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August 15, 1991

Mr. Richard Rossi
Deputy City Manager
Cambridge City Hall

Sir:

A meeting was held on August 8, 1991 with representatives of the Cambridge Arts Council and the License Commission regarding a letter received by Councillor Duehay from Ezra Sims concerning loud drums in the area of the Talking Drum Shop located at 1 Arrow Street.

Mr. Hansen of the Arts Council feels the drummer does not come under the auspices of the Street Performers ordinance since he is hired for advertising purposes and paid by the proprietor of the store. The drummer does not solicit funds from people gathered for his performance.

After the meeting, a Patrol Supervisor visited the proprietor of the store, Ms. Deborah Lotus, and found her to be very cooperative. When informed of the complaint received from a nearby resident she stated she would stop using the drums for advertising purposes. She stated she would consider relocating the drummer to another location which would not disturb the peace of surrounding residents.

A second complaint discussed at the August 8th meeting was regarding a rock band which sets up its equipment in Winthrop Park at 11:30 p.m. and allegedly plays until 12:30 a.m. or 1:00 a.m. The Commanding Officer of the Night Patrol Section has been informed of such and the area will be checked by the appropriate sector and route units.

A third issue discussed was officers referring complaints called in to the Police Department to the Arts Council and not taking immediate action.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Both Commanding Officers of the Day Patrol Section and the Night Patrol Section have been directed to advise all personnel that all complaints received regarding loud music or other violations of the Street Performers ordinance are to be responded to and investigated. If the decibel level is high and might be in violation of the ordinance, a request will be made to lower it until the arrival of a trained specialist with a noise meter.

Please be advised the Police Department will continue to work and cooperate with other City departments in the enforcement of the Street Performers ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Perry L. Anderson, Jr.', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Perry L. Anderson, Jr.
Police Commissioner

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City of Cambridge

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Hanson*

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 3, 1991

COUNCILLOR WALSH

WHEREAS: The attached letter directed to the Council membership from Ron Kalman, 1200 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge is self-explanatory regarding his complaint against the noise emanating from the presence of drummers outside a business establishment on Arrow Street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate personnel to examine the referenced activities which prompt this complaint and determine whether these activities and their consequences are in full compliance with existing city ordinances; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this investigation by June 24, 1991.

In City Council June 3, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

Joseph E. Connarton

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

May 15, 1991

Ron Kalman
1200 Mass. Ave., Apt. 31E
Cambridge, MA 02138

481-3328

William H. Walsh
26 Hurlbut Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Mr. Walsh,

I am writing to you because of a problem I'm experiencing with the noise from street musicians. The back window of my apartment faces onto Arrow Street in Harvard Square. On this street, several doors down from my apartment, there is a store called Talking Drum. The woman who owns the store hires African drummers (street musicians) to play in front of the store as a form of advertisement. Last year, the drummers were out there on a regular basis on the weekends for up to eight hours at a time. This year, they have continued to play there variously on Friday nights, and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

I work Monday through Friday, eight hours a day. The weekends are essentially the only time I can expect to relax and hope to enjoy the comfort of my apartment. However, the incessant drumming has made this impossible. I can no longer read, sleep, watch t.v. or use my apartment for any manner of relaxation. I am continually forced to flee my apartment and wander the streets aimlessly just to escape the "music."

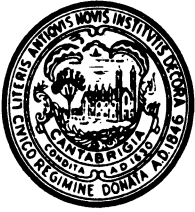
I am in favor of people expressing themselves musically or otherwise. However, I also believe that it is necessary for people to be able to enjoy the privacy of their homes or apartments. The drumming is as serious an intrusion into my life as if someone physically came into my apartment and proceeded to take the place over.

I do not believe the drumming should be allowed to continue on Arrow Street. Any help you can offer in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Ron Kalman

cc: Members of the Cambridge City Council; Cambridge Arts
Council.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

September 16, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 28, regarding noise from drummers on Arrow Street, received from Police Commissioner Perry Anderson, relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda # 2/ S-944

Awaiting Report Item Number 28, regarding
noise from Drummers on Arrow Street.

In City Council,

Sept. 16, 1991

Placed on file