



City of Cambridge

19.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 5, 1992

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR CYR
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the attached communication from the Rockwell Street residents dated September 20, 1992 and try to cause an amicable solution to their grievances.

In City Council October 5, 1992.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

c. 19

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20 September 1992

City Manager Robert Healey
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Commissioner of Public Works David Haley
147 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healey and Mr. Haley,

On September 16, the residents of Rockwell Street in Cambridgeport received a letter from the city informing us that on the 18th work would begin to replace our sidewalks with concrete. Although we have been requesting resetting of our sidewalks for ten years, we feel that this treatment rides roughshod over our rights.

It is Cambridge city policy that brick sidewalks be replaced with brick sidewalks without extra charge to the residents. Our sidewalks are and always have been brick. By giving us only two days notice, the city appears to be railroading us into accepting a less desirable substitute. We fear undue delay in the badly needed repairs if we demand treatment consistent with that given other neighborhoods in this city.

The city's letter also directed us to call the arborist if we wanted trees. Rockwell's street and sidewalks are narrow and one side is heavily obstructed by utility poles. Since we are both legally bound and personally committed to handicapped access, we feel we should have time, without jeopardizing the timely completion of the work, to consult with the Commission on the Handicapped and the city to work out a creative solution that leaves the street truly accessible to the handicapped while allowing the addition of trees to our barren block.

Yours truly,
Rockwell Street residents

cc: Kenneth Reeves
Ed Cyr
Frank Duehay
Jonathan Myers
Sheila Russell
Walter Sullivan
Tim Toomey
William Walsh
Alice Wolf
Richard Rossi
Jeffrey Nutting
Gail Enman

Thea Vandriel
Kennie Lyne
Caroline Hunter

Walter Sullivan

	NAME	STREET NUMBER	BRICK	TREES
1)	Thea Vandrey	9	yes	yes
2)	Clady M. Lagne	10-8	yes	odd side only
3)	Daniel Mac Lean	12	yes	yes
4)	Kennie Lyman	13	yes	yes
5)	Maxine Penton	18	yes	yes
6)	Lucy Thullen	22	yes	yes
7)	Caroline Hunter	23	yes	yes
8)	Ken Williams	23	yes	yes
9)	Beverly Ricketts	2	yes no	yes
10)	Reshale Williams	12	yes	yes
11)	Heard Brantford	5	yes	NO
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CONSENT ORDER #19

Mayor Michael J. Quinlan *F-430*

Councillor Sullivan re: Solution to the
grievances of the Rockwell Street
residents.

In City Council,

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Order Adopted