



CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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Commission Executive Officer

Date: November 1, 1993

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Fr: Richard V. Scali, Executive Officer *RS*

Re: Boston Duck Tours, Inc.-Application for Jitney License

This is to advise you that the License Commission has voted 2-1 to recommend to you to recommend to the City Council to approve the application of Boston Duck Tour, Inc. for a jitney license.

As you know, this application must be heard and decided by the City Council within 60 days of application to the License Commission. This application was filed October 7, 1993 and therefore must be heard and decided by December 7, 1993.

Factually, this applicant was heard for a different route and tour in January, 1993. At that time, the License Commission denied the application as there was pick up and drop off on many more Cambridge streets and the Commission felt an issue of safety on the river would cause great hardship.

This application has been amended to include only the following streets for access to the river and no picking up or dropping off of passengers:

Massachusetts Ave. from Main Street to Waterhouse Street

John F. Kennedy Street from Memorial Drive to Massachusetts Avenue

Mount Auburn Street between John F. Kennedy and Massachusetts

Western Avenue between Massachusetts Avenue and Memorial Drive

(This may also include a street around John F. Kennedy Street since it is one-way).

Attached please find all the paperwork submitted to the License Commission.

Also attached is the recommendation of the Traffic and Parking Department limiting the streets as amended above plus that all tours begin after 9:00 a.m. and be completed before 4:00 p.m.

Two of the three Commissioners voted to approve this application since they felt confident that the vehicles were now a reduced size and limited to 4 in number. They felt they would not be intrusive to the river and were shown to be safe vehicles. The use of the streets in Cambridge were shown to be reasonable to get back and forth to the river, and are where other tours currently operate from a different perspective. No tour of this character currently exists in Cambridge. The applicant still needs to receive approval from the MDC for use of the river.

The dissenting vote was cast by Fire Chief Fitzgerald for the same reasons in the previous application: concern for rescue attempts on the river and the safety of these vehicles in being converted from war amphibious vehicles to pleasure amphibious boats.

If you need further information, please let me know.

cc: Alex Rodriguez, Chairman
Kevin Fitzgerald, Fire Chief
Henry Breen, Police Captain
D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk
Mary Ellen Vera, City Manager's Office

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
 SCALE 1"=40' MARCH 1975
 DIMENSIONS FROM DEED, LAND COURT
 OR LAYOUT PLANS ARE IN BRACKETS ()
 LAND COURT MARKED L.C. ALL OTHER
 DIMENSIONS ARE MEASURED H.C. JZ.

CAMBRIDGE
 BELMONT

ERICSSON
 ST.

EDWARD T. SULLIVAN RD.

THINGVALLA

NORUMBEGA ST.

AVE.

ST. SAVEUR CT.

CUSHING

ST.

NORMAN ST.

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November 15, 1993

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a recommendation from the License Commission for City Council approval on the application of Boston Duck Tours, Inc. for a Jitney License, for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mev
attachment

Consent Agenda #2

W-174

Comm., from R.W. HEaly re: recommendation
from License Comm. for the City Council
approval on the application of Boston Duck
Tours, Inc. for a Jitney License.

In City Council November 15, 1993

Charter right exercised
by Councillors Sullivan,
Walsh, Dukay & Wolf -
11/22/93 petition withdrawn
by petitioners - Placed on file