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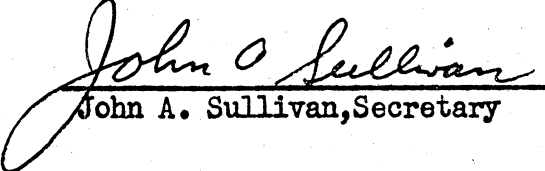
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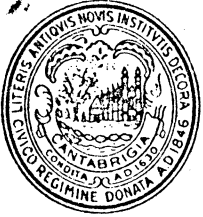
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NEXT MEETING - TRAFFIC BOARD

DECEMBER 28, 1977
CITY HALL ANNEX
57 INMAN STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

10: AM 3rd FLOOR


John A. Sullivan, Secretary



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TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING

November 25, 1977

Present: Chairman Vincent Panico, Deputy Chief Gelinas, Capt. Burke, Bob McElroy, Dan Weisberg, Dick Easler, George Teso, Lauren Preston and Dave Bryant.

1. Snow Emergency: Procedures to be followed during a declared Snow Emergency have been completed and we are ready. Snow fliers are being sent out for us to residents by the Cambridge Electric Light Co. with their utility bills. The City has three tow companies under contract to tow. They are Pat's, Chico and C&C. After the storms our Parking Control Officers will patrol the city looking for uncleared side-walks and when they are found the owner or occupant will be issued a warning citation. Then it is up to the Law Dept.
2. Resident Stickers: We will start to issue resident stickers for 1978 on November 29, 1977. In this weeks Cambridge Chronicle there is a press release informing the residents that the new stickers are available and asking them to come in by neighborhood areas to avoid long waiting lines and unnecessary delays. We will also be open Saturdays during December and January. Visitor Permits are revoked if they are abused and if they are not returned when revoked the vehicle will be ticketed and after 5 tickets will be towed. In addition, residents who do not return Visitor Permits when they are revoked will not be issued permits the following year.
3. MDC Parking Ban: The MDC has started a parking ban on Memorial Drive except for residents. Our Resident Parking Stickers are honored by the MDC but not Visitor Permits. At the present time they are not doing much tagging in Cambridge but are concentrating on Boston. The fine is now \$5.00 but they hope to increase it

to \$15.00 when their Comm. approves a Regulation. Since the inception of our Resident Parking Program there has been an increase in drive-way construction and a rash of car owners transferring their car registration to Cambridge.

4. Tow & Hold: Gary reports that the Tow & Hold program is at a standstill. The Computer Co. found that during the past two years much of the initial input was incorrect and the cards will have to be repunched from the original tickets. \$6,200.00 in fine payments cannot be matched with records. Gary estimates that 1,000,000 entries are correct and 100,000 are incorrect. The court will not send out summonses because they fear repercussions. Jenny wants the records 100% perfect and they never will be. Gary is to send a memo to Chairman Panico on steps necessary to correct the problem.
5. Harvard Square: The Harvard Sq. business men had a meeting yesterday on the new MBTA station in Harvard Sq. Most of the business men are pleased with the idea. Their main concern is parking during the construction of the station. Mr. Teso is going to a meeting next week and will try to get additional room in the MBTA lot for parking. Bids for the temporary station are out and it should be in operation by mid 1979. Construction companies have started to dig the test holes to have a look and check the accuracy of old blue prints. Mr. Di Giovanni has started on his remodeling of the Woolworth block and work should be completed in a year.
6. City Council: Mayor Vellucci and Councilor Graham had a public hearing on the possibility of banning trucks with dangerous cargo from using Cambridge streets. If the Mass Turnpike Authority banned all trucks with dangerous cargo from using the turnpike from Route 128 to Boston, it would alleviate much of the problem.
7. Kendall Sq.: The City is expecting private industry to build a 5,000,000.00 industrial complex in the Kendall Sq. area between Broadway and Binney Street. At present the only hold-up is the new companies need for parking. The City Manager is now in Washington with plans for parking, asking for Federal Funds under the EDA Program. The plan calls for one parking space for every 500 sq. feet of construction. This will mean building a parking area with a capacity for 750 cars.

This plan for rebuilding the Kendall Sq. area will mean 600 new jobs and millions of dollars added to the tax base.

8. East Cambridge Traffic Study: Dan Weisberg gave a progress report on the East Cambridge Traffic Study. The same old problem arises with the residents of the area - "Get the traffic out of East Cambridge, but don't change anything". The main objective of the study is to connect Kendall Sq. with the Prison Point Bridge without routing traffic through the residential area. One plan calls for the moving of the Lechmere Square MBTA station to the other side of Msgr. O'Brien Highway. Many of the roads in the area are controlled by the MDC and they are always a bottle-neck.

Vincent Panico, John Pitkin and George Teso reviewed requests for Visitor Permits.

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Comm. from John A. Sullivan, Sec'y, Traffic
Board, re: Traffic Board meeting of 11/25/77

In City Council,

Dec. 19, 1977

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