



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 12, 1988

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL

RESOLVED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic and Police Departments to take whatever steps necessary to improve the situation at Huron Avenue and Holworthy Street traffic signals, and that representatives from both departments attend the Haggerty Community School Council meeting on Monday evening, September 26th to listen to the concerns voiced by the neighborhood.

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HAGGERTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
HAGGERTY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
110 CUSHING STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138

AUGUST 23, 1988

LT. Yetman
Police Department
City of Cambridge

Mr. Tieso
Traffic Department
City of Cambridge

Dear Sirs:

This letter and invitation will call your attention to a serious hazard that exists in West Cambridge. Residents of the Community and members of the Haggerty Neighborhood Council are concerned and will greatly appreciate your efforts toward alleviating the problem.

The crosswalk on Huron Avenue at the corner of Holworthy Street has flashing traffic lights which turn to red and yellow for pedestrian crossing. The hazard exists in that 25 to 30% of the first vehicles approaching a red and yellow do not stop. The problem has been observed to occur throughout the day, every day threatening the lives of children and adults as they attempt to cross to and from Glacken Field. It is particularly acute during weekday rush hours. Vehicles approaching westbound on Huron Avenue violate the red and yellow about twice as frequently as those approaching eastbound.

The problem is both of an enforcement and condition nature. Therefore this letter is addressed to both of you.

Please note that the view of the traffic signal for eastbound traffic and the 25 MPH sign on Huron Avenue at Park Avenue for the westbound are both partially obscured by trees that have grown in front of them. Unobstructing the views would be the first step in helping to alleviate the problem. Other measures, including improved enforcement, are essential.

Discussions at the Neighborhood Council meetings have clearly indicated the need for further evaluation and implementation of corrective measures by the City.

We invite and urge you to attend the meeting of the Haggerty Neighborhood Council at 7:30 PM on Monday, September 26, 1988 in the Haggerty Cafeteria. We hope that you will be able to report what corrective measures have been undertaken and what plans have been made concerning this problem. As you are likely to see from the discussions at the meeting, the residents are united in their concern and stand ready to assist you in the correction of this problem.

One young child in the neighborhood remarked to Officer Friendly at the Public

Safety Day, "Sure I know what traffic lights mean, but people driving the cars don't do what the lights say." As well as threatening the lives of our children, the behavior of the drivers is teaching the children that adult drivers do not obey laws and nothing has been done about it. Our request is the same as that young child's to Officer Friendly: "Please make it safe to cross the street to the park."

If we may be of assistance to either of you prior to the meeting please contact Carol McLaughlin at 547-2398.

Sincerely,

THE HAGGERTY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

cc: Sheila Russell



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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Flynn".

John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

Order #60

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C. Russell re: resolutions that the City Manager be requested to direct the Traffic & Police Dept.'s to take the necessary steps to improve the traffic signal situation at Huron Ave. & Holworthy St.

In City Council,

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C. Russell

Order Adopted

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