



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 6, 1991

COUNCILLOR MYERS

WHEREAS: On Sunday, April 28, 1991, Earth Day was celebrated in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: This was an excellent celebration, where thousand of people gathered on the river bank and expressed their concern for the environment; and

WHEREAS: This celebration was organized through the cooperation of the City and the efforts of many, many volunteers and was wonderfully coordinated by Marianne Donnelly, along with Robyn Van Riper, J.T. John, and Paul Gerspan Adams; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Donnelly coordinated this work under a volunteer capacity; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its appreciation to all who participated in this event and particularly to Marianne Donnelly, Robyn Van Riper, J.T. John, and Paul Gerspan Adams for their role in coordinating this very special occasion.

In City Council May 6, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

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Mayor Alice Wolfe
City Hall
Cambridge

49 Winslow St.
Cambridge, MA
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Dear Mayor Wolfe,

I was not able to come to the meeting on schools at the library recently. However, I do have a schools-related subject to write about, as my kinder-garten age child reminds me every day: "Did you write the letter to to the city hall about the railroad track tunnel yet?" So I promised I would write today.

It's this: We live down Sherman St. from the Fitzgerald School, where my child goes; however, we are too close to qualify for bus service. He, and other children in Walden Pond and in the other big apartment complexes near there, are within walking distance of the school. But all of them have to cross that extremely busy commuter rail track to get to and from school. Behind the school there was a path leading to a tunnel walkway under the tracks, but the tunnel is, and has been since we have been commuting there, full of garbage, upside-down shopping trolleys, and standing water: so all the children going home that way go down the path, climb through a hole in the fence by the railway, walk across the tracks and climb down the other side of the embankment. I suppose a few safety-conscious children walk all the way to the end of Pemberton St. and cross the tracks where there is a gate and flashing lights when trains come, but I don't see that many going that long way.

If the tunnel was cleared out, maybe it wouldn't be maybe it wouldn't be usable because of drainage problems, but there ought to be some solution--maybe boards on concrete blocks could create a walkway above the water. Anyway, the situation as it is now, with often quite young children crossing the tracks with no warning of trains at all; seems outrageous. I feel that I can never let my child walk to school alone, no matter how old he is, with things the way they are, and that is a big factor in my decision whether or not to keep him at this otherwise pleasant school,

I would hate for a child to get hit by a train before anything got done about the tunnel. There could be a crossing guard there, I suppose, as an alternative solution to clearing the tunnel, but I believe that the latter would be safer and more economic.

Sincerely,

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Joseph E. Conner City Clerk

Order #6

NON-CONSENT

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Councillor Myers re: coordination of Earth
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Order adopted