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DONNA P. LOPEZ
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

June 12, 2001

Joseph and Camille Gibbons
Gondola Di Venezia, LLC
136 Davis Road
Acton, MA 01720

Re: *Jitney License*

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons:

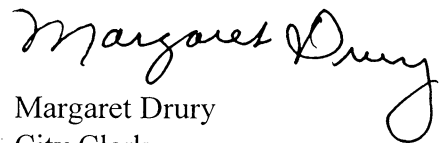
I am writing with regard to the jitney license application that you filed with the Board of License Commissioners ("the License Commission") on April 10, 2001. The License Commission, consistent with the requirements of Section 5.20.360(A) of the Cambridge Municipal Code held a hearing on your application. The License Commission then forwarded its recommendations, dated May 30, 2001, to the City Manager, who transmitted them to the City Council on the agenda of their June 4, 2001 meeting. The City Council did not take action on your application at that meeting. Section 5.20.360(B) provides that "...the City Council shall be deemed to have accepted the decision of the License Commission if the Council does not act on the matter within sixty days of the date when the License Commission originally received the license application." Since more than sixty days has now elapsed since your original application to the License Commission, the City Solicitor has advised me that the decision of the License Commission is deemed accepted. The License Commission's decision recommended approval of your license application subject to the following conditions:

1. Two boats will be moored outside the canal area after operating hours.
2. Hours of operation will coincide with mall hours: 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; any cleaning or other activity at the end of the evening will be performed outside the canal area.
3. The kiosk and dock will be located at the end of the "extension of Thorndike Street" in between Sears and the office building as per Community Development Planning Department discussion.
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5. There will be no singing in the canal area.
6. The "docking poles" color and length signage and its location will be determined by Community Development Planning Department.
7. This permit is non-transferable nor expandable without re-applying to the License Commission, City Council, and DTE as is required by law.
8. A safety plan will be filed with the Fire Department for rescue operations as per Coast Guard auxiliary inspection.
9. Site #3 on the plan will not be used.
10. Alcohol on the boat is within the jurisdiction of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission – State level on the waterways.

In accordance with the advice of the City Solicitor, this is to advise you that your license is deemed approved as conditioned.

Very truly yours,


Margaret Drury
City Clerk

cc. Board of License Commissioners
Charles Boyle, Esq.



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June 5, 2001

To The Honorable, the City Council,

The Cambridge Municipal Code in section 5.20.360B states the following:

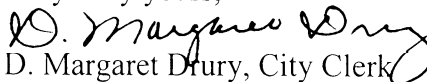
1. The City Manager shall transmit the decision of the License Commission relative to Jitney Licenses to the City Council pursuant to Chapter 159A.
2. The City Council shall vote whether or not to accept the decision of the License Commission and it shall be deemed that the decision is accepted **if the City Council does not act within sixty days of the date that the License Commission received the original application.**

The License Commission received the jitney license application of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons for a gondola tour service on April 10, 2001; therefore the sixty days expires on June 9, 2001. The next meeting of the City Council is June 11, 2001, which is a roundtable and is two days after the expiration of the sixty-day period. As of June 10, 2001 the decision of the License Commission is deemed accepted and the License Commission on June 11, 2001 may issue the gondola tour service permit.

On June 4, 2001 when this item appeared on the City Manager's Agenda (Agenda # 14) Councillor Toomey exercised his charter right. Thus this item will appear as a charter right on the Calendar for the meeting of June 18, 2001 at which time it should be placed on file.

I hope that this information is helpful to you.

Very truly yours,


D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

DMD/dl

cc: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Benjamin Barnes, License Commissioner
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gibbons, 136 Davis Rd., Acton, MA



CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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RICHARD V. SCALI
Commission Executive Officer

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
FROM: Richard V. Scali, Executive Officer 
RE: Jitney Application: Gondola di Venezia LLC
DATE: May 30, 2001

This is to advise you that on May 24, 2001 the Board of License Commissioners voted 3-0 to recommend to you for the City Council approval for a Jitney application by Gondola di Venezia, LLC, Joseph and Camille Gibbons, Managers.

This application is for a water tour service from the Canal Park area located in Cambridge at the lower basin of the Charles River, aboard two authentic Venetian gondolas with a temporary kiosk (information booth) in Canal Park.

The Board recommends the following conditions:

1. Two boats will be moored outside the cancel area after operating hours.
2. Hours of operation will coincide with mall hours: 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; any cleaning or other activity at the end of the evening will be performed outside the canal area.
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10. Alcohol on the boat is within the jurisdiction of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission – State level on the waterways.

If you require further information, please advise.

A copy of this application should be forwarded to the City Clerk for City Council approval.

Cc: D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk; David Balfour, MDC

**SCOTT J. SCHLISSEL
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THOMAS GRAVES LANDING
FOUR CANAL PARK, #509
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141**

By Fax

May 21, 2001

Mr. Richard Scali
Cambridge Licensing Commission
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Venice Gondolas

Dear Mr. Scali:

As we agreed, I am writing to let you and the commission members know the results of our discussions with Mr. Gibbons, his attorney and the Canal Park Committee. We seem to have reached agreement on most of the issues of importance to us. As such, while we still believe this is an inappropriate and unnecessary for profit use of a public park, we will not object if the license is granted subject to the following conditions which have been agreed to by Mr. Gibbons and ourselves:

- a) the two boats will be moored outside the canal area after operating hours;
- b) hours of operation will coincide with mall hours; any cleaning or other activity at the end of the evening will be performed outside the canal area;
- c) the kiosk and dock will be located at the end of the "extension of Thorndike Street" in between Sears and the office building;
- d) the kiosk and dock will be removed at the end of the season;
- e) there will be no singing in the canal area and no music after 6:00 PM. Music at other times will be limited to a volume only heard by customers on the boat;
- f) the "docking poles" will be a solid color (preferable the same color as the dock; i.e. grey or green etc.) and approximately four feet high (as opposed to the striped candy cane poles eight feet high set forth in their proposal);
- g) the license will not be transferable nor can the scope of the license (including number of boats) be expanded, and
- h) there will be no illuminated signage or signage other than that attached to the kiosk itself.

The only other point I would like to make is that we are against customers being allowed to bring alcohol on board. As there will then be no control over consumption, this seems to be a safety issue as well as one that risks public drunkenness, and the associated negative behavior that goes with such a condition – made worse by being on a boat and then being dropped off in our backyard.

If you or any of the members of the Commission need further information or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me at 978-750-2701.

As residents, voters and taxpayers, we appreciate your taking our concerns into consideration in reviewing Mr. Gibbons' application for a Cambridge license to operate a gondola boat service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Schlissel', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott Schlissel
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Thomas Graves Landing

Cc: Residents, Thomas Graves Landing
Elaine Thorn
Charlie Boyle, Esq.

OSRAM SYLVANIA INC.
100 ENDICOTT STREET
DANVERS, MA 01923

TEL: (978) 750-2701
FAX: (978) 750-2648

TO: Richard Scali

FROM: SCOTT J. SCHLISSEL

DATE: 5/21

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MESSAGE:

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If you have any problems with receipt of this fax, please call Stephanie at 978/750-2598.

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CHARLES E. BOYLE
BRIAN E. BLACKWOOD

May 23, 2001

Via Facsimile

Richard Scali
Cambridge License Commission
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Gondola di Venezia, LLC

Dear Mr. Scali:

Pursuant to our discussion, attached is a Post-Hearing Memorandum addressing the legal issues raised by the Commission at the hearing on the above-referenced matter.

Additionally, we received a copy of the May 21, 2001 letter from Scott Schlissel on behalf of the Thomas Graves Landing Board of Trustees (hereinafter "TGL"). The letter purports to recite certain agreements between Mr. Gibbons and TGL. We would like to clarify some of those items.

1. Item e): the "canal area" referred to in item e) was intended to mean the portion of the canal between the so-called "keyhole" and the Land Bridge.
2. Item f): there was never any agreement with TGL to limit the height of the poles to four (4) feet. TGL was informed that the Applicant was working the Cambridge Planning Department to ensure that the docks, poles and kiosk were in keeping with the character and style of the surroundings. It was suggested to TGL that the Planning Department's oversight might be sufficient to address TGL's concerns. No other discussions or agreements with TGL took place regarding this item.
3. Item g): there was never any agreement with TGL to limit the transferability or scope of the license or the right to expand the number of boats as these matters come under the retained jurisdiction of the License Commission.

4. Item h): there was never any agreement with TGL that there would be signage only on the kiosk. The Applicant has stated that there will be no illuminated signage and the only proposed sign is for a small portable pedestal type sign directing patrons to the boarding area on the dock. The size, color and placement of the sign is also being overseen by the Cambridge Planning Department.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide these clarifications for the Commission's review and will be available to answer any and all questions at the hearing tomorrow.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles E. Boyle".

Charles E. Boyle

CEB/jln

Enc.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**Middlesex, SS.****Cambridge License Commission****RE: Gondola di Venezia, LLC
Application for Jitney License****Post-Hearing Memorandum**

The above-referenced applicant, Gondola Di Venezia, LLC (hereinafter "Applicant"), has made application to the Cambridge License Commission (hereinafter "Commission"), for a jitney license to operate a water tour service from the Canal Park area located in Cambridge at the lower basin of the Charles River, aboard two authentic Venetian gondolas with a temporary kiosk (information booth) in Canal Park.

On May 8, 2001, the Commission held a public hearing on the application at which time testimony was taken from the Applicant as well as a number of abutters and interested parties.

At the hearing, the Applicant described their proposed service for water tours which included providing cheese and crackers for patrons and also testified that they planned to allow patrons to carry on and consume alcoholic beverages on the tours, if the patrons so desired. The Commission questioned whether the provision of cheese and crackers would require the Applicant to secure a common victualler's license and whether allowing patrons to carry on and consume alcoholic beverages would be contrary to the Commission's so-called "brown bag" rule which prohibits restaurants in the City of Cambridge from allowing customers to bring in and consume their own alcoholic beverages on the premises. The Commission offered the Applicant the opportunity, through counsel, to address these issues.

1. Common Victualler's License

In accordance with G.L. Ch. 140, § 2, the Commission "may grant licenses to persons to be innholders or common victualers". The words "common victualer" in Massachusetts, by a long usage, have come to mean the keeper of a restaurant or public eating house. Comm. v. Meckel (1915) 221 Mass 70.

The Applicant's proposal is to offer complimentary cheese and crackers as part of their water tours. There would be no charge for the cheese and crackers which would be offered only to those customers taking the longer reservation tour, not to those taking the 10-15 minute walk-on tours. No other food preparation or serving is being proposed.

In a relevant opinion of the Commonwealth's Attorney General, it was held that "it was not necessary for an agricultural society or one holding a concession, to take out a common victualler's license in order to furnish food to patrons at a fair" 6 Op. Atty. Gen. 1921, p. 204. The minimal offering of complimentary cheese and crackers, not involving cooking or food preparation, would not appear to support the conclusion that the Applicant is a "keeper of a restaurant or public eating house" and therefore, no common victualler's license should be required.

2. Alcoholic Beverages

The Commission, as licensing authority and in accordance with the provisions of G.L. Ch. 140 for the issuance of common victualler's licenses, has prohibited restaurants in Cambridge from allowing customers to bring in their own alcoholic beverages for consumption while dining in said restaurants.

As stated above, the Applicant's proposed service would not require a common victualler's license. The Commission would therefore not have jurisdiction to regulate

the "brown bagging" under the umbrella of its authority with respect to common victualler's licenses. The exclusive authority to regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages on vessels or ships rests with the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (hereinafter "ABCC") in accordance with G.L. Ch. 138, § 13 which provides that "[t]he Commission [i.e. ABCC] may also issue licenses to sell alcoholic beverages to the owner of operator of any vessel or shipping company carrying passengers and operating out of any port of the Commonwealth."

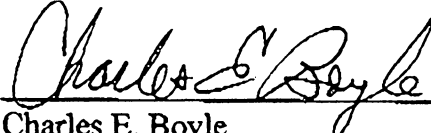
As the proposed activity would not involve the direct or indirect sale of alcoholic beverages by the Applicant, it is not expected that such a license from the ABCC would be required. If the Commission (i.e. Cambridge) so desires, the Applicant will request an advisory opinion from the ABCC on the question of the necessity for a license under these circumstances.

For the reasons stated above, the Applicant requests that the Commission rule that no common victualler's license is required, that the "brown bag" rule is inapplicable in these circumstances, and that the Commission approve the Applicant's request for a jitney license.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gondola di Venezia, LLC
By Its Attorney,

May 23, 2001
DATE


Charles E. Boyle
Law Office of Thomas F. Gibson
2400 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02140
617-576-2400
B.B.O. #548873

From: **BBarnes@CI.Cambridge.MA.US (Benjamin C. Barnes)**
Organization: **City of Cambridge, Massachusetts USA**
To: **rscali**
Date sent: **Tue, 22 May 2001 11:20:40 -0500**
Subject: **(Fwd) Gondola Proposal**
Priority: **normal**

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From: "Nicolora, Carol" <cnicolor@akamai.com>
To: "'bbarnes@CI.Cambridge.MA.US'" <bbarnes@CI.Cambridge.MA.US>
Subject: Gondola Proposal
Date sent: Tue, 22 May 2001 10:39:20 -0400

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I am writing to you to request that you do NOT let the Gondola's take up business in the Canal area near the Cambridge Galleria. I am a resident at Thomas Graves Landing and I have seen the congestion of boats in this area as well as heard all of the noise too.

The Gondolas are a safety hazard to the water ways. The Gondolas may be good on canals, but with the winds of the Charles River it's whole different story. The Charles River is one of the most difficult rivers to sail in because the high winds change instantly. It is always been well known that if you can sail on the Charles River then you can sail anywhere in the world.

Granted, a Gondola is not a sailboat and the Charles River is NOT a canal. The Charles River is a body of water that has strength and powerful high winds unlike the mild canals in Venice. There are small boats in this area with children on these boats; the height/size of the Gondolas can block the sitings of small boats, canoes, and kyacks. Although this sounds like a neat idea, this is a HUGE safety hazard to our community. This concept is a diaster just waiting to happen and a bad legal decision for the City of Cambridge. It would be a shame if some innocent adults and children got hurt/killed as a result of this decision.

As a secondary issue, from a visual standpoint - the Canal is cluttered with enough signs, booths, and litter.

There are enough activities going on in this small body of water and it really doesn't need anymore activities.

Please consider the safety of our community, I urge the Licensing Committee to vote NO on May 24th when the Board is scheduled to meet on this issue.

Best Regards,

C. A. Nicolora

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From: CAMBMAS1@aol.com
Date sent: Wed, 16 May 2001 09:53:32 EDT
Subject: Fwd: Gondola Proposal
To: MHorgan@ci.cambridge.ma.us

Please forward to the License Commission.

