

November 4, 1998

RE: 85 Hancock Street

Members of the Board
Board of Zoning Appeal
City of Cambridge
831 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Members of the Board:

It has come to our attention that the owners of 85 Hancock Street continue to evade agreements to both the Board of Zoning Appeal and the Mid-Cambridge Historical Commission. While having agreed before both the Board of Zoning Appeal and the Historical commission (e.g. July, 1998) to lay down brick in front of the building, they have begun by re-making the sidewalk out of false brick, phony brick, *concrete pressed into brick-like shapes and colored red!* A sidewalk that looks like brick but is not brick, is not brick. *It was brick before they constructed the new building at 85 Hancock,* as their own pre-construction drawings filed with the city indicate.

They have encroached on the public way, taking the existing brick sidewalk away (for some time after the bricks were taken up they were piled up along the side of the building), and replacing it with material that represents a degradation of the quality of the public way. Is there nothing the public and its representatives can do?

Such very long delays as have occurred, followed by failure to live up to agreements, would seem to demonstrate contempt for the citizens of Cambridge concerned about the matter, and the committee process in which they took part. To allow this to stand would be to admit that the time, effort, authority, aesthetic concerns, and good will of the city and its citizens finally come to nothing, and were a waste of time.

It would seem important that action be taken promptly to stop this most recent attempt to get around agreements and the efforts of the city, and to bring about results that are in keeping with the procedures and obligations undertaken. (Please consult the decisions of all Zoning Board and Historical Commission meetings regarding this property, not just one).

<i>Gerburg Wulf</i>	Gerburg WULF	PROPERTY OWNER,	110 Hancock St.
<i>Tucker Waldroff</i>	Tucker Waldroff	Tenant	82 Hancock #1
<i>Gillian Tuckel</i>	Gillian Tuckel	Tenant	102 Hancock #1
<i>Dennis Scannell</i>	Dennis Scannell	Property owner	122 Hancock St.
<i>Melissa Wger</i>	Melissa Wger	Tenant	124 Hancock
<i>Steven Sands</i>	Steven Sands	Property owner	116 Hancock St.

CC: Lauren Curry, Michael Wiggins, Charles Pierce, John O'Connell, Thomas Sieniewicz, Susan Spurlock, Theodore Hartry, Arch Horst, Laura Kershner, James Daniel, Daniel Hanson, Mark Truant, Ranjit Singanayagam, Sally Zimmerman, Cambridge Historical Commission
Steven White, Department of Public Works

RE: PUBLIC WAY, 85 HANCOCK ST.

Beeth & Lesley ☺ 321 Harvard Street Comb. 02139

Schutzberg

Natasha Frank

Bryan K. Puri 118 Hancock Street Cambridge 0213

And C. Puri 118 HANCOCK ST. " "

Cambridge, October 1998

The Historical Commission
The Zoning Commission

Dear Members of the Commission:

We would like to draw your attention to the inadequate way that the owners of 85 Hancock St. have followed decisions by the Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeal and the Cambridge Zoning Commission. The owners were supposed to restore the brick sidewalk in front of the building. The original brick sidewalk was first covered and then destroyed by them during the construction of the new apartment building.

They have not done what they were supposed to do.

After extremely long delays, first the sidewalk was redone in concrete, and then, after further meetings and agreements, a few feet, a small fraction of the total, in a mockery of their commitment, was redone in pressed concrete, sprayed red. Imitation brick!

This behaviour expresses contempt for the neighbours on Hancock St., and for the City Committees.

We ask you to take a strong and clear stand with the owners of 85 Hancock St.:

They have to redo the damaged sidewalk in real brick, and, as also agreed to, plant a proper tree of at least the dimension agreed to in the empty planter.

Please do not let them get away with such contemptuous behaviour and uglification of Hancock St.!

Sincerely

Jerome W. G.

DR. G. WULF

PROPERTY OWNER,

Raymond Erik

Prof R. L. ERIKSON 176 Hancock (owner)

Steve M. G.

Steve M. Gensberg

106 Hancock (owner)

Cambridge, November 1998

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Ms. Henrietta Davis
c/o City Clerk
Cambridge City Council
795 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge MA 02139

Re: Sidewalk in front of 85 Hancock St.

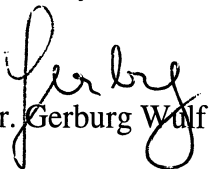
Dear Ms. Davis,

Please find enclosed a copy of letters that we as concerned neighbours are writing to Mr. White at the Department of Public Works and to members of the City Council and the Board of Zoning Appeal and that has been signed by many neighbours.

We trust that the City will take appropriate action to make the owners of 85 Hancock St. restore the brick sidewalk they have destroyed.

Thank you for your attention to the matter.

Sincerely


Dr. Gerburg Wolf

Consent Communication #1

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A communication was received from Dr. Gerburg Wulf, transmitting concern regarding restoration of the brick sidewalk in front of the premises numbered 85 Hancock Street.

In City Council December 7, 1998

Referred to the City Manager