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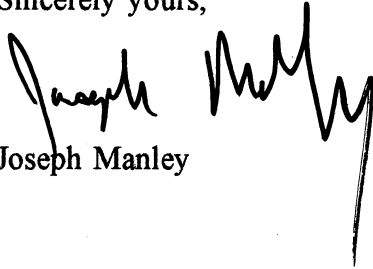
Ms. Margaret Drury
Cambridge City Clerk
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Drury:

I hereby request that you forward the enclosed letter and attachments to the Cambridge City Council as an official communication, and incorporate them into the permanent records of the said Council. That attachments are open letters addressed to Councillors Duehay and Born, as published in the Boston Globe and the Cambridge Tab.

As always, I appreciate your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph Manley

Attachments

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15 Cooney Street
Somerville, Massachusetts 02143
March 12, 1995

The Cambridge City Council
City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I forward to you a copy of my Letters to the Editor in the Boston Globe and Cambridge TAB in response to Councillors Duehay and Born's letters in those same newspapers, which accused me of making a false statement. My response and theirs, in conjunction with archive tap of the June 27, 1995 meeting, conclusively prove both that they reversed position on the Cambridge Hospital area zoning issue, they displayed a singular ignorance of the issue, and their accusation against me is totally groundless.

I direct the Council's attention to the fact that the Boston Globe departed from an editorial policy of not allowing repeated exchanges on its editorial page, only because its legal staff found that Councillors Born and Duehay's accusation broached defamation and therefore entitled me to a response. After all the idle ranting about courtesy we as neighbors have been subjected to at the Council, this is what we get?

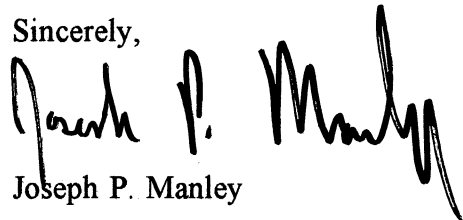
Moreover, it appears that these Councillors made this blatantly baseless accusation in the belief that I would not be allowed a response in the Boston Globe, and that they could thus tar me with it with impunity. In any event, can any of you doubt that this patently baseless charge was a cynical attempt to hide their own hypocrisy and incompetence on the issue of zoning in the Cambridge Hospital area?

What could Councillors Born and Duehay hope to accomplish for their city with a baseless charge against a neighbor of the Cambridge Hospital?

Similar behavior on the part of the Cambridge Hospital and various of its supporters, undertaken against a variety of people throughout the affair of the Cambridge Hospital expansion, has already cost the Hospital dearly. Such behavior is entirely needless to pursue stated public goals. And the highest costs are yet to come.

Unfortunately, it is not Hospital expansion proponents like Councillors Born and Duehay who in the main bear the cost. It is the taxpayers of Cambridge. I count myself lucky not to be one of them.

Sincerely,



Joseph P. Manley

cc: Honorable Michael E. Capuano, Mayor of Somerville
Somerville Board of Aldermen

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WEEKLY

FEBRUARY 12, 1995

Rezoning: Councilors are still wrong

Open letter to Cambridge City Councilors Francis Duehay and Kathleen Born:

In a letter in the Jan. 22 Boston Globe, you denied proposing a downzoning, one effect of which would be to limit the Cambridge Hospital's planned expansion. You also accused me of making a false statement. That accusation just doesn't wash.

(1.) The tape of the June 27 Council meeting confirms you both said nothing about the Camelia Avenue downzoning in question occurring after the Cambridge Hospital project — when it could have no im-

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pact on it. The tape also shows that Councilor Duehay directly proposed C-1 zoning for Camelia Avenue, stating only that he wanted it to happen after the bond issue. That way, bondholders would not know its impact on their investment. Current downzoning petitioners apparently did not choose to be a party to such a deception.

(2.) Councilor Born's call for "zoning measures that do more than simply target the hospital," coming in the wake of Mr. Duehay's Camelia Avenue proposal, clearly implies she was but adding to and embracing his Camelia proposal. The clincher is that she set no limitations on her call for a "downzoning of the area to C-1," when Camelia Avenue and a very small strip of Cambridge Street were the only areas near the hospital she could be referring to.

(3.) The fact that your votes at that same meeting directly, even wildly conflict with the consequences

of your downzoning proposals does not make my previous letter "false." They just conclusively prove the second logical possibility I listed in that letter: when you proposed rezoning of Camelia Avenue June 27, "You didn't know what you were talking about."

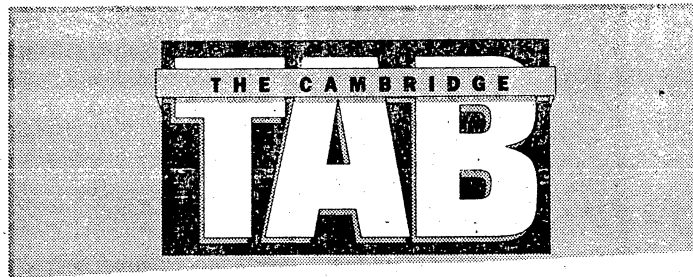
Also proving that, plus the pre-project nature of your proposal, is that Duehay felt the need at that meeting to ask the Cambridge Hospital CEO whether downzoning Camelia to C-1 would adversely affect the project. When Mr. O'Brien's only direct response was that the hospital would not oppose C-1 zoning for Camelia, Duehay and Born expressed no doubt or contradiction.

Your letter, in light of the official meeting tape, adds up to both the two logical possibilities listed in my first letter: (1.) You have now switched your positions as stated on June 27. (2.) You didn't know what you were talking about then.

Thanks for the clarification, councilors.

JOSEPH MANLEY

Somerville



Thanks for the clarification

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Cambridge City Councilors Francis Duehay and Kathleen Born.

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(3) The fact that your votes at that same meeting directly, even wildly, conflict with the consequences of your downzoning proposals does not make my previous letter "false" as you claim.

They just conclusively prove the second logical possibility I listed in that letter: When you proposed rezoning of Camelia Avenue June 27, "You didn't know what you were talking about."

Your typewritten letters are welcome. Letters should be: 1) No more than one page. Letters are subject to editing for clarity and length. Send to: Letter Editor, The Cambridge TAB, 100 North Main Street, Somerville, MA 02143. Phone 433-8202. The Internet address is: TABNEWS1@aol.com

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Your answer in the Globe, in light of the official meeting tape, adds up to both the two logical possibilities listed in my first letter: (1) You have now switched your positions as stated on June 27; (2) You didn't know what you were talking about then.

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Joseph Manley, Somerville

Consent Communication #10

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Communication received from Jospeh
Manley regarding letters addressed to
Councillors Born and Duehay as published
in the Boston Globe and Cambridge Tab.

In City Council March 20, 1995

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