Thanks,

Michael

Mary Horgan

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Wed, 16 May 2001 16:44:22

From: "Nicolora, Carol" <cnicolor@akamai.com>
To: ""KathyBorn@aol.com"" <KathyBorn@aol.com>,
""jbraude@ci.cambridge.ma.us"" <jbraude@ci.cambridge.ma.us>,
""henridavis@aol.com"" <henridavis@aol.com>,
""mdecker@ci.cambridge.ma.us"" <mdecker@ci.cambridge.ma.us>,
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""dmaher@ci.cambridge.ma.us"" <dmaher@ci.cambridge.ma.us>,
""msullivan@ci.cambridge.ma.us"" <msullivan@ci.cambridge.ma.us>,
""TimToomey@aol.com"" <TimToomey@aol.com>,
""kreeves@ci.cambridge.ma.us"" <kreeves@ci.cambridge.ma.us>
Subject: Gondola Proposal
Date sent: Tue, 15 May 2001 10:41:00 -0400

Dear City Councilors,

I am writing to you to request that you do NOT let the Gondola's take up business in the Canal area near the Cambridge Galleria. I am a resident at Thomas Graves Landing and I have seen the congestion of boats in this area as well as heard all of the noise too.

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C. A. Nicolora

From: **BBarnes@CI.Cambridge.MA.US (Benjamin C. Barnes)**
Organization: **City of Cambridge, Massachusetts USA**
To: **rscali**
Date sent: **Thu, 17 May 2001 09:20:34 -0500**
Subject: **(Fwd) Gondolas on the Charles River**
Priority: **normal**

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From: "Kate Fichter" <ksf1@mediaone.net>
To: <bbarnes@CI.Cambridge.MA.US>
Subject: Gondolas on the Charles River
Date sent: Wed, 16 May 2001 21:07:12 -0400

Dear Mr. Barnes;

I am writing in regard to a notice in the May 13, 2001 'Boston Globe' regarding an up-coming vote on gondola service in Canal Park. I think it would be *wonderful* to have gondolas on the Charles, and I hope very much that the Commission will vote to approve the jitney license application for Gondola di Venezia.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Kate Fichter
Orrin Street
Cambridge

----- End of forwarded message -----

May 11, 2001

City of Cambridge Licensing Commission:

Gentlemen and Mesdames:

I strenuously object to the proposed operation of Gondolas here in our neighborhood. I believe it would draw the same population that we believed the Cinemas would attract, the same noise, commotion, traffic, and threat to security.

It could easily bring in busloads of people as the Museum of Science does now, (where would they park?) and could be considered by the Boston Tourist Office as one of their suggestions and attractions, just as the Duck Tours are now.

This is our home. I think the location of the kiosk and boarding platform particularly inappropriate and invasive, resembling a theme park.

I also feel it would eventually contribute to the devaluation of our property, and am requesting the Cambridge Licensing Commission to refuse to issue a license to operate the Gondolas. Thank you.

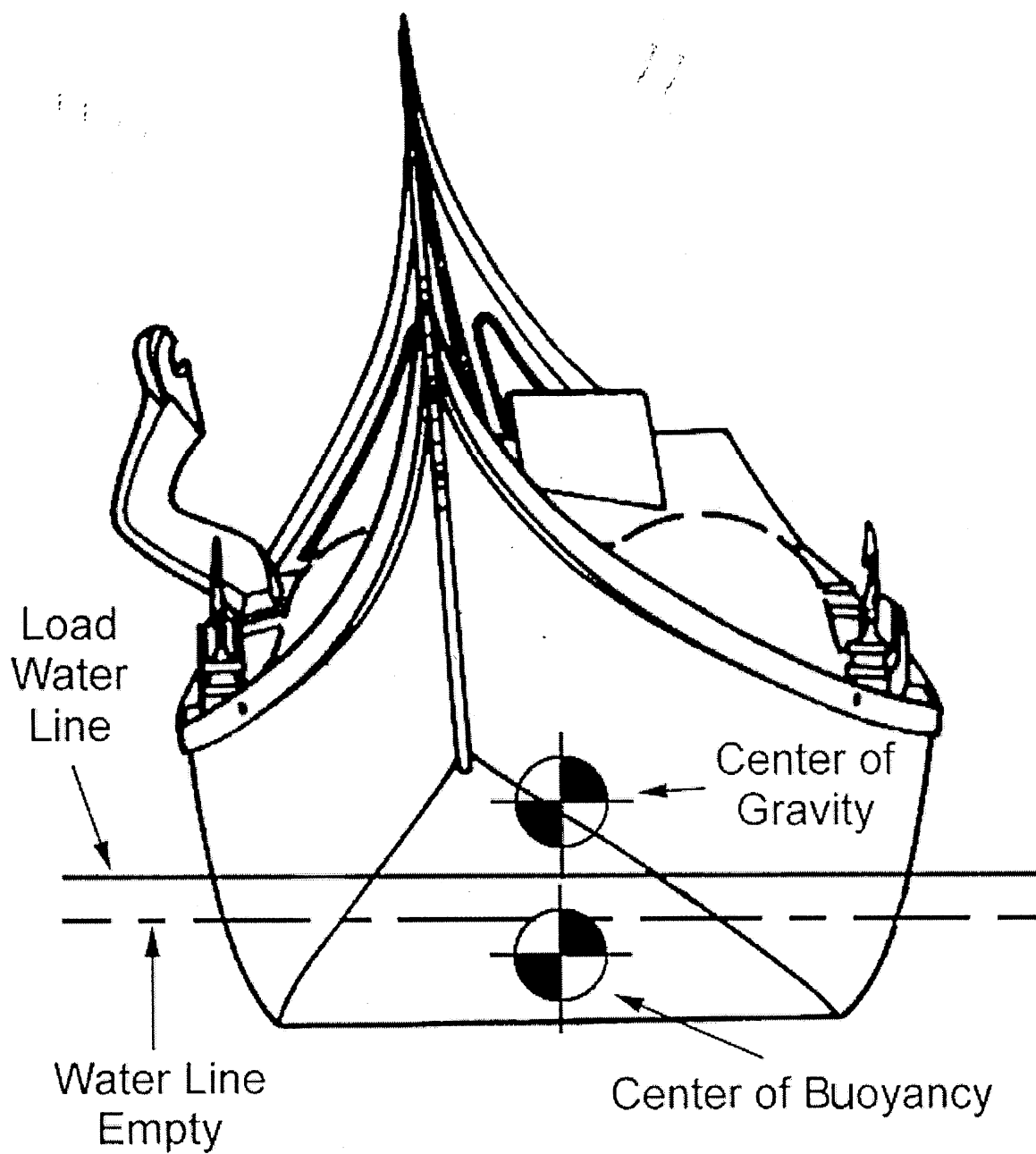
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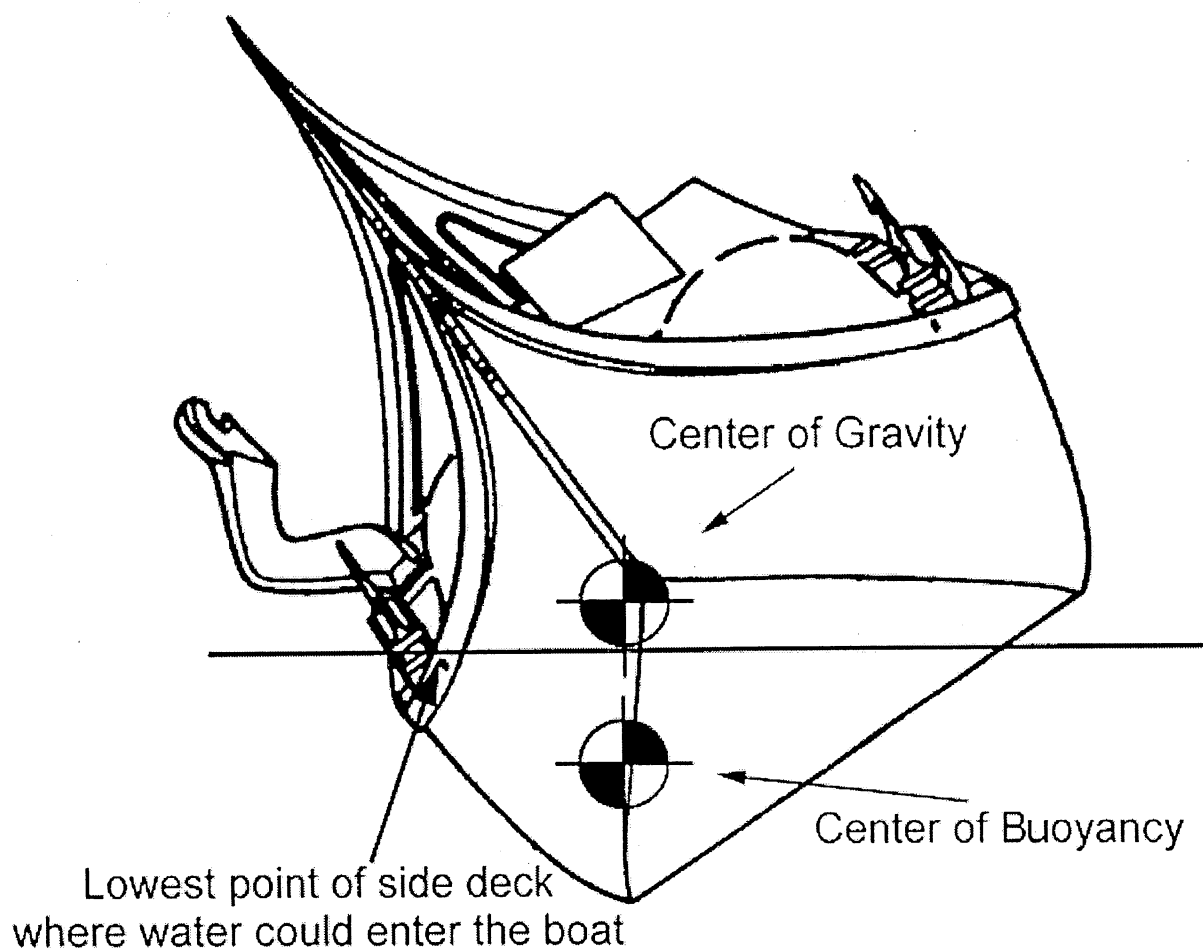
Eleanor R. Hickey

4 Canal Park #207
Cambridge, MA 02141





Maximum inclination of Gondola before water can enter







CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

BETH RUBENSTEIN

*Assistant City Manager for
Community Development*

MALAINA BOWKER

*Deputy Director for
Community Development*

May 8, 2001

To: The License Commission *JRB*
From: J. Roger Boothe, Director of Urban Design
Subject: Proposed Gondola Use at Lechmere Canal

The proposal that is before you to license gondola service in Lechmere Canal Park is consistent with the goals of the City's revitalization effort for the East Cambridge riverfront. The centerpiece of the nationally recognized plan for the riverfront is Lechmere Canal Park, with its beautiful fountain and surrounding landscaping and plazas. The Planning Board has approved Planned Unit Development special permits for all of the buildings that front onto the canal, and there are companion developer agreements that require, among other things, the participation of the abutters in the upkeep of this very special public space. The City shares the concerns of the abutters that the park remain a successful urban park, with a healthy liveliness that comes from well-managed special events, the ground floor retail uses in the area, and a general sense that this is a place where everyone is welcome.

An essential aspect of a successful canal is use of the water by a variety of boats. Private boats come and go to the canal, adding a relatively new destination to the Charles River basin, with its bustling water use. Several years ago, the Cambridge Boat Company established a sightseeing boat service that the City welcomed because it opened up the possibility of experiencing the river for people who do not own boats. The current proposal to allow two authentic Venetian gondolas to use the space would add another welcome dimension to the boating use of the canal and the river.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Anthony D. Galluccio
Mayor

May 8, 2001

Cambridge License Commission
31 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Gondola di Venezia Application for Jitney License

Dear Honorable Members of the License Commission

I am happy to submit this letter of support for Gondola di Venezia's application for a jitney license to operate a water tour service at the lower basin of the Charles River. Joe Gibbons, who with his wife Camille is interested in bringing this service to Cambridge, is a Cambridge native who, with his family, have been active and involved members of our community for many years. Joe Gibbons has operated a well-respected electrical contracting company for many years.

This venture will offer a unique opportunity for people to enjoy one of our greatest assets, the Charles River. It is my understanding that Joe and Camille have been in touch with a large number of government and regulatory agencies and have received support from the MDC Harbormaster and approval from the Cambridge Conservation Commission for this service. There does not appear to be any water safety concerns at issue.

It is my understanding that the Gibbons have acquired authentic Venetian Gondolas for this service and that the operators of these craft will have been thoroughly trained in the safe operations of these vessels. I feel strongly that new non-motorized use of the Charles River by new users will increase support for clean up and protection of this precious resource. Joe Gibbons success as an electrical contractor in Cambridge couples with his active involvement in our community allows me to support this application without reservation. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony D. Galluccio".

Anthony D. Galluccio
Mayor, City of Cambridge



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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Kenneth E. Reeves
City Councillor

Mayor
1992-1995

May 8, 2001

Mr. Benjamin Barnes, Commissioner
Cambridge License Commission
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Commissioner Barnes and Members of the License Commission:

RE: Gondolas on the Charles

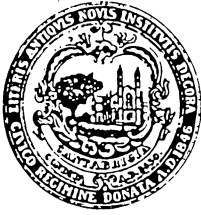
It has come to my attention that you will review tonight; the proposal of a potential licensee to offer Gondola rides on the Charles River. I strongly support this proposal, provided that passenger safety can be assured.

I think that Gondolas on the Charles represent a 21st Century innovation for Cambridge. Of course, Las Vegas already has the Venetian Hotel and shopping concourse with indoor Gondolas, but we might be the first to have the American River Gondola experience.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth E. Reeves". The signature is written in dark ink and is followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line.

Kenneth E. Reeves
City Councillor



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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May 7, 2001

Mr. Joseph Gibbons
Gondola di Venezia, LLC
136 Davis Road
Acton, MA 01720

Re: Order of Conditions, Gondola di Venezia, Canal Park

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Enclosed you should find the Order of Conditions issued to Gondola di Venezia, LLC by the Cambridge Conservation Commission for work to install a seasonal floating dock and associated ticket kiosk within the northeastern portion of Canal Park in Cambridge. This Order of Conditions refers to the Notice of Intent and all supplemental information submitted to the Conservation Commission and presented at the public hearing on April 23, 2001.

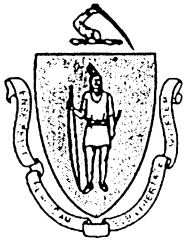
Please carefully review the permit conditions with your contractor and call me with any questions at (617) 349-4680.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Julia M. Bowdoin".

Julia Bowdoin
Director

cc: Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager, City of Cambridge
DEP Northeast Regional Office, File # 123-155
Megan B. Raymond, LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc.



