langdon Street.

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ORDER ADOPTED