



RIVERSIDE/CAMBRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY CORPORATION

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August 6, 1991

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

In reference to Council Order #35 (dated 6/24/91) and your Agenda Item #32 of the Consent Agenda, the Executive Board of Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation (RCCC) has asked me to convey the following information to you regarding the issue of litter in the area of Howard Street and Western Avenue.

1. RCCC will make every effort to cooperate fully with the efforts of the Cambridge public works department to keep the Western Avenue/Howard Street area free of litter and tidy. RCCC retains on a regular basis a local resident who attends to both the sidewalk area and the trash for the RCCC building. RCCC members have also assumed the responsibility for maintaining the sidewalks surrounding the RCCC building.
2. A few months ago, a public works blue trash receptable was placed on the RCCC corner and shortly thereafter disappeared. Only recently has it reappeared but is now located on the convenience store side of Howard Street. We believe a second blue trash receptable should be placed on the RCCC corner for the convenience of both children and adults who wait for the bus stop located on the RCCC side of Western Ave. We have noticed that people purchase snacks from the store and then eat these items while waiting for the bus, disposing of the litter on the RCCC side of the street.
3. With regards to the uncovered rubbish and debris (for which RCCC was recently cited and ticketed), I believe the following information may clarify the situation. In recent weeks, the pile of trash and rubbish deposited in the RCCC trash area has been inordinately large. Two RCCC tenants and I have observed residents of a neighboring building (the white complex of apartment units beginning, I believe, with 227 Western Ave) depositing their trash in the RCCC trash area. RCCC has an ample number of receptacles for its tenants in the RCCC building but is not prepared to accept the trash of a neighboring building.
4. RCCC has had a stockade fence separating its trash area from the building mentioned above. Within the last month, excavation on the driveway separating the two buildings resulted in this stockade fence being partially destroyed by large amounts of dirt piled against it. In addition, on the day pictures were taken of "RCCC's rubbish", several large items (a stove and a sink, I am told) were also placed on the RCCC property in the general trash area. These items did not come from the RCCC property. It would be helpful to all of us who want to see the Western/Howard area kept tidy if the City would alert all landlords in the area that they should provide adequate trash receptables for their tenants and that all landlords should inform their tenants as to the location of these receptacles. In addition, RCCC will be repairing its trash area fence shortly and will add a front enclosure. Hopefully, these joint measures will alleviate the current problems with trash.

As the above comments indicate, the trash and litter problems of the Western/Howard intersection go deeper than just the four properties on the corner. Hopefully, this information gives you and the City Council members a better picture of the trash and litter problem and our thoughts on what might be done to eliminate the problem permanently.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy J. Pozar". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Nancy J. Pozar
President, RCCC

Consent Comm. # 21

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Comm. from Nancy J. Pozar, Pres., RCCC,
regarding the issue of litter in the
area of Howard Street and Western Ave.

In City Council,

Sept. 16, 1991

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