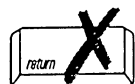
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A. General Information

Important:
When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



From:

Cambridge Conservation Commission
Conservation Commission

This issuance is for (check one):

- ☒ Order of Conditions
☐ Amended Order of Conditions

To: Applicant:

Gondola di Venezia, LLC

Name

139 Davis Road

Mailing Address

Acton

MA

01720

City/Town

State

Zip Code

Property Owner (if different from applicant):

City of Cambridge

Name

795 Massachusetts Avenue

Mailing Address

Cambridge

MA

02139

City/Town

State

Zip Code

1. Project Location:

Canal Park

Street Address

Map 8

Assessors Map/Plat Number

Cambridge

City/Town

Parcel 50

Parcel/Lot Number

2. Property recorded at the Registry of Deeds for:

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County

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Certificate (if registered land)

3. Dates:

April 9, 2001

Date Notice of Intent Filed

April 23, 2001

Date Public Hearing Closed

May 7, 2001

Date of Issuance

4. Final Approved Plans and Other Documents (attach additional plan references as needed):

Notice of Intent Report

Title

April 9, 2001

Date

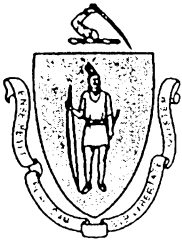
5. Final Plans and Documents Signed and Stamped by:

Name

6. Total Fee:

\$55.00

(from Appendix B: Wetland Fee Transmittal Form)



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B. Findings

Findings pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act:

Following the review of the above-referenced Notice of Intent and based on the information provided in this application and presented at the public hearing, this Commission finds that the areas in which work proposed is significant to the following interests of the Wetlands Protection Act. Check all that apply:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| ☐ Public Water Supply | ☐ Land Containing Shellfish | ☒ Prevention of Pollution |
| ☐ Private Water Supply | ☒ Fisheries | ☒ Protection of Wildlife Habitat |
| ☐ Groundwater Supply | ☒ Storm Damage Prevention | ☒ Flood Control |

Furthermore, this Commission hereby finds the project, as proposed, is: (check one of the following boxes)

Approved subject to:

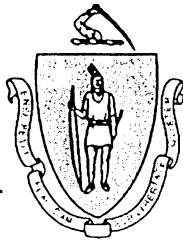
- ☒ the following conditions which are necessary, in accordance with the performance standards set forth in the wetlands regulations, to protect those interests checked above. This Commission orders that work shall be performed in accordance with the Notice of Intent referenced above, the following General Conditions, and any other special conditions attached to this Order. To the extent that the following conditions modify or differ from the plans, specifications, or other proposals submitted with the Notice of Intent, these conditions shall control.

Denied because:

- ☐ the proposed work cannot be conditioned to meet the performance standards set forth in the wetlands regulations to protect those interests checked above. Therefore, work on this project may not go forward unless and until a new Notice of Intent is submitted which provides measures which are adequate to protect these interests, and a final Order of Conditions is issued.
- ☐ the information submitted by the applicant is not sufficient to describe the site, the work, or the effect of the work on the interests identified in the Wetlands Protection Act. Therefore, work on this project may not go forward unless and until a revised Notice of Intent is submitted which provides sufficient information and includes measures which are adequate to protect the Act's interests, and a final Order of Conditions is issued. A description of the specific information which is lacking and why it is necessary is attached to this Order as per 310 CMR 10.05(6)(c).

General Conditions (only applicable to approved projects)

1. Failure to comply with all conditions stated herein, and with all related statutes and other regulatory measures, shall be deemed cause to revoke or modify this Order.
2. The Order does not grant any property rights or any exclusive privileges; it does not authorize any injury to private property or invasion of private rights.
3. This Order does not relieve the permittee or any other person of the necessity of complying with all other applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, bylaws, or regulations.



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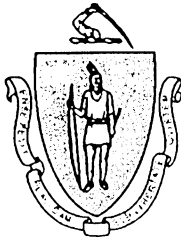
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B. Findings (cont.)

4. The work authorized hereunder shall be completed within three years from the date of this Order unless either of the following apply:
 - a. the work is a maintenance dredging project as provided for in the Act; or
 - b. the time for completion has been extended to a specified date more than three years, but less than five years, from the date of issuance. If this Order is intended to be valid for more than three years, the extension date and the special circumstances warranting the extended time period are set forth as a special condition in this Order.
5. This Order may be extended by the issuing authority for one or more periods of up to three years each upon application to the issuing authority at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the Order.
6. Any fill used in connection with this project shall be clean fill. Any fill shall contain no trash, refuse, rubbish, or debris, including but not limited to lumber, bricks, plaster, wire, lath, paper, cardboard, pipe, tires, ashes, refrigerators, motor vehicles, or parts of any of the foregoing.
7. This Order is not final until all administrative appeal periods from this Order have elapsed, or if such an appeal has been taken, until all proceedings before the Department have been completed.
8. No work shall be undertaken until the Order has become final and then has been recorded in the Registry of Deeds or the Land Court for the district in which the land is located, within the chain of title of the affected property. In the case of recorded land, the Final Order shall also be noted in the Registry's Grantor Index under the name of the owner of the land upon which the proposed work is to be done. In the case of the registered land, the Final Order shall also be noted on the Land Court Certificate of Title of the owner of the land upon which the proposed work is done. The recording information shall be submitted to this Conservation Commission on the form at the end of this Order, which form must be stamped by the Registry of Deeds, prior to the commencement of work.
9. A sign shall be displayed at the site not less than two square feet or more than three square feet in size bearing the words,

"Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection" [or, "MA DEP"]
"File Number _____"
10. Where the Department of Environmental Protection is requested to issue a Superseding Order, the Conservation Commission shall be a party to all agency proceedings and hearings before DEP.
11. Upon completion of the work described herein, the applicant shall submit a Request for Certificate of Compliance (WPA Form 8A) to the Conservation Commission.
12. The work shall conform to the plans and special conditions referenced in this order.
13. Any change to the plans identified in Condition #12 above shall require the applicant to inquire of the Conservation Commission in writing whether the change is significant enough to require the filing of a new Notice of Intent.
14. The Agent or members of the Conservation Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection shall have the right to enter and inspect the area subject to this Order at reasonable hours to evaluate compliance with the conditions stated in this Order, and may require the submittal of any data deemed necessary by the Conservation Commission or Department for that evaluation.



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B. Findings (cont.)

15. This Order of Conditions shall apply to any successor in interest or successor in control of the property subject to this Order and to any contractor or other person performing work conditioned by this Order.
16. Prior to the start of work, and if the project involves work adjacent to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, the boundary of the wetland in the vicinity of the proposed work area shall be marked by wooden stakes or flagging. Once in place, the wetland boundary markers shall be maintained until a Certificate of Compliance has been issued by the Conservation Commission.
17. All sedimentation barriers shall be maintained in good repair until all disturbed areas have been fully stabilized with vegetation or other means. At no time shall sediments be deposited in a wetland or water body. During construction, the applicant or his/her designee shall inspect the erosion controls on a daily basis and shall remove accumulated sediments as needed. The applicant shall immediately control any erosion problems that occur at the site and shall also immediately notify the Conservation Commission, which reserves the right to require additional erosion and/or damage prevention controls if it may deem necessary. Sedimentation barriers shall serve as the limit of work unless another limit of work line has been approved by this Order.

Special Conditions (use additional paper, if necessary):

See Attachment A

Findings as to municipal bylaw or ordinance

Furthermore, the _____ hereby finds (check one that applies):
Conservation Commission

- ☐ that the proposed work cannot be conditioned to meet the standards set forth in a municipal ordinance or bylaw specifically:

Name

Municipal Ordinance or Bylaw

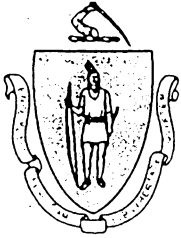
Therefore, work on this project may not go forward unless and until a revised Notice of Intent is submitted which provides measures which are adequate to meet these standards, and a final Order of Conditions is issued.

- ☐ that the following additional conditions are necessary to comply with a municipal ordinance or bylaw specifically:

Name

Municipal Ordinance or Bylaw

The Commission orders that all work shall be performed in accordance with the said additional conditions and with the Notice of Intent referenced above. To the extent that the following conditions modify or differ from the plans, specifications, or other proposals submitted with the Notice of Intent, the conditions shall control.



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B. Findings (cont.)

Additional conditions relating to municipal ordinance or bylaw:

This Order is valid for three years, unless otherwise specified as a special condition pursuant to General Conditions #4, from the date of issuance.

May 7, 2001
Date

This Order must be signed by a majority of the Conservation Commission. The Order must be mailed by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivered to the applicant. A copy also must be mailed or hand delivered at the same time to the appropriate Department of Environmental Protection Regional Office (see Appendix A) and the property owner (if different from applicant).

Signatures:

[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]

[Signature]
[Signature]

On 25th
Day

Of April 2001
Month and Year

before me personally appeared

Julia Bowdoin

to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged that he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed.

[Signature]
Notary Public

D. MARGARET DUDRY
My Commission Expires
FEBRUARY 17, 2006
My Commission Expires

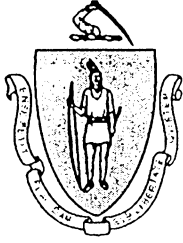
This Order is issued to the applicant as follows:

☐ by hand delivery on

☒ by certified mail, return receipt requested,

Date

May 7, 2001
Date



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C. Appeals

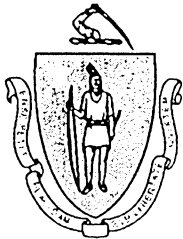
The applicant, the owner, any person aggrieved by this Order, any owner of land abutting the land subject to this Order, or any ten residents of the city or town in which such land is located, are hereby notified of their right to request the appropriate DEP Regional Office to issue a Superseding Order of Conditions. The request must be made by certified mail or hand delivery to the Department, with the appropriate filing fee and a completed Appendix E: Request of Departmental Action Fee Transmittal Form, as provided in 310 CMR 10.03(7) within ten business days from the date of issuance of this Order. A copy of the request shall at the same time be sent by certified mail or hand delivery to the Conservation Commission and to the applicant, if he/she is not the appellant.

The request shall state clearly and concisely the objections to the Order which is being appealed and how the Order does not contribute to the protection of the interests identified in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) and is inconsistent with the wetlands regulations (310 CMR 10.00). To the extent that the Order is based on a municipal ordinance or bylaw, and not on the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act or regulations, the Department has no appellate jurisdiction.

D. Recording Information

This Order of Conditions must be recorded in the Registry of Deeds or the Land Court for the district in which the land is located, within the chain of title of the affected property. In the case of recorded land, the Final Order shall also be noted in the Registry's Grantor Index under the name of the owner of the land subject to the Order. In the case of registered land, this Order shall also be noted on the Land Court Certificate of Title of the owner of the land subject to the Order of Conditions. The recording information on Page 7 of Form 5 shall be submitted to the Conservation Commission listed below.

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D. Recording Information (cont.)

Detach on dotted line, have stamped by the Registry of Deeds and submit to the Conservation Commission.

To:

Conservation Commission

Please be advised that the Order of Conditions for the Project at:

Project Location

DEP File Number

Has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds of:

County

Book

Page

for:

Property Owner

and has been noted in the chain of title of the affected property in:

Book

Page

In accordance with the Order of Conditions issued on:

Date

If recorded land, the instrument number identifying this transaction is:

Instrument Number

If registered land, the document number identifying this transaction is:

Document Number

Signature of Applicant

Order of Conditions, DEP File No. 123-155
Gondola di Venezia, LLC

Attachment A

Additional Special Conditions:

18. The applicant shall provide to the Conservation Commission copies of all other permits, variances, licenses or determinations which may be necessary for this project by other local, state and federal agencies. The applicant shall provide copies of all applicable permits to the Commission prior to commencement of work.
19. The applicant or its agent shall specify to the Commission, prior to commencement of activity on the site, the name and telephone number of the person designated by the applicant to be responsible for compliance with the conditions of this Order on the site and his/her alternate.
20. The applicant shall provide 72 hours notice to the Commission prior to commencement of activity on the site.
21. The members and agents of the Conservation Commission shall have the right to enter the site to verify compliance with this Order and to require the submittal of additional data deemed necessary by the Commission for that verification.
22. This Order of Conditions shall be included in all construction contracts and subcontracts dealing with the work proposed and shall supersede all conflicting contract requirements.
23. Where relevant, all facilities and equipment shall comply with this Order and the Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant, contractor, owner, successor or assignees shall be responsible for ensuring the lasting integrity of the surface cover on the site so as to prevent erosion, siltation, sedimentation, chemical contamination or other detrimental impact to the on-site and/or off-site resource areas.
24. No project-related debris or refuse shall be allowed to enter any Wetlands Resource Areas. Any debris or refuse entering a Wetland Resource Area must be removed immediately, by hand if possible.
25. Prior to requesting a Certificate of Compliance, the applicant shall submit to the Conservation Commission the following: An as-built plan prepared, signed, and dated by the project engineer, including color photographs of the site, which shall show all altered areas under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. The photographs shall be labeled, dated and keyed to the as-built plans for ready identification.



5-01-01

City of Cambridge
License Commission
Attn: Mr. Richard Scali, Executive Officer
831 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Scali,

I am writing to you at the request of Joseph and Camille Gibbons of Gondola Di Venezia. I understand they have a hearing later this month in regards to their new venture. I have been involved in the gondola business for fourteen years, starting when I was 14 years old as a gondolier in Long Beach California. After working there for over ten years, my business partner and I decided to create our own gondola business. We opened The Gondola Company in 1998, and operate in Coronado California. Over the years, we have had an overwhelmingly positive experience working with the community to help create a fun and unique service.

As with any new business venture, especially one as different as this, there can be many questions regarding safety, environmental impacts, and the benefits and drawbacks to the community. Although we operate in a public waterway, we realize that we would not exist if we did not have the support of the community. In my fourteen years in the business, we have yet to see any negative issues related to our service. In fact, I would say that the business brings a very positive element into the community. It provides people with another option for their recreation, and does not attract loud or obnoxious customers. A gondola ride is very peaceful and romantic, and lends itself to people who enjoy those qualities.

Joseph and Camille have already gone to great lengths to ensure that their service will be one of the most welcomed businesses to open on the entire East Coast. With the purchase of two authentic gondolas from Venice, Gondola Di Venezia will be one of only a handful of business in the entire United States to offer such a service. This in itself has been a tremendous source of pride for all the cities lucky enough to have this type of business in their community. In addition, the gondola is probably the safest and most environmentally friendly boat to give rides in. No noise pollution, and because they rely only on an oar for propulsion, there is no diesel or oil emissions. The safety of the gondola is truly amazing, due to the design which has not changed for over five hundred years. Combined with the low speed in which it travels, it ensures a safe and enjoyable cruise.

I hope both the city leaders and community embrace the arrival of Gondola Di Venezia. A gondola service can add a certain charm and elegance to an area, while providing a valuable and memorable experience to residents and visitors alike. If I could answer any questions or concerns you might have regarding this proposed project, please feel free to call me at any time at (619) 429-6317.

Best Regards,

Eric Johnson
Co-owner



Gondola di Venezia, LLC

Joseph and Camille Gibbons

Phone/Fax: 978-929-9465

email: GondoladiVenezia@aol.com

April 5, 2001

Lieutenant Lynde
Cambridge Fire Station
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA

Dear Lieutenant Lynde:

Thank you for taking your time in discussing with me the concerns that the Cambridge Fire Department would have concerning our company, Gondola di Venezia, LLC.

The primary concerns that you expressed to me were, first, life safety, and secondly, safe handling and refueling of our emergency boat that would serve our two manually operated gondolas.

