



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From Paul E. Healy, City Clerk
Subject Agenda Items 3-5 of December 16, 1985
(responses to Awaiting Reports)

Date December 19, 1985

Reference

Please be advised that at the City Council meeting of December 16th, Councillor Alice Wolf brought out the following points & suggestions with reference to the following items:-

1. Agenda Item No. 3 - Re: repair of fence & sidewalk areas along the Concord Avenue side of the Fresh Pond Reservation. She suggested that the Police Dept. be taken into consultation on this matter, from a public safety standpoint.
2. Agenda Item No. 4 - Re: speeding bicyclists. This item was referred back to you, on motion of Councillor Wolf, with the request for the inauguration of Bicycle Safety Month, with programs, etc.; also, for the placement of signs on the Common & to improve the lighting on the Common.
3. Agenda Item No. 5 - Re: UDAG loan repayments. This communication was placed on file and Councillor Wolf requested in connection with this matter that the City Manager notify the City Council before each UDAG payment & hold hearings prior to the allocation of monies.

I hope you will find the above information of assistance.

PEH/mh



City of Cambridge Police Department

Office of the Chief of Police

HEADQUARTERS

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TELEPHONE
(617) 498-9300

September 17, 1985

Richard Rossi
Deputy City Manager

Sir:

In reference to two communications you made inquiries about, both regarding the operation and enforcing of bicycle laws:

The first communique was from Ms. Marilyn Marotta of 12 Surrey Street. Upon receiving the letter, Sergeant John McCarthy was assigned to contact Ms. Marotta as he is presently the Police Department's representative in the "Committee on Responsible Bicycling in Cambridge" formed by Mr. Healy. Enclosed you will find a report from Sergeant McCarthy after he finally was able to meet with her, in which he explained how most difficult it is for us to enforce the present statute.

In the second communication from Professor David Wilson, again, this letter was referred to Sergeant John McCarthy and enclosure will explain where we are at in reference to the plans for the "Committee on Responsible Bicycling in Cambridge" is at.

Richard, I realize the concern that some of our citizens have about bicycle safety but for Cambridge to try and educate and possibly enforce the bicycle laws without an all out effort and uniform laws and enforcement throughout the Commonwealth would be an exercise in futility.

I certainly will keep on cooperating with the Committee because it is to the City's and Police Department's advantage to cut down bicyclic accidents.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony G. Paolillo
Chief of Police

AGP:smc

Attachments



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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

DATE: 19 August 85
TIME: 1000 (A.M./P.M.)

Report by Officer Sgt. E. M. Corby Badge # 920 Rank Sgt.

Assignment: Troffic 2
Car # Route # Bureau or otherwise

Directed to: Officer Lange Capt. Rank or Position

Subject: Complaint

Date and time of Occurrence 16 August 85
1320 Hours
Action requested

Sir: I received letter from Marilyn Marotta 12 Jorrey St. in re the "bicycle menace". I visited her at her home on the 16th of August at 1320 hours to acknowledge her letter of 29 July 85.

I explained Chapter 85- Sec. 11 Operation of Bicycles that it is almost impossible to enforce. That I am working in conjunction with the Cambridge Bicycle Coalition (Prof David Wilson and Committee) and their political contacts at the state house.

I assured Miss Marotta that the police department will do all in our power to correct some of these bicyclists in the future.

Respectfully Submitted
Sgt. E. M. Corby 920

P.S. I was unable to make a contact with Miss Marotta before the above date as I could never catch her at home



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

December 16, 1985

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 23 regarding a communication from Marilyn J. Marotta on the menace of speeding bicyclists, please see the attached correspondence from Chief Paolillo and a report by Sergeant John McCarthy, the Police Department's representative to the Committee on Responsible Bicycling in Cambridge.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 23
on speeding bicyclists.

Letter sent to City Mgr. on 12/15/85
Council action. copy within.
12/15/85 mh

In City Council,

December 16, 1985

12/16/85
Referred back to
the Enga - Motion of
C. Wolf with request
to investigate Bicycle
Safety Month with
programs, publicity
etc. Also to place
signs in common and
to improve lighting in common