

City of Cambridge

HEARING - TRAFFIC PROBLEM ON MAY STREET

At 8:56 P. M. Councillor Graham made a motion for suspension of the rules in order to proceed to a hearing by the City Council on the petition of Lynda J. Wells and thirty-eight other residents of May Street with a view towards restricting any access traffic from proposed buildings fronting on Huron Avenue and Mangano Court and to prevent May Street from becoming a thru-way to Vineway Street and prevent its residential nature from being disturbed.

There being no objections - the City Council proceeded to the hearing.

The petitioner stated that May Street, a narrow unaccepted public way with no curbs or sidewalks, is currently used by approximately twelve automobiles and that the proposed townhouses on Huron Avenue would increase the flow of traffic by five hundred percent and would also increase the hazard to the children of the area.

The City Council heard from Mr. Lansing Fair of 5 Berkley Place who stated that he had meet with the petitioners of May Street regarding the traffic problem and made some changes in the traffic and development schemes and that the only access now will be from Huron Avenue; that he has scaled down the original development from eighty-four units to fifty-seven units.

The City Council heard from Lynda J. Wells of 44 May Street who informed the City Council that the traffic problem have been met but that the density of the townhouses in the area created another problem.

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The City Council heard from James Hazard of 1 Vineyard Street who stated that the increased traffic on Vineyard Street would be a problem and that he was against any further encroachment by traffic in the area.

It was agreed that the neighborhood would meet with the developer and the hearing ended at 9:16 P. M.

On November 14, 1978 Mr. George Teso, Traffic Director, sent a letter to Mr. Lansing Fair outlining the traffic circulation with egress to Huron Avenue only from the development.

Copy of letter to be filed with the papers.



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DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING

November 14, 1978

George Teso
Director

Mr. Lansing Fair
Cambridge Builders Inc.
1221 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Fair,

I have reviewed the plans for the proposed townhouse development at 680 Huron Avenue and agree that there should be no connection to this complex from May Street.

As for the impact traffic utilizing these townhouses would have on Huron Avenue, I suggest that a one way system be instituted whereby the entrance to the development be located at the westerly end of the property with the exit located at the easterly end. This would insure that anyone leaving this area would have a good view of the traffic on Huron Avenue whereas they would have a visibility problem at the westerly end.

By utilizing this one way pattern the 70 + vehicles that would be using these driveways would not create a problem with the existing 8600 vehicles that now use Huron Avenue.

Very truly yours,

George Teso
Traffic Director

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Cambridge, October 16 1978

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To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge, MASS.

The undersigned respectfully pray
that you study May Street with a view towards restricting any access
traffic from proposed buildings fronting on Huron Ave. and Mangano
Court in order to prevent May St. from becoming a thru-way to
Vineyard Street and prevent its residential nature from being
disturbed. We also request a hearing from the City Council on the
matter.

May Street, a narrow, unaccepted way, with no curbs or sidewalks,
currently is used by approximately 12 automobiles. The proposed
sixty townhouses fronting Huron Ave. would increase the flow of traffic
by 500%; even 12 automobiles would constitute a 100% increase
and would result in congestion on this tiny street and increasing
hazards to our children.

Lynda J. Wells 44 May St

Donald R. Cuss 44 May St

John & Lee Calorio 39 May St

Douglas T. Koch Mangano Court

Maureen E Power 43 May St

Rose Marie Tupa - 32 May Street, Cambridge

Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Bonacci - 29 Vineyard St., Camb.

Margaret Lawson - 25 Vineyard St Camb.

Santo Cassia 7 Vineyard St Camb

Ruth Arone 6 Vineyard St. Cambridge

Mr & Mrs Alphonse Fico 16 Vineyard

Judith Beane 18 Vineyard St Camb.

Mr. & Mrs. James Hazard 28 Vineyard St. Camb

Mr & Mrs Janario 7 Bonacci 23 May St Camb

Mr & Mrs M. Lewis 34 May St Camb.

Kate Craft 34A May St Camb.

Concetta Marra 9 May St. Camb.

George L. Hinds 5 May St.

Janet Hota 3 May St.

Pam Skalski 3 May St.

Deborah J. Lewis 49 Lawn St.

Emily R. Heaton 75 Lawn St

Over

Mr & Mrs Ernest Brennan, 132 Cushing St. Camb.

Mrs Mrs Louis D' Ambrosio 153 Cushing St. Camb.

Barbara De Vito 161 Cushing St. Camb.

Mrs Mrs Salvatore Michel, 14 Vineyard St. Camb.

PETITION

of

for

No.

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In City Council,

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Referred to the Committee on

Attest:

City Clerk.

Cambridge, October 18 1978

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

that you study May Street with a view towards restricting any access traffic from proposed buildings fronting on Huron Avenue and Mangano Court in order to prevent May St. from becoming a thru-way to Vineyard Street and prevent its residential nature from being disturbed. We also request a hearing from the City Council on the matter.

May Street, a narrow, unaccepted way, with no curbs or sidewalks, currently is used by approximately 12 automobiles. The proposed sixty townhouses fronting Huron Ave. would increase the flow of traffic by 500%; even 12 automobiles would constitute a 100% increase and would result in congestion on this tiny street and increasing hazards to our children.

George L. Thompson Jr. 24 Vineyard St. Camb.
Linda L. Thompson 24 Vineyard St. Camb.
Giuseppe Rotundo 15 Vineyard St.
Joseph Mc Donnell 17 Vineyard
Mrs. Louis Athanas 20 Vineyard St.
Kam Sappala 7 Vineyard St. Camb.
Judy Yachrough 156 Cushing St. Camb.
Theresa Borelli 158 Cushing St.
J. Puelke 160 Cushing Street
Catherine A. Rogers 164 Cushing St. Cambridge
Ron Anastasia 143 Cushing St. Cambridge
Joanne Savanna 164 Cushing St. Cambridge
Anthony Sarcow 186 Cushing St.
Salvatore J. Sabatino 61 May St.

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Attest:

City Clerk.

Cambridge, 19

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

Joan Ricles 43 May St. Camb.

cc, George Teso, traffic department

Lyndee Wells 547-3871

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S-470
PETITION

of Lynda J. Wells, 44 May St, et al

for requesting to be heard before

the City Council re: traffic

No. on May Street

October 23 19: 78

*10/23/78 No Action
Taken at Meeting
10/24/78 No Action
Taken
10/24/78 Hearing
Set for 11/13/78*

In City Council, October 23 19: 78

Referred to the Committee on

Attest:

11/13/78

City Clerk.

*Hearing held
Agreed on Traffic Pattern
kept Density position
open for re hearing*