Regarding the number one issue of life safety. We have given considerable thought and effort to assure a safe operation. The U.S. Coast Guard located in Boston has reviewed with us the code of Federal Regulations concerning manual powered crafts, referring to Chapters 24, 25, and 26 General Provisions. Please refer to our presentation on page two, which refers to U.S. Coast Guard regulations for more specifics.

In addition to the standard requirements for manual watercraft, we are CPR certified, in the process of taking a boat safety program, and most importantly, our rowing skills are to be refined in Venice, Italy. Upon returning from Venice, additional training will be provided to additional gondoliers as well as myself from three very experienced gondoliers from another gondola operation here in the United States. Our goal is to gain a level of confidence that will assure a safe and enjoyable experience.

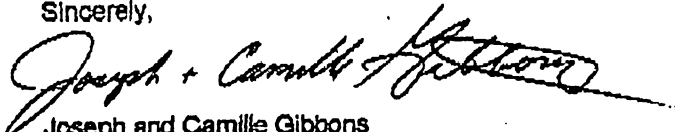
Regarding the second issue of fuel. As previously mentioned, our authentic Venetian gondolas are man powered, no fuel is necessary. However, our operation will require us to have an emergency chase boat that would return a gondola and its passengers safely to port should circumstances present themselves, such as; a lost oar, a sick passenger, or a sudden change in weather.

Our chase boat as seen in the specification sheets attached has two 6-gallon approved gasoline cans. These will be refueled simply by removing them from the boat and filled at a typical land gasoline station.

Enclosed, you will find our presentation booklet that has been submitted to the MDC and all City of Cambridge departments that needed to be contacted. You will also find some specification sheets with regards to the infrastructure of this business as well as a map showing our tour route.

Please contact us if you need additional information.

Sincerely,


Joseph and Camille Gibbons

City of Cambridge
Conservation Commission
Cambridge, Massachusetts

To the Members of the Commission:

I am a resident of Thomas Graves' Landing. I have lived in East Cambridge for the past twelve years and I have come to know and appreciate its people, its heritage and its diversity.

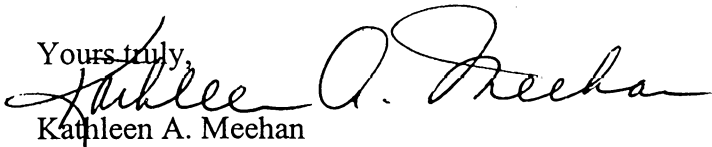
One of the pleasanter aspects of living where I do is the Cambridgeside Canal. It is a drawing place because of its peaceful, quiet ambiance. Many people enjoy sitting on the benches, on the grass, in the gazebo, reading and relaxing. People are considerate of others, no music is played loudly, children enjoy the playground. The proposal to allow gondolas to trespass this oasis is abhorrent.

Allowing this project to proceed would:

1. Breach the covenant of quiet enjoyment that is due me and my fellow tenants at Thomas Graves, and by implication all of those who now benefit from the use of the area.
2. Diminish property values for everyone in the near vicinity. The cartoonish, elaborate recreations of boats which properly belong to the canals of Venice (a venue far different and much larger than that here, indeed Venice is a City, not one small, narrow canal) will be a lurid, ridiculous eyesore, which when coupled with taped and sung music will result in visual and aural pollution the likes of which will drive down the value of properties forced to witness it.
3. Unduly burden the waterways. The combination of pleasure boats (there were four parked in the Canal this past weekend), the Cambridge Sightseeing Boats, Duck Tour Boats, crews from the universities and high schools, sailboats from Community Boating and other boat houses along the Charles cannot help but foreshadow an accident of unknown proportions. In addition to the inevitability of such an occurrence, another kiosk, waiting people, etc. will result in more waste being generated. Since the boats will be serving food, people will toss waste to feed the birds, etc. creating a hazard for canoers, windsurfers, kayakers and others

Citing the obvious risks, I find it hard to believe the Army Corps of Engineers would allow such an incursion into a highly used navigable waterway. I cannot believe other agencies and permitting bodies would see fit to support a scheme that is quite clearly not in the best interests of the Canal, its neighbors or the City of Cambridge. We are citizens of a city which makes us proud, it is not Venice or Las Vegas, it is Cambridge. We should work to preserve and enjoy a pleasant spot for everyone and not allow crass commercialism to run rampant to ghoulish effect.

Yours truly,


Kathleen A. Meehan

4 Canal Park
#702

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Conservation Commission
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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4 Canal Park
#702

Gondola status – please take one

Tuesday, May 8. 6:00 PM

Cambridge License Comm. Hearing

831 Mass. Ave., basement floor

Commission office suggests arriving by 6:30; item is on the 2nd half of evening's agenda.
Parking garage possibly on Pearl St.

May 3, 2001

Dear TGL Neighbors,

The Cambridge Licensing Commission will hear Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons' proposal to run a Venetian gondola tour service in the canal with a dock near the gazebo. The MDC has indicated its intention to approve the gondolas and related apparatus if appropriate permits from Cambridge depts. are granted.

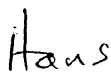
I contacted the Gibbons last week and asked for info on the application process underway in Cambridge as well as some questions about noise, expansion of the operation, etc. They have not responded to these questions as of this morning and gave a list of the many offices and boards they have been in touch with.

This handout has:

- 3 e-mails between me and the Gibbons pages 2-5
- Gondola info provided to Richard Huber pages 6-11
- Gondola proposal to Cambridge Conservation Commission (excerpts) pages 12-

I'll attend the meeting and then will be out of town for 2 weeks beginning May 11. If you are interested in staying abreast of this proposal, please leave me a note before then.

Best Wishes,



Hans Biemann
6 Canal PH3

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April 26 e-mail

Hans Biemann → Gibbons

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons,

Thank you for your prompt response to my e-mail and for explaining that you had indeed notified TGL by providing a letter and materials some time ago to our Property Manager. Indeed, I confirmed this morning that our trustees were aware of your proposal well in advance of the LEC mailing.

I remain interested in the history of your communication with the most significant Cambridge entities (other than the Conservation Commission). Your e-mail of this morning does not indicate an intention to provide this. Likewise, I wonder how abutters can learn of any likely upcoming public meetings to which you allude. I know only of the May 8 Licensing meeting.

To learn about the MDC, I called the Secretary's office and was told today that Secretary Chisolm says that the MDC has not yet granted permission for the plan (including temporary permission) and will await findings by the City of Cambridge.

A number of TGL residents are interested in learning about your plans and the process underway and it's great that you offer to speak with us. To enable people to decide whether they want to attend meetings or hearings and to formulate questions, some written info is of interest. I appreciate your referral to the documents on file at the Conservation Commission, which I have reviewed. A number of relevant elements are not included there and I replace my request of yesterday with the queries below. I can receive and distribute anything you provide (this week or next only) to interested residents and the Trustees and property managers. If you prefer, you may submit materials to the TGL Trustees (c/o Management Office, 4 Canal Park, Cambridge 02141), just let me know.

Here is my modified request from your organization:

1) Please provide copies of the following documents:

All written correspondence to date between your organization and major Cambridge offices and entities other than

Cambridge Fire Department

Cambridge Traffic and Parking Department

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Cambridge Zoning Department
Cambridge Conservation Commission

2) Please answer the following:

- ✓ Are you willing to limit any music, singing or noise louder than normal conversation to the river area outside of the canal (west of Edwin Land Blvd.)?
- ✓ Can you describe type and location of any signage?
- ✓ Are you willing to promise that no request will ever be made to increase the number or size of proposed vessels, dock, and kiosk?
- ✓ Do you agree with my above understanding that the MDC has not allowed the gondola proposal as yet?
- ✓ Could you list any Cambridge entities that you are aware are likely to have a meeting or hearing which your organization can attend in May or June? Dates if known?

The months or years of preparation you have been undertaking, including the regulatory dealings, are impressive! Thank you in advance for responding to this relatively small request for residents abutting the site.

Please respond with this info by next Tuesday, May 1.

Thank you !

Hans Biemann

cc: TGL Board of Trustees

From: Gondoladivenezia@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2001 9:19 AM
To: Hans-Peter.Biemann@genzyme.com
Cc: mraymond@lecenvironmental.com
Subject: Gondola di Venezia, LLC

April 26 e-mail
Gibbons → Hans Biemann

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Dear Hans-Peter Biemann,

My name is Joseph Gibbons and my wife is Camille Gibbons. We are the principal owners of Gondola di Venezia, LLC. For many years we have worked passionately in pursuing our dream of bringing authentic Venetian built gondolas to the Charles River.

The city of Cambridge has been home to my ten brothers and sisters and myself for most of our lives. My family is very much part of the Cambridge Community, not only paying taxes but participating in schools, sports, little league baseball, Boy Scouts, church, and many other cultural activities that

take place. Cambridge is home to the Gibbons family.

When I first read your letter, I was disturbed, simply because I personally put together and hand delivered to the Thomas Graves Landing Management in February 2001, a copy of our business plan. Attached to our business plan, I made it very clear at that time, I would be willing to speak with your association to hear any concerns, so that we could proceed as friendly neighbors and so the residents would have a clear factual understanding of our intentions before receiving the notice. We did not upto date receive any response to that communications. Attached you will find a copy of the letter.

Due to Conservation Commission Notice Of Intent regulations, we had to send approximately 173 certified letters to abutters which includes all surrounding properties. It's unfortunate that you had to be informed of our intentions in this way. I feel I did my best to keep abutters informed, for it is in everyone's best interest. You may want to look to your Management Company for lack of their communications to you and others that went uninformed.

Concerning regulatory authorities, below you will find a list of the various departments and organizations we have had contact with concerning necessary regulations.

- Metropolitan District Commission
- Commissioner Mr. David Balfour, Jr.
- Staff Members of MDC
- MDC Secretary William Chisholm
- MDC Concessions Committee
- Harbor Master Lt. John O'Donnell
- City of Cambridge, Terrence Smith, Chief of Staff
- of Mayor Anthony Galluccio's Office
- Cambridge City Councilors
- Cambridge Conservation Commission
- Cambridge License Commission
- Cambridge Planning Department
- Cambridge Fire Department
- Cambridge Traffic and Parking Department
- Cambridge Zoning Department
- United States Coast Guard
- Charles River Watershed Association

There has been many other communications with other individuals and groups, such as Thomas Graves, that are non-regulatory related, but we felt needed to be informed.

Please note all pertinent information in our Notice of Intent Report is available for you at the Conservation Commission, as well at all other public hearings relating to this matter.

Sincerely,
Joseph and Camille Gibbons
Gondola di Venezia, LLC

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Apr. 25 e-mail

Hans Biemann → G. Gibbons

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons,

Welcome back from Venice. The atmosphere must have been magical during your stay and I hope not too wet.

As one of the Canal Park residents who have just learned of your project from the LEC mailing I wish to catch up on your past communications with the MDC and Cambridge.

Like others here, I am naturally interested in any changes around our building, particularly of a commercial nature, and wish to understand the details. Topics on my mind include noise/music, signage, boat traffic, and possible effects on the character of our neighborhood and its ambience that residents and visitors enjoy. Likewise, as a life-long Cambridge resident, born nearby, I have an interest in the uses of this exceedingly rare community resource: a waterside park-like area with unique docking access. Additionally, I wish to understand what the future could bring: would it be legal for you to transfer this enterprise to someone else who might have different plans/motivations?

I learned today from another Canal Park resident, Ms. Meehan, that other abutters such as the mall and the river boat company had not been informed of the gondola plan. I wish to receive a detailed history of your interactions with the regulatory authorities so that all interested people have the opportunity to hear what you have discussed to date. I request that you provide copies of all written communication and summaries of meeting/conversations with representatives of regulatory bodies as well as the status of the review and approval process. You need not include info pertaining exclusively to the Conservation Commission-- the LEC protocol was sufficient (thank you). Because of the date of the Licensing Committee meeting I must request this by next Tuesday, May 1. I'll be happy to discuss the form and content of this transmission at your convenience. Please confirm your receipt of my request by the end of tomorrow, April 26.

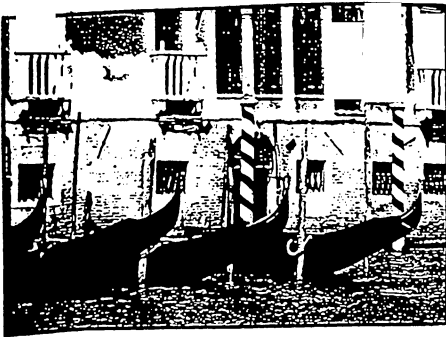
You may reach me by phone, e-mail, post or overnight services at either home or work. There are people on duty at both mailing addresses who can sign for mail.

Thank you and I look forward to being in touch.

Hans Biemann

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February 11, 2001

Mr. Richard Huber
Thomas Graves Landing
Canal Park
Cambridge, MA 02141

Dear Mr. Huber:

As a brief introduction, my name is Joseph Gibbons. My wife, Camille and I are the principal owners of Gondola di Venezia, L.L.C. Our business is a water tour service in true authentic Venetian gondolas. It is with a passion that we hope to bring our gondolas here to Canal Park on the Charles River.

Gondola di Venezia is currently working with the Metropolitan District Commission and the City of Cambridge in obtaining all necessary permits. It is with anticipation that we plan to open for our first gondola ride the beginning of July 2001.

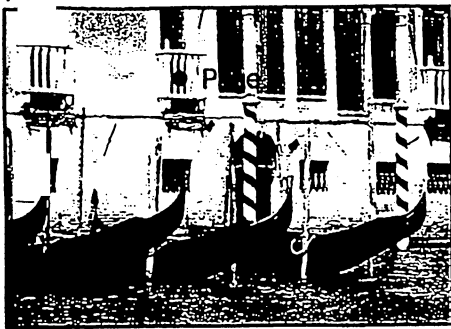
We have enclosed a presentation, outlining a preliminary business plan and some interesting facts about the Venetian gondola, for your review. In addition, you will find several photographs that will give a visual perception as to what our gondolas will look like on the Charles River.

If you or any member of Thomas Graves Landing have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail us. It is our intention to keep you informed so that as a potential neighbor, we can have a friendly and fair relationship.

Thank you, in advance, for your time concerning Gondola di Venezia, L.L.C.

Sincerely,

Joseph Gibbons
Camille Gibbons



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December 12, 2000

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Preferred Place of Operation: As you are aware our preferred place of operation is Canal Park, located at the lower basin, behind the Museum of Science. After entering the canal and passing under the bridge, you will find a large gazebo on the right hand side. The gazebo patio extends around the canal and this allows for a safe unobstructed area for boarding passengers.

Information Booth: So that we can present our business to the public, we would like to have an information booth (kiosk). This would allow us a place for a sign, display brochures, take reservations, store additional life jackets, and importantly keep passenger logs (per the U.S. Coast Guard). The estimated size of the structure is 4'x4'x8', professionally constructed and painted. During the off-season from October 31st thru April 31st, this structure will be removed and stored.

