

Save Our Neighborhood

June 1, 1994

Ms. Margaret Drury
Cambridge City Clerk
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

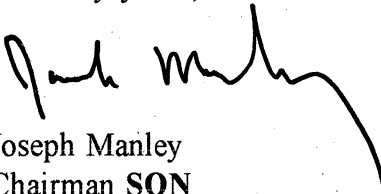
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Dear Ms. Drury:

I hereby request that the enclosed letter to Mr. John O'Brien be incorporated into the permanent records of the Cambridge City Council.

As always, we appreciate your assistance and cooperation.

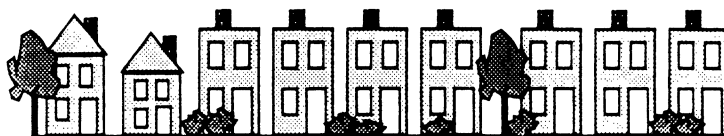
Sincerely yours,



Joseph Manley
Chairman SON

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May 27, 1994

Mr. John O'Brien, Administrator
The Cambridge Hospital
1493 Cambridge Street
Cambridge MA 02139

VIA FAX

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

I am writing you about false statements the Hospital has recently made about **Save Our Neighborhood**.

I am reliably advised that you stated at a meeting of the City Manager's Hospital Committee held last night that **Save Our Neighborhood** now refuses to negotiate with the Hospital.

I point out that our letter of May 3, 1994 to you makes it crystal clear that your statement is simply not true.

I must caution you that such blatant disregard for the facts and for written communications, and such distortions of our actual position are damaging to the prospects for resolving the Hospital's problems with our members and the neighborhood in general. They also raise genuine questions as to your good faith in your dealings with **Save Our Neighborhood**.

A similar distortion occurred when Ms. Chin of your staff told a meeting of MCNA representatives, Hospital staff, and Somerville city officials that SON had refused to hold a Traffic and Parking Committee meeting with the Hospital this month. On the contrary, I had explicitly told her that I first wished that the traffic consultants' materials be submitted to our Committee as soon as available--which was to be May 16--so that the Committee could determine whether or when a meeting would be productive or advisable. This is a world of difference from Ms. Chin's characterization..

Nevertheless, as of May 24, 1994 our committee had not received the documents in question. The absence of a meeting this month is therefore entirely the doing of your own staff.

I am also informed that at that same meeting you simply dismissed the City of Somerville as unwilling to work with you on any issue. This is demonstrably false. In the specific instance of a Somerville neighborhood parking district, this involves an official and legal process that is not subject to the direct or sole control of the Traffic & Parking Director, the Mayor of Somerville, or **Save Our Neighborhood**.

Your repeated labelling of past and/or present disagreements on specific issues as total, uncooperative opposition appears to be a deliberate attempt to escape dealing with the issues.

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It may seem convenient to dismiss our members as simply opposed to everything the Hospital is doing, and thereby dismiss the valid points and issues we are raising. But it is not truthful.

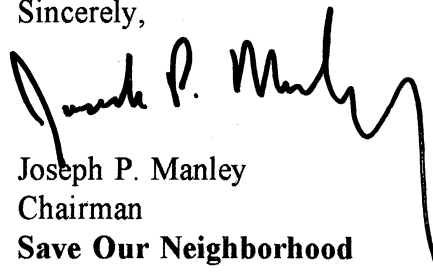
May I also say that this is not a mature approach nor one that betters the interests of your own institution. It creates unnecessary problems for all concerned.

Moreover, it was this same false labelling and pigeonholing of **SON** that was a main point of our letter of May 3, 1994. We wonder how long it will take for your institution to simply get the message and start dealing with the issues in a professional and forthright manner.

Now, as a matter of actual fact, I personally began discussions with the City of Somerville in April 1993 with the explicit objective of establishing a residents only parking zone in this part of Somerville. **SON** has in fact always favored such a plan. At that time Somerville officials suggested we await the progress of negotiations and consultations with the Hospital on the project before taking a step that is fraught with city-wide implications. Better cooperation by the Hospital, as well as a change in the deplorable attitude described above is therefore essential to resolving this issue--as is the case with all other issues before us.

In conclusion, we have to date still not received the documents and materials provided to the Hospital Committee on May 12, 1994, which pertained to zoning issues. The fact that you have changed your position on such issues does not alter the fact that we are entitled to the same materials provided to them, which are, moreover, public documents. On May 24, 1994, I phoned Ms. Chin of your staff in this regard, and I therefore hope that we shall receive such documents very soon.

Sincerely,



Joseph P. Manley
Chairman
Save Our Neighborhood

cc: Cambridge City Council
City Manager Robert W. Healy
City Clerk
Honorable Michael E. Capuano, Mayor of Somerville
Ann Johnson, Director of Traffic and Parking, City of Somerville

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A comm was received from Save our
Neighborhood regarding a letter sent
to John O'Brien at the Cambridge Hospital

In City Council June 6, 1994

*Referred to the
hearing scheduled
for June 13, 1994*