

Sandra Albano

Please extend my
appreciation to all
of the members of the
Council for the
resolution expressing
their sympathy at
the time of my Edna's
death -- I am most
grateful.

God Bless

John Casp

Thank you very much for your kindness and your thoughtfulness at the time of my Edna's sickness and her death. I am most grateful. Times such as these remind me of how much I truly value friendship. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in Christ's peace.

As a further expression of my appreciation, I have arranged for a mass to be celebrated on Sunday, November 30, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Peter's Church, 100 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, for the intentions of our Holy Father and for your intentions. I hope you can join me on this day.

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Communication was received from John Good, transmitting his deep appreciation for the resolution adotped by the City Council on behalf of his wife, Edna Good.

In City Council November 24, 1997

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THANKS—

CRAIG KELLEY

NORTH CAMBRIDGE STABILIZATION COMMITTEE

6 Saint Gerard Terrace
Cambridge, MA 02140
18 November, 1997

Susan Schlesinger
Community Development Department
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Schlesinger:

On behalf of the North Cambridge Stabilization Committee (NCSC), I would like to repeat our request for feedback from you on what sort of support we can expect to receive from your office. As I noted in our last communication, to which we received no reply, there are many unresolved planning issues in North Cambridge in which Community Development's role is increasingly unclear.

One example of CDD's inability to provide predictable planning support for our community is the gas station task force CDD formed at the request of the City Council. This task force met once with residents and once with station owners. To my knowledge, it has been dormant for roughly a year even though gas station use and re-use on Northern Mass Ave is a major recurring planning issue. As I write this letter, the City is being sued by one proposed use (which, in contravention of city zoning laws, has gone ahead and redeveloped the station despite lack of proper permitting) and a second use is requesting yet another variance from the BZA. A third use has recently spent a considerable amount of time and money pushing a controversial fast food franchise for a different station. The neighborhood is still reeling from these planning issues yet CDD has completely abdicated its planning responsibilities in this regard.

CDD's encouragement of the massive co-housing development despite the Department's own studies that recommended a downzoning of that area is another example of why the NCSC is unclear of the Department's position in the planning process. CDD's inability to help residents properly assess the lowest number of units possible on the Portland Stoneware site is a third example of the Department's not meeting community expectations.

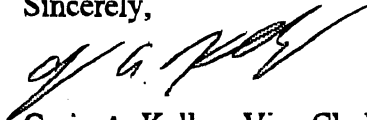
Neighborhood residents almost uniformly fear the rash of improper development that is occurring in North Cambridge. The Committee frequently tells concerned residents to work with CDD to help put together a reasonable development plan. As shown in the three examples above, however, suggesting people partner with CDD on neighborhood development issues is not necessarily a wise or productive suggestion. It is important, therefore, for the NCSC to learn what services North Cambridge residents and businesses can expect to receive from your office so that we can better tailor our responses to inappropriate planning and development.

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Please let me know when you can meet with representatives of the NCSC to help us better understand what type of support, or lack thereof, we should expect from your Department. You may reach me at 354-8353 or via email at VoteCraig@Juno.com.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



Craig A. Kelley, Vice Chair

cc: City Manager
City Council
Councilor Triantafyllou
Councilor Toomey
Councilor Born
Councilor Galluccio

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North Cambridge Stabilization Committee

6 Saint Gerard Terrace
Cambridge, MA 02140
18 November, 1997

Kevin Ahern
University Rubber
42 Brookford Street
Cambridge, MA 02140

Re: Neighborhood Concerns about University Rubber Actions

Dear Kevin:

On behalf of the North Cambridge Stabilization Committee (NCSC), I invite you to attend the next meeting of the Committee to discuss issues relevant to your company's activities in North Cambridge. This meeting will take place in the evening of Wednesday, 10 December. Please call Mr. Joe Joseph at 617-354-3295 to confirm the time and place of this meeting.

At our last meeting, 12 November, 1997, concerns were raised about the dramatic increase in the intensity of the industrial use at your site. These concerns fell roughly into the following categories:

NOISE:

Where in past years your hours of operation were relatively benign, current use starts earlier and lasts longer. A food truck, with its horn and music, visits the site and large trucks remain on the site and on Brookford street with their engines idling, creating considerable noise. The loading and unloading of trucks and vans at the site can be very noisy as well.

FUMES:

The number of trucks into your facility has increased drastically over the past years. As a result, the exhaust fumes from your facility increasingly drift through the neighborhood. Sometimes these trucks rest in front of neighboring houses with their engines idling, a condition that is especially problematic given state law aimed at reducing emissions from idling engines.

STREET ACCESS:

In the past, trucks visiting your facility could park and maneuver on your site. Now these trucks frequently cannot easily enter your lot because it is so crowded with employee cars and other trucks. These trucks pose a threat to property and, potentially, to people as they drive down Brookford Street, a small dead end of a road. Trucks and employees

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