Boarding Passengers: In order to board passengers safely, it will be necessary to have a floating dock, secured in place with a small ramp that gives access from the sidewalk to the dock. The dock size will be 24'x5', made of pressure treated wood with non-skid surfaces, supported by approved floatation devices. The ramp will be made of aluminum with non-skid surfaces. Safety roping will be in place on all four sides of the dock. In addition, we would like to have two gondola mooring poles attached to the floating dock. Note: The dock would be very similar to the existing dock facility at the Charles River Boat Tours.

Times of Operation: Gondola di Venezia will be conducting tours from May 1st thru October 31st, seven days per week, during the hours of 2:00 p.m. thru 11:00 p.m. All times are subject to weather and wind conditions and at the discretion of the gondolier. When possible the reservationist will give notice to those who have reservations if a tour needs to be rescheduled.

Pricing Structure: During the first year of 2001, reservations for a 40-45 minute tour for two passengers will cost \$65, each additional passenger is \$10, and children \$5. Walk-ons (no reservations) for a 15-20 minute tour will cost \$15 each passenger (two passenger minimum) and children \$10. Cash and credit cards will be accepted. For additional costs an accordion player or other musician and singer can be arranged for reservations only. Note: Final pricing will be subject to change contingent to start-up expenses.

Tour Route: Reservation tours for 40-45 minutes will leave the docking facility and proceed around the beautiful fountain at the end of Canal Park. It will then continue out of Canal Park under the Cambridge Parkway Bridge and into the Charles River basin. It will move towards the Longfellow Bridge, partially cross the river heading towards the Beacon Hill section of Boston and then return to Canal Park. Walk-on tours for 15-20 minutes will tour Canal Park and once into the Charles River basin, approximately 75 yards beyond the Cambridge Parkway Bridge, it will turn around and re-enter Canal Park.

Safety and U.S. Coast Guard Regulations: Our gondolas are built in Venice and will be equipped to meet all U.S. Coast Guard regulations. All gondoliers will be CPR certified. On board each gondola will be seven life jackets, one for each passenger and one for the gondolier. Children's life jackets will be maintained at the information booth, all children under 12 years old will be required to wear a life jacket before boarding a gondola. Also, included on each gondola will be a life safety ring and 20' rope, a hand or foot powered horn, an emergency flare gun, a flashlight, a first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, and a bow lantern for night operation. Note: Gondola di Venezia will not operate in inclement weather or on windy days.



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Tour Offers: The gondola ride will offer a safe, scenic, and relaxing water tour. A friendly gondolier will be at the passengers' service and will give a brief history of the Venetian gondola and share some interesting facts. In addition, the gondolier will be able to point out some local points of history relating to the Charles River and Boston/Cambridge. Traditionally, Venetian gondoliers do not sing but our gondoliers will do their best to accommodate anyone. A basket of cheese and crackers will be served for reservation customers.

Insurance: Gondola di Venezia is in the process of selecting a reputable company to satisfy all insurance necessary to operate a gondola tour service on the Charles River.

Mooring and Safe Keeping: Gondola di Venezia is researching all potential possibilities in the lower basin area for a safe and easily accessible location to park the gondolas during off hours of operation, from May 1st thru October 31st. The two nearest boat clubs claim to have a four-year waiting list. The cost of two boat slips and the availability are not financially reasonable or practical at this time. There are several other potential mooring possibilities, but we would need the support of the MDC.

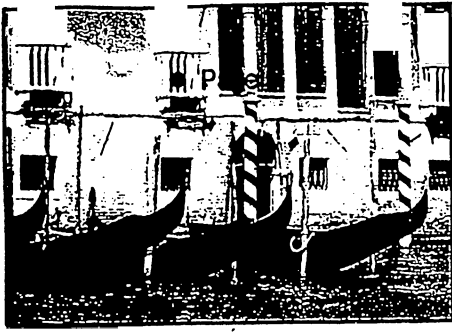
Option #1 - The boathouse, next to the Museum of Science, would be a perfect place for gondolas. We can definitely envision the potential of this building, so we thought it was worth mentioning as an option.

Option #2 - The possibility of securing two moorings that exist along the Memorial Drive side of the Charles River.

Option #3 - Or, if existing moorings are not available, is there the possibility of setting two moorings closer to Canal Park.

Option #4 - The gondolas could be moored next to the dock facility at Canal Park. This would require a security screen to be built so that the gondolas would be protected from vandals during off-hours. A permanent flexible accordion-style steel grate could be attached to the docking facility, this would allow us to lock access to the gondolas.

Facts About Gondolas: There are only about eight real Venetian gondolas here in the United States. Some gondolas are canoe like imitations, similar to the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, which are 20' long. Real Venetian gondolas are 38' long and 5' wide, the draft of the boat is 9" empty and 10" full, weight limit is 1200 pounds, minimum water depth is 18", and it weighs approximately 1000 pounds. The types of woods used to build a gondola are oak, elm, fir, larch, cherry, mahogany, basswood, and walnut. It takes eight different types of skilled trades to add to the design of the gondola; such as a gilder, a woodcarver, upholsterer, a blacksmith, a painter, a furniture maker, a carpenter, and an oar and forcola maker. Only five men remain in Venice that can still produce an authentic Venetian gondola. These men are highly respected. They are considered Maestro's in their field and that is how they are addressed. One cannot buy a blueprint or a plan to build a gondola. Many boat builders around the world have tried and failed to reproduce a true gondola. Only one man has come close and that was produced in Manchester By The Sea in Massachusetts. Venetians typically ride in Gondolas on two occasions in their lives, on their wedding day and during their own funeral. Gondola rides in Venice are usually for the tourists. In 1996, an American boat builder received a grant in order to explore the near extinct trade of gondola building. He is now in the process of establishing a school to assist in preserving the art for future gondola builders.



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Questions:

When will the gondolas arrive in Boston?

Gondola #1 has been under construction for nearly one year. Gondola #2 is a five-year-old pre-owned gondola in excellent condition and is being customized. We will be training on these gondolas in Venice in April, therefore they will be shipped at the end of the session. Both gondolas should arrive in Boston approximately between June 1st and June 15th of 2001.

What type of training is necessary for gondoliers?

Our gondoliers will have at least ten days of intense technique and rowing skill training in Venice, Italy. A well-seasoned gondolier in the canals of Venice will provide coaching. Our Venetian gondolier will then arrive in Boston at the same time as the gondolas in order to assist in the launching into the Charles River. Our gondoliers will then have any additional training necessary to prepare for passengers.

Who will be piloting the gondolas as gondoliers?

Joseph Gibbons (owner) and John Ragosa will be the original gondoliers. As necessary additional gondoliers will be trained.

When will Gondola di Venezia open for business?

It is our hope to be ready to provide our tour service and board passengers by July 1, 2001.

What will Gondola di Venezia do for the community?

Gondola di Venezia is excited about the possibilities relating to community service. Whether displaying our gondolas during the many festivities on the river or offering educational tours for school children and other organizations, we look forward with much enthusiasm to be working with the MDC. It is one of our major goals to promote our concept as community friendly, environmentally safe, and unique to the Boston area.

GONDOLA di VENEZIA

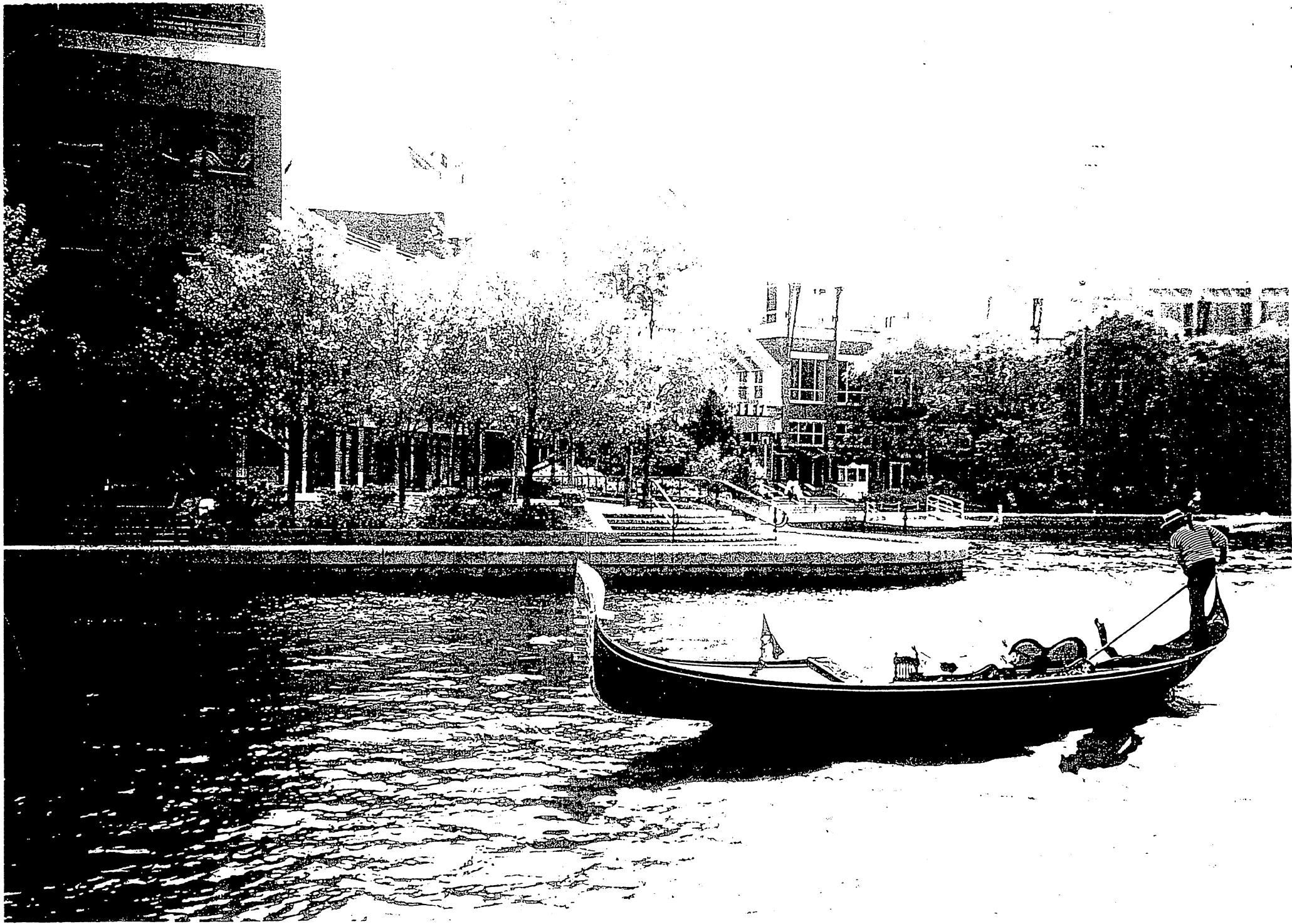
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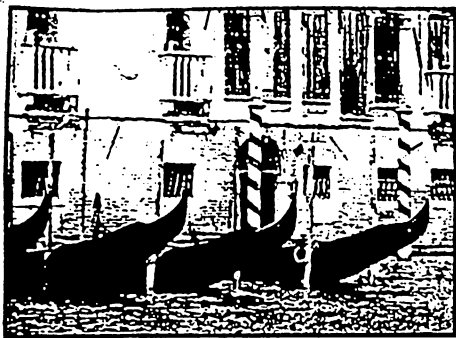
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*TO HAVE FUN, WHILE PRESENTING WITH
PASSION TO THE PUBLIC THE HISTORY, THE
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SPECIAL AND VERY RARE BOATS.*

JOSEPH AND CAMILLE





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Meeting

April 23 - 8:30 PM Conservation Commission
51 Inman St

May 8 - ~~City Council~~
Cambridge Licensing Comm.

**Proposal for the Operation
of Gondolas
on the Charles River Basin
February 19, 2001**

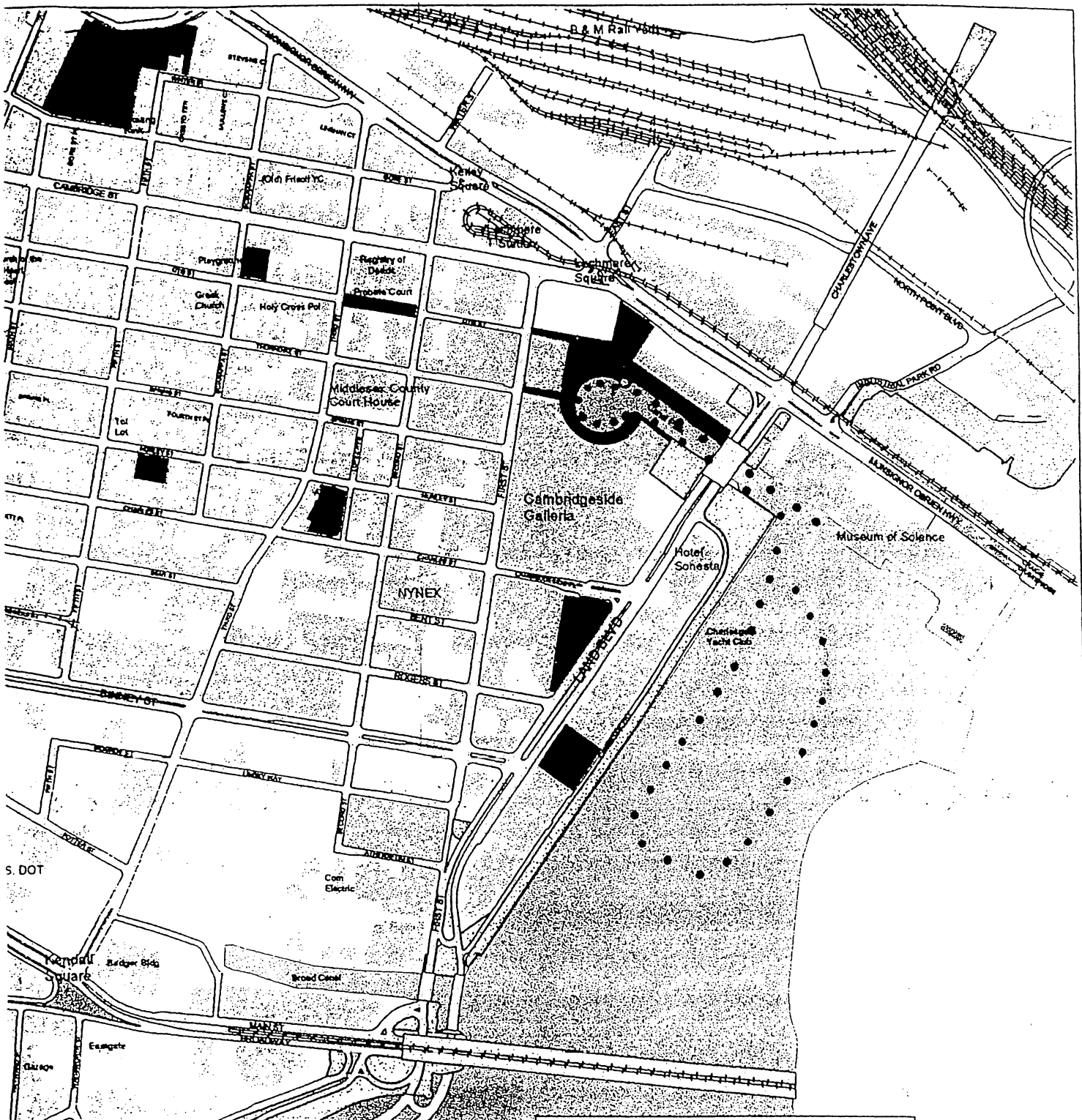
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Selected pages from
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Commission
238 Broadway



Gondola di Venezia L.L.C

RED DOT
45 minute reservation tour

BLUE DOT
15 minute walk on tour

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| Railroad | Open space |
| Buildings | City Park and Playground |
| Major Transportation | State & Federal Park |
| Paved Roads | School |
| Bridges/Overpasses | Cemetery |
| | Urban Plaza |
| | Traffic Island |
| | Youth Center |
| | Public Pool |
| | Municipal Golf Course |

Section II
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES
SCHEDULE OF OPERATION

Gondola di Venezia, LLC has true Venetian gondolas. Each gondola is 38 feet long. The width of a gondola at its widest point is five feet. The draft of the boat is 9" empty and 10" full. The gondola weighs 1,000 lbs. The minimum water depth is 18". The weight limit is 1200 lbs. A 14' oar is used to power and steer the gondola. The oar sits in an oar lock known as a forcola. Each gondola has seating to accommodate up to six passengers. Gondola #1 was contracted in April 2000 to be built by Venetian gondola builder Thom Price and his maestro Daniele Bonaldo. During this construction time a local gondolier admired the workmanship and ornate carvings on the gondola. The local gondolier negotiated to have the same gondola built for him in Venice. This presented us with the opportunity to negotiate to purchase a second gondola. Gondola #2 was built in 1996 by Maestro Daniele Bonaldo and had been meticulously maintained. Both gondolas are painted gloss black, have detailed carving with highlights of gold leaf, and decorative and ornamental features.

