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Cambridge Arts Council

57 Inman Street Cambridge, MA 02139 (617) 349-4380

MINUTES FROM FORUM ON STREET PERFORMANCE

Wednesday, June 24, 1992

Present: Sally Alcorn	Harvard Square Business Association
Dameian Bossarte	Trinity Property Management, Inc.
Jim Brooks	Resource Planning Association
Cynthia Frude	Woolcott & Company
Roy-Alan Hansen	Cambridge Arts Council
Judith Newman	Resource Planning Association
Richard Scali	License Commission
Will Stackman	Cambridge Arts Council
Recorder: Lindsay McCoy	Cambridge Arts Council

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Discussion at this meeting centered on the public hearing held two days previously (June 22, 1992) in the City Council Chamber at Cambridge City Hall. This public hearing was held at the request of the Ordinance Committee; the purpose was to hear opinions on proposed amendments to the Street Performance Ordinance. Among the proposed amendments were several recommendations from this Forum, which had been drafted into the correct legal language by the City's Legal Department at the request of the Ordinance Committee.

The consensus of the Forum was a feeling of disappointment, and a sense of frustration that, even though the public hearing lasted until after 1 o'clock in the morning, nothing was approved--leaving the Street Performance Ordinance unchanged at the beginning of the heaviest season in street performing. The unanimous feeling of those present was that the current Ordinance does not provide parameters under which the street performers can be appropriately managed.

Sally Alcorn, of the Harvard Square Business Association, suggested that the Forum invite members of the City Council to attend the Forum's next meeting to discuss these issues with the group. Everyone agrees that this would be a very good idea.

Ms. Alcorn also wants to address the issue of "performers" selling jewelry, etc. in the Square. It was pointed out that the City Council members are accountable to the citizens of Cambridge--letters and phone calls to their offices would help to acquaint the councilors with the public opinion on these issues.

It was decided that Mayor Reeves, Councilor Wolf, and Councilor Duehay would be invited (at the request of the businesses) to attend the next forum for discussion on the Street Performance Ordinance. This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.



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Ms. Margaret Drury
City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 01929

Dear Ms. ~~Drury~~: *margaret*

For your records I am forwarding the draft of the notes taken at the forum on the Street Performance Ordinance on June 24, 1992.

If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Roy-Alan Hansen
Deputy Executive Director

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Comm. from D. Margaret Drury,
Temporary City Clerk, transmitting
a communication from Roy-Alan
Hansen, Deputy Executive Director
Cambridge Arts Council, relative to
the draft forum on the Street
Performers Ordinance.

In City Council,

Aug. 3, 1992

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