



City of Cambridge

14.

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 14, 1994

COUNCILLOR WALSH
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: This Councillor has introduced several Orders regarding graffiti; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police have taken action in accordance with a memo received by the City Council on November 2, 1994 by way of the City Manager; and

WHEREAS: The problem of cleaning up the graffiti still remains; and

WHEREAS: Carl Barron on behalf of the Central Square Business Association has sent the enclosed letter with a copy of Mayor Brune's program in Somerville; now therefore be it

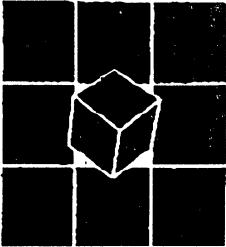
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to set up a similar program in Cambridge and to have this program activated as soon as practically possible.

In City Council November 14, 1994
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



CENTRAL SQUARE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, INC.

614 Massachusetts Ave • Cambridge, MA 02139-4088

November 7, 1994.

TO: Honorable Members of
the Cambridge City Council

RE: GRAFFITI PROBLEMS

Carl F. Barron, President
Putnam Furniture Leasing Co., Inc.
614 Massachusetts Avenue
617.354.2358

The problem arising from the extensive proliferation of graffiti is a problem that is common to most urban areas. Wherever it has reared its ugly head, it has down-graded the quality of life in that area, purely to satisfy the warped and twisted concept of very juvenile minds that use of such graffiti spells out the limits of a certain person's or group's "turf", or the self-gratification of an embryonic artist.

Arnold B. Goldstein, Vice Pres.
SEA Consultants, Inc.
485 Massachusetts Avenue
617.497.7800

Personally, I feel it to be destructive and criminal to have public and private buildings defaced for absolutely no reason than to please the sub-normal cravings of twisted minds to attract attention. I simply feel that they "dirty" the area.

George R. Metzger, Vice Pres.
HMM Architects, Inc.
130 Bishop Allen Dr.
617.492.2200

Attached, you will please find a copy of a notice from the City of Somerville which has been afflicted with the same problem. Steps are being taken by that city to try to remedy the adverse impact of this childlike habit. I am calling this to your attention, hopeful that the City of Cambridge might find ways and means to also clean the city of graffiti, and find mind ways and means to prevent further re-occurrence by education, or, if that fails, stricter enforcement of city ordinances.

Bob Twitchell, Treasurer
Cambridgeport Bank
689 Massachusetts Avenue
617.661.4900

The witless marring of surfaces of buildings in any city, especially Cambridge, does not provide food for the needy, nor housing, nor provide any useful function, except spoil the concept of attractiveness and cleanliness for the vast majority of people in this city. We have a good city, and we would like to see what could be done to retain it.

Norman T. McIver, Asst. Treas.
Cambridge Trust Company
326 Main Street
617.349.1569

I trust that favorable consideration might be given to accomplishing the above.

Richard A. Foot, Corresp. Sec.
Cambridge Family YMCA
820 Massachusetts Avenue
617.661.9522

Sincerely,

Carl F. Barron

CFB/b.4527

cc: Mr. Ralph Dunphy, Public Works Department Commissioner
Mr. Perry Anderson, Jr., Police Commissioner
Mr. Robert Boulrice, President, Central Square
Neighborhood Coalition
CSBA Board of Directors

Regina DeWitt, Recording Sec.
Economy Hardware
438 Massachusetts Avenue
617.864.5301



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Consent Order #14

Councillor Walsh re: A proposed program to clean up graffiti in the City.

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