Camille will handle the reservations and scheduling of tours. She will manage the employees and all necessary paperwork, along with banking and public relations issues.

During the day to day operations, Joe will be #1 gondolier, whenever necessary a second gondolier will be added to work the other gondola. At all times there will be another person on the dock, who will have telephone access to the gondoliers on the water. In the event of an unforeseen type situation, the dockhand will have access to a small motorboat that is tied to the side of our dock at all times. This person will also assist the gondolier mooring in and out of the dock area as well as assist passengers boarding and disembarking the gondola.

Gondoliers will be wearing traditional Venetian straw hats with ribbon and striped shirts. The same striped shirt will identify all other employees. All employees will be certified in First Aid and CPR and will have two-way cell phones at all times.

A ramp and floating dock will provide passengers easy access to the gondola from the sidewalk and curbing. The ramp will provide easy access for the handicapped, however a wheel chair cannot be accommodated on board the gondola. The floating dock is similar to the Charles River Boat Company dock but smaller in proportion. It will also have two gondola mooring poles attached for decorative purposes to be painted with stripes and gold caps, approximately seven feet high.

Section II
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES
SCHEDULE OF OPERATION

RESERVATION: 45 MINUTE TOUR

*	2 PEOPLE	\$65.00
*	EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON	\$10.00
*	CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER	\$ 5.00

A basket of cheese and crackers will be included with this tour. If requested, plastic glasses will be provided if the customer decides to bring a beverage. Warm blankets will be provided if necessary. If previously arranged, an accordion player and singer can be scheduled at an additional cost.

This tour will begin in Canal Park, proceed around the fountain, and continue up the canal under the Cambridge Parkway Bridge. It will continue to the right towards the Longfellow Bridge. At approximately the 20-minute mark, the gondola will turn towards the east bank of the Charles River providing a panoramic view of Beacon Hill, completing the loop back to Canal Park for the completion of the tour.

NON-RESERVATION
OR WALK-ON:

20 MINUTE TOUR

*	EACH PERSON	\$15.00
*	CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER	\$10.00

The tour will begin in Canal Park, proceed around the fountain, and continue up the canal under the Cambridge Parkway Bridge. Then within 75 yards, the gondola will turn around and reverse direction back towards Canal Park for the completion of the tour.

Soft and relaxing Italian operatic music will be playing on all gondola tours. If requested the gondolier will sing one song. The gondolier will be able to share the history surrounding the area. As well as to speak about the mystery, romance, and unique facts of the Venetian Gondola.

Section IV
PROPOSED COMPENSATION

YEAR #1

2001 (based on 87 days of operation)

PROJECTED GROSS REVENUE		\$ 64,815
COMPENSATION TO MDC		
CASH PAYMENT	\$ 1,944	
COMMUNITY PASSES	\$ 1,944	
6% TOTAL		\$ 3,888

YEAR #2

2002 (based on 120 days of operation)

PROJECTED GROSS REVENUE		\$145,200
COMPENSATION TO MDC		
CASH PAYMENT	\$ 4,356	
COMMUNITY PASSES	\$ 4,356	
6% TOTAL		\$ 8,712

YEAR #3

2003 (based on 120 days of operation)

PROJECTED GROSS REVENUE		\$176,400
COMPENSATION TO MDC		
CASH PAYMENT	\$ 5,292	
COMMUNITY PASSES	\$ 5,292	
6% TOTAL		\$10,584

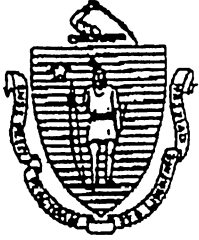
Section VI
PROVISIONS

Although some of the necessary provisions have been included in other areas of this proposal, the following is a list of additions:

- A.) Gondola di Venezia, LLC principals will conduct their business as scheduled daily. Advance notice would be appreciated if for any reason conducting this business interferes in any activities the City of Cambridge or MDC has planned. Gondola di Venezia, LLC plans to work with these two entities with the utmost adherence.
- B.) Gondola di Venezia, LLC is in the process of obtaining all necessary liability, fire, and theft insurance. We understand that the MDC shall be named as additional insured on all policies. A requirement of a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00 per person and \$3,000,000.00 per accident shall be listed. We shall provide copies of all policies to the MDC upon request.
- C.) Gondola di Venezia, LLC is aware of the surrounding neighbors and it is our intent to control the noise level. From a CD player on each gondola, located in a compartment, soft and relaxing Italian operatic music will be played in the lowest tone possible. The gondoliers will be instructed to sing only once outside the Canal basin.
- D.) Gondola di Venezia, LLC will have minimal trash which will be removed on a daily basis at their expense. In addition, the surrounding area of boarding will be diligently patrolled to keep it clean of trash and debris.

Section VII
REQUIREMENTS FOR BOAT

- 4) Gondola di Venezia, LLC can and will be flexible with the MDC concerning schedule of operation. It is our plan to conduct the tour service from May 15th through October 15th, weather permitting.
- 5) Gondola di Venezia, LLC will abide by all rules and regulations set by the Government and Use Of The Waters Of The Charles River Basin as stated by the MDC.
- 6) It is our opinion and our decision that a water tour of this nature would not be enhanced by a public address system. This is due to the fact that only six passengers can be accommodated at one time.
- 7) No signs for advertising will be used on MDC property.
- 8) Gondola di Venezia, LLC will not have any permanent structures. Note: ramp and floating dock will be removed at end of season.
- 9) Gondola di Venezia, LLC will not be operating in any type of inclement weather including wind.
- 10) It is Gondola di Venezia, LLC request to obtain a 5 year contract with an option to renew contract.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Metropolitan District Commission

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April 4, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

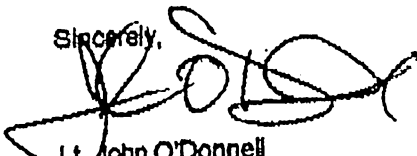
As Harbor Master Lieutenant John O' Donnell, I am the individual that oversees the waterways for the Metropolitan District Commission.

I have recently reviewed the proposal of business plans and maps presented by Camille and Joseph Gibbons of Gondola di Venezia, LLC. While safety on the water is my primary concern, I have taken other logistics into consideration such as boat traffic, existing boating operations and structures, and environmental impact.

After reviewing this information and meeting with Camille and Joseph, I support the operation of gondolas on the Charles River in Canal Park. We have agreed on the position of the removable mooring and floating dock. I will assist Gondola di Venezia at the time of placement of floats. I will review and coordinate annually this process.

I look forward to collaborating with Gondola di Venezia, LLC with enthusiasm on such a unique project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (617) 727-1188.

Sincerely,



Lt. John O'Donnell
MDC Harbor Master

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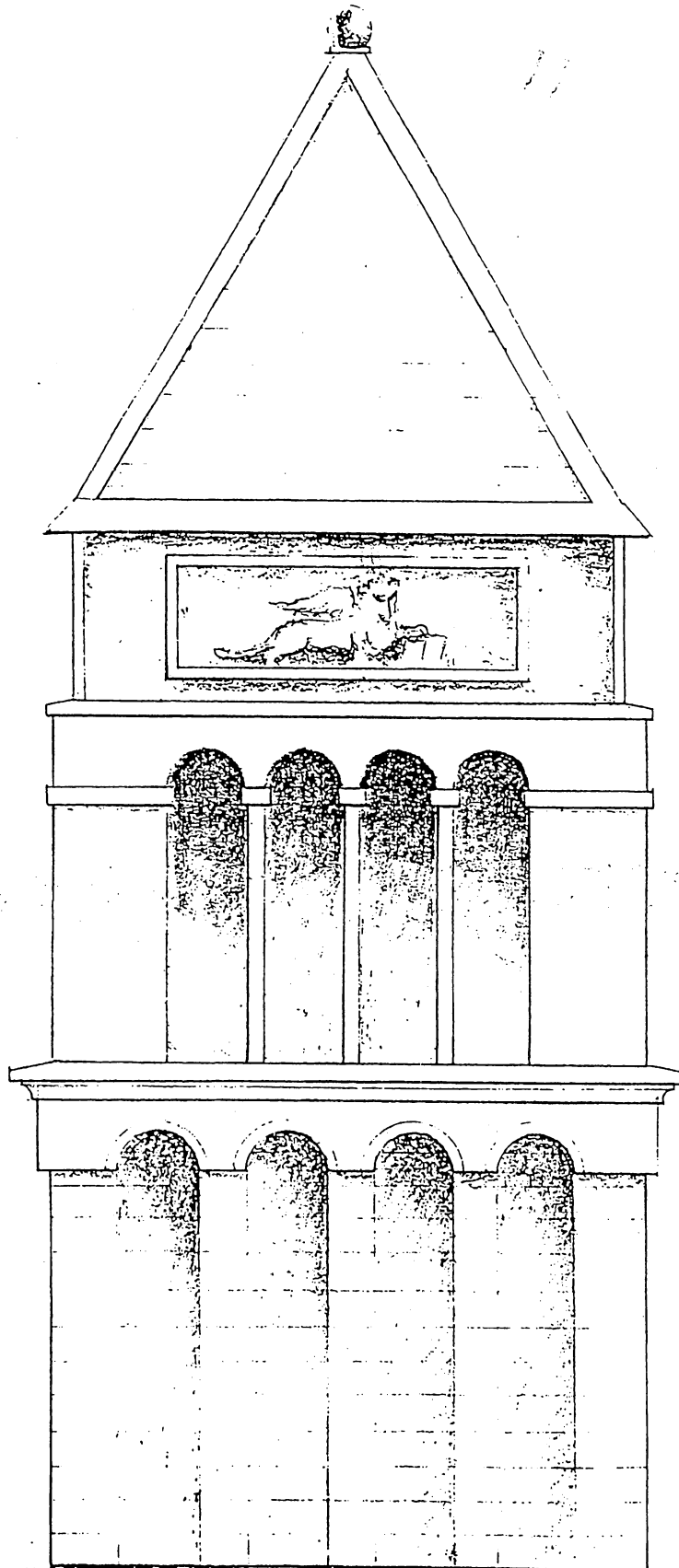
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- 2x6 floor construction
- 2x4 rafter construction
- ¾ inch plywood underlayment
- painted MDO sheathing
- exterior grade MDF 1x prime trim
- primer and paint
- caulking and sealant
- flashing where needed

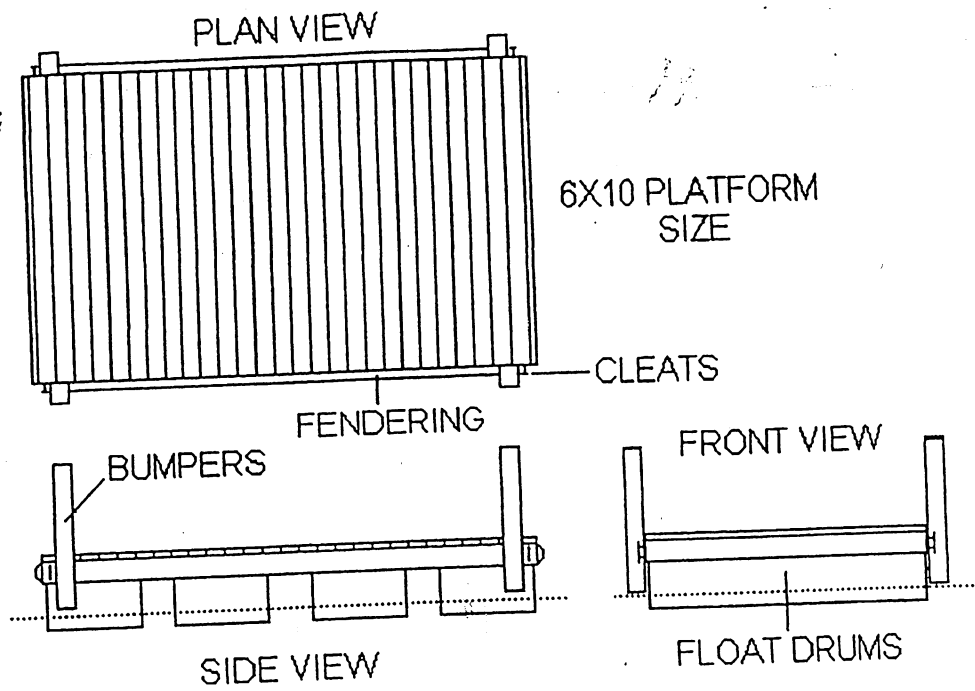
As discussed, the kiosk will be built so as to be easily disassembled. There will be three separate built volumes that are essentially stacked on top of one another and bolted together from the inside. Flashing details to prevent water infiltration will be determined as needed. The exterior sheathing will be MDO with all seams treated with waterproof caulking. All exposed materials will be primed and painted.

Construction of the three volumes will take place at our shop prior to the final on site assembly. Maintenance of the finished construction will be provided by T+M Design/Build as needed.

Gibbons' Kiosk
Cambridge, Massachusetts



PROPOSED MOORING FLOAT
GONDOLA DI VENEZIA
CAMBRIDGE, MA



Mr. Richard Huber
Thomas Graves Landing
Canal Park
Cambridge, MA 02141

Dear Mr. Huber:

As a brief introduction, my name is Joseph Gibbons. My wife, Camille and I are the principal owners of Gondola di Venezia, L.L.C. Our business is a water tour service in true authentic Venetian gondolas. It is with a passion that we hope to bring our gondolas here to Canal Park on the Charles River.

