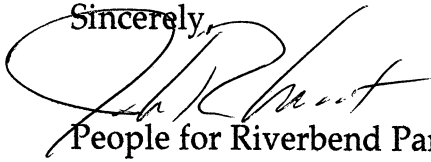


Unless this license is revoked within 10 days of receipt of this letter, we intend to commence legal proceedings seeking a Court order requiring you to take such action.

Sincerely,

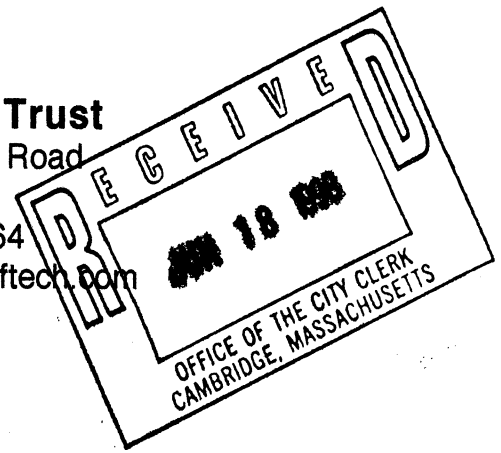
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John R. Moot", written over the word "Sincerely,".

People for Riverbend Park Trust
John R. Moot, Trustee

cc: Cambridge City Council
Robert Healy, Cambridge City Manager
Representatives Wolf, Thompson, Toomey
Senators Birmingham, Tolman
Trudy Coxe, Secretary of Environmental Affairs
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June 18, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL

David B. Balfour, Commissioner
Metropolitan District Commission
20 Somerset Street
Boston, MA 02108

Reference: Boston - Cambridge Trolley Tours, Inc.
d/b/a Minute Man Tours

Dear Commissioner Balfour:

We are opposed to allowing trolleys to use Memorial Drive for commercial tours. Although we are aware that William F. Chisholm, Secretary of the Commission, issued a license under M.G.L. c. 159A, section 1 allowing Minute Man Tours to operate an unlimited number of such vehicles for the carriage of passengers for hire on Memorial Drive, we are advised that this permission is in violation of the MDC's Regulations applicable to parkways under its jurisdiction. An exception from the MDC's long-standing prohibition against "commercial vehicles" on Memorial Drive is allowed only if a special use permit is issued consistent with the policy stated in M.G.L. c.92, sections 33 and 37 and the procedure set forth in 350 CMR sections 2.03 and 2.04. Use of Memorial Drive for the commercial activity allowed by the license issued by Secretary Chisholm is not a use allowed under the Regulations.

Specifically, the permitted use is not consistent with the Commission's policy to increase public recreational opportunities and to preserve the environment of public parkland as required by section 2.03(1). Moreover, in allowing this commercial activity the Commission has not applied the criteria set forth in paragraph 2.04(2) which requires that the allowed use "shall be dependent upon the resources (i.e. the Commission's land affected thereby) and shall enhance the public's enjoyment thereof." Nor are the further criteria of section 2.04(3) met by this permit. Finally, there is no showing that requests for proposals were solicited from at least three vendors as required by section 2.04(1).

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A communication was received from John R. Moot, Trustee, People for Riverbend Park Trust, transmitting opposition to allowing trolleys to use Memorial Drive for commercial Tours.

In City Council June 22, 1998

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