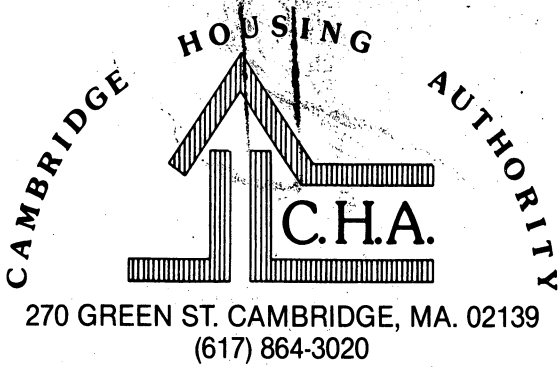




20 June 1991

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

This is a report of progress concerning City Council Order #40 dated May 6, 1991.

In response to the above referenced Order, a meeting was held at Corcoran Park on Tuesday, June 18th at 1:30 p.m. In attendance were Councillor Russell, Mr. Drew Parkin of 15 Thingvalla Avenue, Ms. Ruth Shea, Corcoran Park Tenant Council President, Ms. Donna Harmon and Mr. John Graham -residents of Corcoran Park, Ms. Patricia Sullivan, Manager of Corcoran Park, Mr. John Keane, CHA Director of Management and yours truly.

Mr. Parkin began the meeting by presenting copies of a letter his wife, Mary had written, since she was unable to attend the meeting and a summary of his concerns. (Copies of these documents are attached).

The focus of the meeting initially centered on two principal elements:

- 1) The concerns and allegations of the Parkin's.
- 2) The response and resentment of Corcoran Park residents at being blamed for everything wrong in the neighborhood and for the Parkin's alleged losses and damages.

After much discussion it was the majority view that while some problems may be attributable to Corcoran Park residents, many of the problems were widespread throughout the neighborhood, some were perpetrated by people who were not Corcoran Park residents and that Corcoran Park residents were also victims of some of these petty crimes of theft and vandalism.

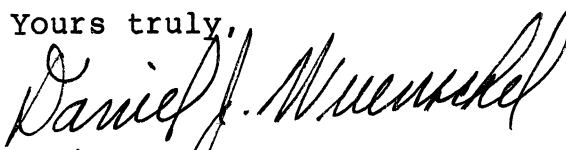
It was agreed by all to offer two courses of action:

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First, the CHA will assist Mr. Parkin, if he wishes, to meet with a number of young people and their parents who live directly behind the Parkins' home. The purpose of this meeting will be to re-establish lines of communication and the principle of neighborliness for both parties.

Second, the larger issues of petty theft, vandalism, public safety, etc., will be addressed by a reorganization effort to rebuild a community wide crime-watch involving people from the entire neighborhood including abutters and residents of Corcoran Park. Councillor Russell will work to facilitate an initial meeting in July. The CHA will, of course, contribute.

Yours truly,



Daniel J. Wuenschel
Executive Director

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cc: Councillor Russell



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June 24, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 23, regarding issues surrounding Corcoran Park, please find attached a response from Daniel J. Wuenschel, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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CONSENT AGENDA

Awaiting Report Item No. 23 regarding
issues surrounding Corcoran Park.

In City Council,

June 24, 1991

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