Gondola di Venezia is currently working with the Metropolitan District Commission and the City of Cambridge in obtaining all necessary permits. It is with anticipation that we plan to open for our first gondola ride the beginning of July 2001.

We have enclosed a presentation, outlining a preliminary business plan and some interesting facts about the Venetian gondola, for your review. In addition, you will find several photographs that will give a visual perception as to what our gondolas will look like on the Charles River.

If you or any member of Thomas Graves Landing have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail us. It is our intention to keep you informed so that as a potential neighbor, we can have a friendly and fair relationship.

Thank you, in advance, for your time concerning Gondola di Venezia, L.L.C.

Sincerely,

Joseph Gibbons
Camille Gibbons

*Please note **

*Thomas Graves Landing
received this letter in
February 2001*

Stability and Safety of a Venetian Gondola

By Thom Price, Gondola Specialist

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As the seafarers of the New England Coast knew so well from the use of the Grand Banks Dory, a flat-bottomed boat, full of fish, is the most stable craft around. Where it takes a very small change in the center of gravity to cause a round sided boat to incline a certain amount, in a flat-bottomed boat requires the center of gravity to be shifted much farther to the side to cause it to incline the same amount. The most extreme cases would be a raft and a kayak: the raft being almost impossible to tip, and a kayak very easy to tip.



Grand Banks Dory taking fish back to the schooner

4/30/2001

The Venetian Gondola, having a very similar shape to the dory regarding its bottom side, is also a very stable boat. As a dory full of herring give the boat a very low and stable center of gravity, the gondola full of passengers also has a low and stable center of gravity. The risk of tipping is not increased by more passengers, as the center of gravity becomes even lower, since the passengers are located at the lowest part of the boat. In order to arrive to the point where the gondola could tip, or more likely, that it would heel over far enough for the water to be able of enter the boat over the side deck, all of the passengers would have to decide to thrust themselves to one side or the other at the same time, and stay there long enough for the water to fill the boat up. A situation which is extremely unlikely. However even if it were to happen, the gondola would not sink, because it is made of wood and will float even if full of water.

Figure 1 shows the gondola with the water line (dashed) when the boat is without passengers or gondolier, and the load water line, or when the gondola has six passengers and a gondolier, weighing an average of 200 lbs each. The Center of Gravity is an imaginary point where, if it were to be suspended in air by that point alone, it would be able to stay in equilibrium. The Center of Buoyancy is the point located in the exact center of the portion of the boat under the water.

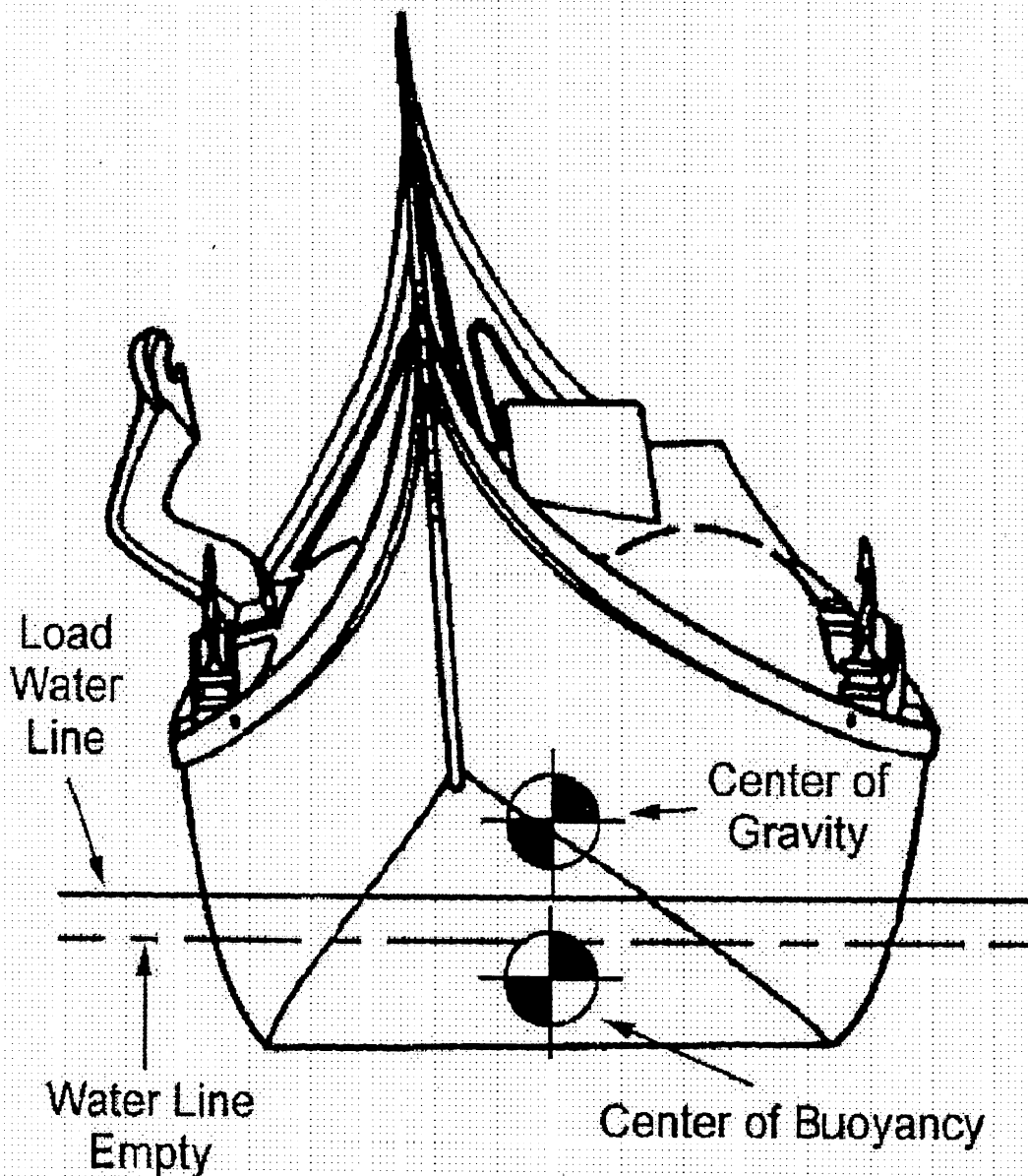


Fig. 1

As the center of gravity shifts to one side, an equilibrium is found by the boat heeling, or inclining, and the center of buoyancy also shifts to be always directly under the center of gravity. Calculating the load water line for the gondola with the center of gravity shifted as far as possible to the starboard side (which is the lower side, being that the gondola is asymmetrical), the gondola would have to heel over about 30° before the water would enter the boat. Shifting the center of gravity this much would only be possible if all six passengers plus the gondolier were to shift their weight over the side decks of the boat; I repeat, a situation which is exceedingly unlikely. **As long as everyone stays seated, there is no risk of this happening.**

Maximum inclination of Gondola before water can enter

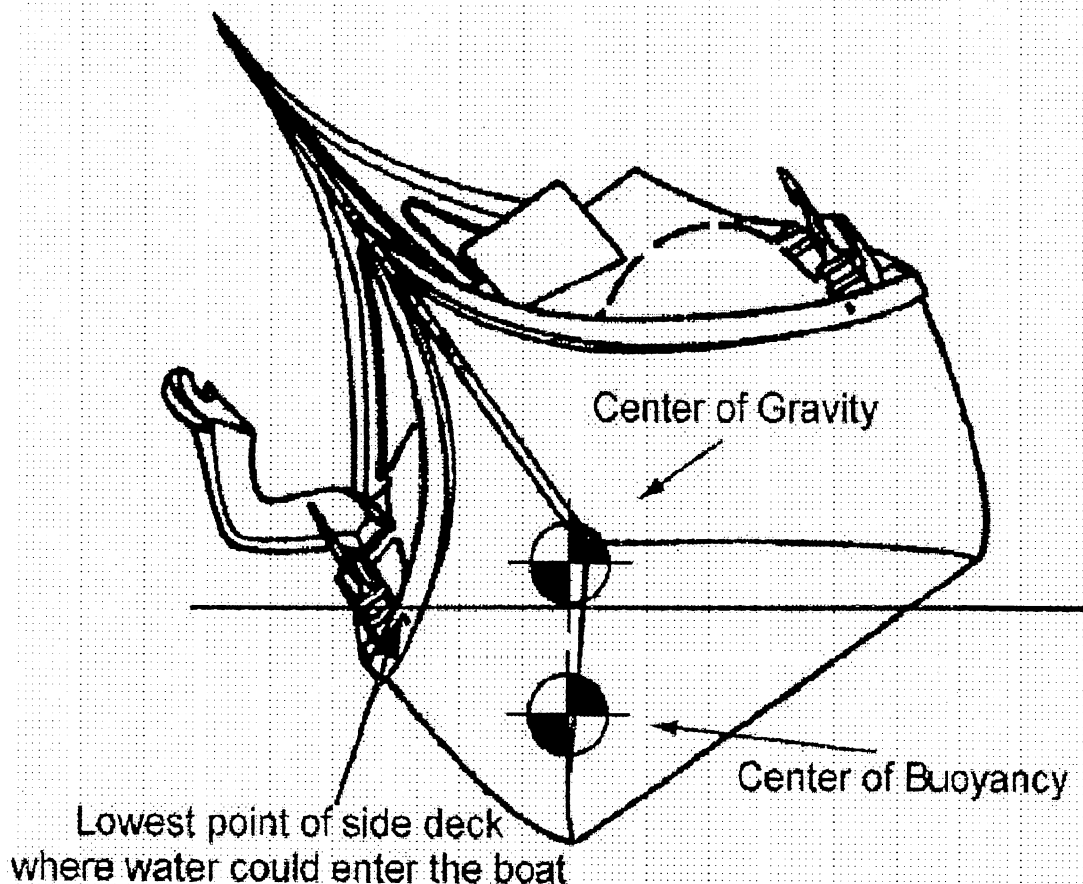


Figure 2

However, the most convincing argument for the stability of the gondola is the safety record in Venice. There are over 400 gondola licenses in use, of which 350 are in operation every day throughout the year. A typical day will bring an average of 5 rides to every one of the gondoliers, which means that every year there are around 647,000 gondola rides in Venice, serving 2.5 million people. In the past 5 years, there has been only one case of a gondola tipping over, and that was when a water taxi driver got into a fist fight with a gondolier who cut him off and he managed to capsize the gondola with two Germans in it. So the probability of the passengers taking a swim are 1:6.3 million, looking at it from a historical standpoint.



Gondola Society of America

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Newport Beach, CA 92660
(949) 548-8095
www.gondolanetwork.com

April 27, 2001

Mr. Richard Scali
The Cambridge Licensing Commission
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Scali:

Greetings from the Gondola Society of America!

It is my understanding that Mr. & Mrs. Joe Gibbons are preparing to establish a gondola business in the Boston/Cambridge area. In addition to importing two Venice-built gondolas, they have also traveled to Italy to research and prepare for their operation. They are also members in good standing of the Gondola Society of America.

It has been our experience that gondola operations throughout the nation, in addition to adding "flavor" to a community, also provide exceptional exposure for the community and fantastic opportunities for the residents. Gondolas are extremely low-impact with regard to both environmental and noise-related concerns.

The route of authenticity and quality that the Gibbons have taken is a testament to their desire to provide a top-notch product. Their excitement and passion for the gondola should bring the Boston/Cambridge area a gondola operation that other cities will envy.

We encourage you to work with the Gibbons and assist them in any way possible in helping them realize this tremendous opportunity for your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory E. Mohr", written in a cursive style.

Gregory E. Mohr
Vice President



Gondola di Venezia, LLC

Joseph and Camille Gibbons

Phone/Fax: 978-929-9465

email: GondoladiVenezia@aol.com

March 14, 2001

Mr. Richard V. Scali
Executive Officer
Licensing Commission
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Scali:

On March 13, 2001, I spoke by telephone with Valerie Harris of your office, who was very helpful. Valerie stated that I need to communicate with you any concerns regarding licensing issues.

My name is Joseph Gibbons and my wife is Camille Gibbons. We are the principal owners of a company named Gondola di Venezia, LLC. We own two authentic Venetian gondolas. Our goal is to operate a water tour service with gondolas at Canal Park on the Charles River.

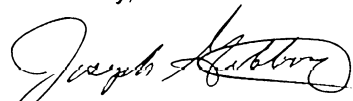
We have collaborated with Commissioner David Balfour at the Metropolitan District Commission and all necessary staff members. A formal proposal has been submitted to the Office of the Secretary to the Commission. We are currently in the process of filing a Notice of Intent with the City of Cambridge Conservation Commission. We have also been communicating with the City of Cambridge Mayor's office, the HarborMaster, and our potential neighbors at Canal Park.

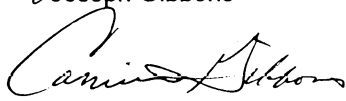
Gondola di Venezia, LLC to date has gained a very high level of enthusiasm and optimism from all parties that have had the opportunity to meet with us and review our business plans, with pictures and details.

At this time, we would like to have the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss our project and review any license requirements.

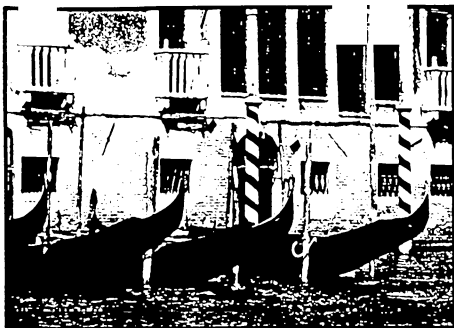
Thank you in advance for your time. Please do not hesitate to call us at the telephone number listed above with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Joseph Gibbons


Camille Gibbons

Meeting
April 23 - Conservation
April 28 - MDC
Conservation Comm
Providence R.I.
3-11pm



Gondola di Venezia, LLC

Joseph and Camille Gibbons

Phone/Fax: 978-929-9465

email: Gondola di Venezia@aol.com

April 8, 2001

Cambridge License Commission
City of Cambridge
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear License Commission:

We are presenting this letter, attached business plans, specification sheets, and MDC approval letters for consideration in obtaining a Jitney Permit so that our company, Gondola di Venezia, LLC can operate gondolas at the Canal Park area, located in Cambridge at the lower basin of the Charles River.

We are the principals of the company, Joseph and Camille Gibbons. We reside with our five children at 136 Davis Road in Acton, Massachusetts. Our telephone number is 978-929-9465 and our cellular number is 617-460-1239.

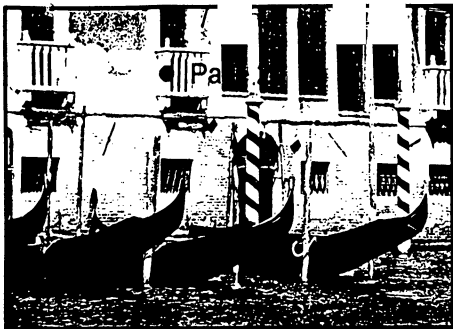
There will be no motor vehicles required for this business, therefore, we would not be garaging any vehicles. Our emergency tender boat will have an engine. This boat will be moored on the Charles River as per the HarborMaster's agreement. During the off-season, our emergency tender boat, two gondolas, floats, and any infrastructure will be stored on private property.

