



HAITIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, INC.

1 Summer Street

Somerville, MA 02143

(617) 776-0587

June 17, 1991

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk
City Hall
795 Mass Ave
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Connarton,

We are planning to hold a Caribbean Health and Entertainment Festival in Cambridge on August 18, 1991, 12 am to 7 pm. We hereby request your department's approval of our utilization of the space along Broadway (Cambridge, MA.) between Prospect St. and Norfolk St. (Sennott Park). We are looking forward for the City Council's patronage, and we hope you will convey our request to the Chamber. This strip of public land, which was the site of the Area 4 Task Force on Drugs Festival would be an ideal location for our dual purpose occasion. This is because it is convenient to major transportation routes, and spacious enough to accommodate picnicing, various craft exhibits, health education displays, and entertainment.

Although our planning is ongoing at present, our intention is that the Festival will focus on the reduction and prevention of substance abuse. Accordingly, we will publicize the day as "Drug Awareness Day" for the Haitian-Caribbean communities. It is important to demonstrate to people that they can thoroughly relax and find entertainment without alcohol or other drugs.

The Haitian American Cultural center has two operating sites - one in Cambridge, at 432 Columbia St., and one at 1 Summer St., in Somerville. We expect to generate substantial support for the Festival, from our own ethnic groups in the Boston area, as well as from others who will share in the rich cultural experience. At present, the Haitian American Cultural Center is the sole sponsor, although related agencies will be invited to attend (and participate).

These are trying times for our communities. We struggle to develop within our citizenry a sense of responsibility in avoiding substance abuse. We are not alone in this effort.

We join numerous others in attempting to improve the quality of life in our communities. Because of the importance of this issue, we would like to see our Festival day - August 18, 1991 - proclaimed "Caribbean Drug Awareness Day."

Would you be kind enough to respond to the following questions?

- 1) What requirements must be met and/or permits obtained in order for HACC to hold the Caribbean Health and Entertainment Festival at Sennott Park on August 18, 1991?
- 2) How can August 18, 1991 be proclaimed "Caribbean Drug Awareness Day" in Middlesex County? Whom do we petition?

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and your assistance in helping us to host and implement a successful Festival.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Robert Richard".

Jean-Robert Richard
Executive Director, HACC.

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CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS

Petition received from the Haitian American Cultural Center, Inc. requesting permission to hold their Caribbean Health and Entertainment Festival in Cambridge on August 18, 1991 from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. at Sennott Park.

In City Council,

June 24, 1991

*Referred to the
City Manager
with power.
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