



The Cambridge Hospital



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December 9, 1989

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
Executive Office
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: City Council Order
October 24, 1988, #16

Dear Mr. Healy:

The following information has been compiled in response to City Council Order #16, initiated by Councillor David Sullivan, dated October 24, 1988. Prior to the issuance of the City Council order regarding the operation of the Methadone Clinic, discussions had been initiated with a representative of the neighborhood who signed the petition. We continued the discussions and have reached a mutually agreeable solution to the problems with noise in the early morning. The key points of the agreement are as follows:

1. The Clinic will open at 6:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Between 6:30 and 7:15 a.m., the number of clients will be limited to only those who must come early to be able to arrive at their jobs on time. This will be strictly controlled.
2. No parking will be allowed for clinic clients in the Hospital's main parking lot until 7:30 a.m. At no time will any clinic clients be allowed to park in or around the area known as the tennis court which abuts the neighbors property. Between 6:15 and 7:30 a.m. parking will be allowed in the Line Street Lot only in designated spaces away from neighboring houses.
3. An additional security guard will be hired by the North Charles Foundation to monitor the flow of clients into and out of the clinic and control any noisy behavior. The guard will be on duty from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday.
4. Monday through Friday, all clients will enter and exit through the front door of the Macht Center.

5. A security guard will be hired by the North Charles Foundation during the weekend clinic hours (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.). The guard will be on duty from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to insure that noise is kept to a minimum. We are reviewing other weekend procedures to determine what other measures we can take to reduce noise.
6. Noisy client behavior of any type will be a cause for disciplinary action which may include discharge from the program.
7. Jan Kauffman, Program Director, and Glover Taylor, Executive Director of the North Charles Foundation, will be available for further contact and discussion with the neighbors on an ongoing basis to insure that noise problems are recognized and addressed quickly. The neighbors have been encouraged to contact them if incidents occur.
8. The agreed upon solution will be evaluated over the upcoming months and amended if the problems previously identified are not remedied.

Sincerely,



John G. O'Brien
Hospital Administrator

cc: Neighborhood Representatives - Karl Frieden
Larry O'Brien



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December 12, 1988

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 33 regarding disorderly patients from the Cambridge Hospital's methadone clinic, I submit the attached report from the Administrator of the Cambridge Hospital.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert W. Healy", written in dark ink.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Re: response to Awaiting Report Item 33 on
disorderly patients from the Cambridge Hos-
pital's methadone clinic.

In City Council,

December 12, 1988

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Placed on file.