

TO: William Sommers, Commissioner of Public Works

FROM: Vici Casana, Recycling Coordinator

DATE: June 25, 1990

SUBJECT: Council Order #5 5/21/90

This council order concerns the establishment of a small area for recycling collection in City Elderly Housing units. The order suggests that Public Works confer with the Housing Authority regarding Public Works collection of recyclables on the recycling date (second Saturday of the month) and delivery of the materials to the recycling sites.

I brought this order up at the last general Cambridge Recycling Committee meeting on June 11 for feedback re: the recycling group's involvement in such a project. The members present agreed to lend "moral support" to the project but were not willing to make any sort of commitment of involvement until they knew what commitment Public Works was willing to make.

The City should be aware that the active membership of the recycling committee - a volunteer group - is small (18-25 people) and has limited time to devote to projects. Currently two members, Bill Shores and I, are giving presentations at apartment complexes and elderly housing complexes. We explain how to prepare recyclables and how to set up basement storage areas. We also answer questions about markets for recyclables and other aspects of the program. We have asked for help with this project at the general committee meeting and through the newsletter but as yet have not had any responses. I hope that more people will get involved in what I consider an important outreach project. Perhaps if more people join the recycling committee, there will be an expansion of the project.



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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report #32 of May 21, 1990 regarding recycling at elderly housing areas, attached is a report from Recycling Coordinator Vici Casana.

Please note that the City is working on a comprehensive recycling plan as it moves towards curbside collection.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Awaiting Report Item #32, regarding
recycling at elderly housing areas.

In City Council,

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*referred back to
City manager for
more info.*