The primary operators of our emergency tender boat and gondolas will be Joseph Gibbons and John Ragosa; additional gondoliers will be trained as needed.

Gondola di Venezia, LLC will be a water tour service that will serve local residents and tourists. A cultural and romantic experience aboard one of our two authentic Venetian gondolas is our product. Two types of tours will be offered, please refer to the business plans for details on this and many other aspects of this business.

There will be no office associated with this business, other than our home office in Acton, Massachusetts. Most communications will take place by cellular telephone and internet. A small kiosk (information booth) is being requested for approval. The kiosk would be a temporary structure that would be removed at the end of each season. Please refer to the specification sheets detailing the kiosk (information booth).

Gondola di Venezia, LLC is a registered Limited Liability Company with the State of Massachusetts. Please see attached certificate as well as our business certificate from the town of Acton, Massachusetts.



Gondola di Venezia, LLC

April 8, 2001

Joseph and Camille Gibbons

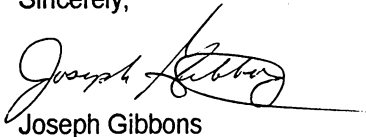
Phone/Fax: 978-929-9465

email: GondoladiVenezia@aol.com

We have contacted the Traffic and Parking Department, Mrs. Clippenger of this department stated that her only concern would be adequate parking. Upon investigation, it was agreed there is substantial public parking in the Canal Park area that would support this business.

It is our goal to be up and operating on July 1, 2001, as per our MDC approval. Any favorable consideration would be greatly appreciated in allowing us to bring our unique concept of gondolas on the Charles River to Cambridge. We look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,



Joseph Gibbons



Camille Gibbons

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SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
CORPORATIONS DIVISION

Gondola di Venezia LLC Certificate of Organization

Pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts Limited Liability Company Act (the "Act"), the undersigned, to form a limited liability company, hereby certifies as follows:

1. *Federal Employer Identification Number.* The limited liability company to be formed hereby has applied for (but not yet received) a federal employer identification number.
2. *Name of the Limited Liability Company.* The name of the limited liability company to be formed hereby is Gondola di Venezia, LLC (the "LLC").
3. *Office of the Limited Liability Company.* The address of the office of the LLC in the Commonwealth at which the LLC will maintain its records in accordance with the Act is c/o Gondola di Venezia, LLC, 136 Davis Road, Acton, MA 01720.
4. *Business of the LLC.* The general character of the business of the LLC is to engage in all types of transportation of goods and persons of every kind and description and to provide same in any place or structure whatsoever, public, private or governmental, and for the transaction of other business incidental thereto; and to engage in any activities directly or indirectly related or incidental thereto.
5. *Date of Dissolution.* The LLC shall have no fixed date upon which it shall dissolve.
6. *Agent for Service of Process.* The name and address of the resident agent for service of process for the LLC is the Law Office of Thomas F. Gibson, 2400 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140-1854.
7. *Manager.* As of the date hereof, the LLC does not have any managers.
8. *Execution of Documents (Secretary of State).* Any member of the LLC is authorized to execute on behalf of the LLC any documents to be filed with the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As of the date hereof, the name and business address of each of the members of the LLC are as follows:

Joseph P. Gibbons
136 Davis Road, Acton, MA 01720

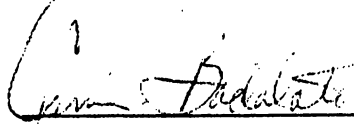
Camille Badolato
136 Davis Road, Acton, MA 01720

9. *Execution of Recordable Instruments.* Any member of the LLC is authorized to execute, acknowledge, deliver and record on behalf of the LLC any recordable instrument purporting to affect

an interest in real property. The name and business address of each member of the LLC as of the date hereof are specified in paragraph 8, above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated herein are true, as of the 28th day of December, 2000.


Joseph P. Gibbons


Camille Badolato

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BUSINESS CERTIFICATE

Acton

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In conformity with the provisions of Chapter one hundred and ten, Section five of the General Laws, as amended, the undersigned hereby declare(s) that a business under the title of GONDOLA D. VENEZIA L.L.C.

is conducted at
Number 136- DAVIS Rd., ACTON Street

CITY OR TOWN

by the following named persons.

FULL NAME

RESIDENCE

Joseph + Camille Gibbons

136- DAVIS Rd., ACTON

Signed

PHONE NO. - 978-929-9465

Joseph Gibbons
(SIGNATURE)
Camille Gibbons
(SIGNATURE)

(SIGNATURE)

(SIGNATURE)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex

ss.

April 4, 2001

Personally appeared before me the above-named

Joseph Gibbons
Camille Gibbons

and made oath that the foregoing statement is true.

A certificate issued in accordance with this section shall be in force and effect for four years from the date of issue and shall be renewed each four years thereafter so long as such business shall be conducted and shall lapse and be void unless so renewed.

Expiration Date

4-4-05

A True Copy. Attest:

Ed H. Brown

OWN CLERK, ACTON, MASS.

Ed H. Brown

Post Town Clerk

TITLE



CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

831 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., 1ST FLOOR, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • TEL 349-6140

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Chairman

CHIEF GERALD R. REARDON
Fire Department
Commission Member

CAPTAIN HENRY W. BREESE
Police Department
Commission Member

RICHARD V. SCALI
Commission Executive Officer

TO: License Applicants/Licensees

FROM: Cambridge License Commission
Richard V. Scali, Executive Officer. 

RE: Hearing to be held Tuesday evening, May 8,
2001, at 6:00 p.m., Michael J. Lombardi Municipal
Building, 831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference
Room, Cambridge, MA 02139

DATE: April 18, 2001

Enclosed please find a list of hearings set down as stated above.

The matter on the enclosed list which concerns you will be heard at this time.

Your manager and you should be present at the hearing. You may bring an attorney to represent you at the hearing.

Please advise if there are any questions.



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April 13, 2001

Joseph and Camille Gibbons
Gondola di Venezia, LLC
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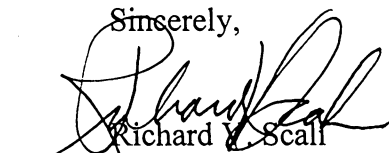
RE: Application for Jitney license

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Gibbons:

A hearing on your application for a Jitney license to operate a water tour service from the Canal Park area located in Cambridge at the lower basin of the Charles River, aboard two authentic Venetian gondolas with a temporary kiosk (information booth) in Canal Park, will be held on Tuesday evening, May 8, 2001 at six o'clock in the Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building, 831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Please be sure to attend the hearing to present your case to the Commissioners.

Sincerely,


Richard V. Scali
Executive Officer



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RICHARD V. SCALI
Commission Executive Officer

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: Richard V. Scali, Executive Officer 

DATE: April 13, 2001

RE: Jitney license application

Enclosed please find an application by Gondola di Venezia, LLC for a Jitney license to operate a water tour service from the Canal Park area located in Cambridge at the lower basin of the Charles River, aboard two authentic Venetian gondolas with a temporary kiosk (information booth) in Canal Park.

The hearing on this application will be held on Tuesday evening, May 8, 2001 at six o'clock in the Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building, 831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room, Cambridge, MA.

Please advise if you require further information.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that Gondola di Venezia, LLC, Joseph and Camille Gibbons, Managers, has applied for a Jitney license to operate a water tour service from the Canal Park area located in Cambridge at the lower basin of the Charles River, aboard two authentic Venetian gondolas with a temporary kiosk (information booth) in Canal Park.

A hearing on this application will be held on Tuesday evening, May 8, 2001 at six o'clock in the Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building, 831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Benjamin Barnes
Gerald Reardon
Henry Breen

License Commission

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Gondola di Venezia, LLC

December 12, 2000

Joseph and Camille Gibbons

Phone/Fax: 978-929-9465

email: GondoladiVenezia@aol.com

Preferred Place of Operation: As you are aware our preferred place of operation is Canal Park, located at the lower basin, behind the Museum of Science. After entering the canal and passing under the bridge, you will find a large gazebo on the right hand side. The gazebo patio extends around the canal and this allows for a safe unobstructed area for boarding passengers.

Information Booth: So that we can present our business to the public, we would like to have an information booth (kiosk). This would allow us a place for a sign, display brochures, take reservations, store additional life jackets, and importantly keep passenger logs (per the U.S. Coast Guard). The estimated size of the structure is 4'x4'x8', professionally constructed and painted. During the off-season from October 31st thru April 31st, this structure will be removed and stored.

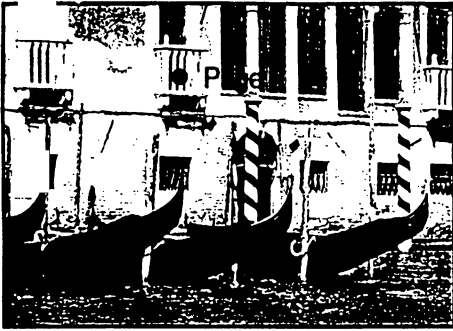
Boarding Passengers: In order to board passengers safely, it will be necessary to have a floating dock, secured in place with a small ramp that gives access from the sidewalk to the dock. The dock size will be 24'x5', made of pressure treated wood with non-skid surfaces, supported by approved floatation devices. The ramp will be made of aluminum with non-skid surfaces. Safety roping will be in place on all four sides of the dock. In addition, we would like to have two gondola mooring poles attached to the floating dock. Note: The dock would be very similar to the existing dock facility at the Charles River Boat Tours.

Times of Operation: Gondola di Venezia will be conducting tours from May 1st thru October 31st, seven days per week, during the hours of 2:00 p.m. thru 11:00 p.m. All times are subject to weather and wind conditions and at the discretion of the gondolier. When possible the reservationist will give notice to those who have reservations if a tour needs to be rescheduled.

Pricing Structure: During the first year of 2001, reservations for a 40-45 minute tour for two passengers will cost \$65, each additional passenger is \$10, and children \$5. Walk-ons (no reservations) for a 15-20 minute tour will cost \$15 each passenger (two passenger minimum) and children \$10. Cash and credit cards will be accepted. For additional costs an accordion player or other musician and singer can be arranged for reservations only. Note: Final pricing will be subject to change contingent to start-up expenses.

Tour Route: Reservation tours for 40-45 minutes will leave the docking facility and proceed around the beautiful fountain at the end of Canal Park. It will then continue out of Canal Park under the Cambridge Parkway Bridge and into the Charles River basin. It will move towards the Longfellow Bridge, partially cross the river heading towards the Beacon Hill section of Boston and then return to Canal Park. Walk-on tours for 15-20 minutes will tour Canal Park and once into the Charles River basin, approximately 75 yards beyond the Cambridge Parkway Bridge, it will turn around and re-enter Canal Park.

Safety and U.S. Coast Guard Regulations: Our gondolas are built in Venice and will be equipped to meet all U.S. Coast Guard regulations. All gondoliers will be CPR certified. On board each gondola will be seven life jackets, one for each passenger and one for the gondolier. Children's life jackets will be maintained at the information booth, all children under 12 years old will be required to wear a life jacket before boarding a gondola. Also, included on each gondola will be a life safety ring and 20' rope, a hand or foot powered horn, an emergency flare gun, a flashlight, a first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, and a bow lantern for night operation. Note: Gondola di Venezia will not operate in inclement weather or on windy days.



Gondola di Venezia, LLC

Joseph and Camille Gibbons

Phone/Fax: 978-929-9465

email: GondoladiVenezia@aol.com

December 12, 2000

Tour Offers: The gondola ride will offer a safe, scenic, and relaxing water tour. A friendly gondolier will be at the passengers' service and will give a brief history of the Venetian gondola and share some interesting facts. In addition, the gondolier will be able to point out some local points of history relating to the Charles River and Boston/Cambridge. Traditionally, Venetian gondoliers do not sing but our gondoliers will do their best to accommodate anyone. A basket of cheese and crackers will be served for reservation customers.

Insurance: Gondola di Venezia is in the process of selecting a reputable company to satisfy all insurance necessary to operate a gondola tour service on the Charles River.

Mooring and Safe Keeping: Gondola di Venezia is researching all potential possibilities in the lower basin area for a safe and easily accessible location to park the gondolas during off hours of operation, from May 1st thru October 31st. The two nearest boat clubs claim to have a four-year waiting list. The cost of two boat slips and the availability are not financially reasonable or practical at this time. There are several other potential mooring possibilities, but we would need the support of the MDC.

Option #1 - The boathouse, next to the Museum of Science, would be a perfect place for gondolas. We can definitely envision the potential of this building, so we thought it was worth mentioning as an option.

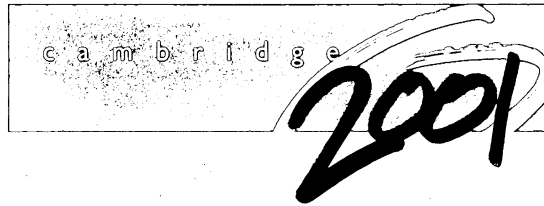
Option #2 - The possibility of securing two moorings that exist along the Memorial Drive side of the Charles River.

Option #3 - Or, if existing moorings are not available, is there the possibility of setting two moorings closer to Canal Park.

Option #4 - The gondolas could be moored next to the dock facility at Canal Park. This would require a security screen to be built so that the gondolas would be protected from vandals during off-hours. A permanent flexible accordion-style steel grate could be attached to the docking facility, this would allow us to lock access to the gondolas.

Facts About Gondolas: There are only about eight real Venetian gondolas here in the United States. Some gondolas are canoe like imitations, similar to the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, which are 20' long. Real Venetian gondolas are 38' long and 5' wide, the draft of the boat is 9" empty and 10" full, weight limit is 1200 pounds, minimum water depth is 18", and it weighs approximately 1000 pounds. The types of woods used to build a gondola are oak, elm, fir, larch, cherry, mahogany, basswood, and walnut. It takes eight different types of skilled trades to add to the design of the gondola; such as a gilder, a woodcarver, upholsterer, a blacksmith, a painter, a furniture maker, a carpenter, and an oar and forcola maker. Only five men remain in Venice that can still produce an authentic Venetian gondola. These men are highly respected. They are considered Maestro's in their field and that is how they are addressed. One cannot buy a blueprint or a plan to build a gondola. Many boat builders around the world have tried and failed to reproduce a true gondola. Only one man has come close and that was produced in Manchester By The Sea in Massachusetts. Venetians typically ride in Gondolas on two occasions in their lives, on their wedding day and during their own funeral. Gondola rides in Venice are usually for the tourists. In 1996, an American boat builder received a grant in order to explore the near extinct trade of gondola building. He is now in the process of establishing a school to assist in preserving the art for future gondola builders.





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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached for your consideration a recommendation from the License Commission relative to the jitney application for Gondola di Venezia LLC.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being the most prominent.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #14

Recommendation from the
License Commission
concerning the jitney
application for Gondola di
Venezia LLC.

In City Council June 4, 2001

*Charter Right exercised
by Councillor Toomey*

*In City Council
June 18, 2001*
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