

# CAMBRIDGE COMMITTEE OF ELDERS, INC.

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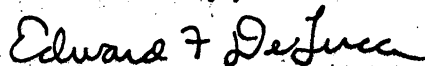
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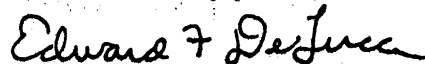
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Hearing notice on 2058-2070  
Massachusetts Ave posted at  
the following places:

Copswell Ave and Mass. Ave.  
Coughlin St. and Mass. Ave.  
Walden and Mass. Ave.  
Walden and Copswell Ave.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Arthur Parris, Chairman,  
Cambridge Planning Board

Date December 10, 1981

From Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

Reference

Subject Hearing to be held on December 21, 1981 relative  
to the transfer of City-owned land at 2050-2070  
Massachusetts Avenue

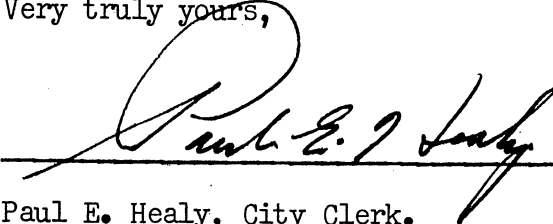
Dear Mr. Parris:

Please be advised that the City Council at its meeting of December 7, 1981 has scheduled a public hearing relative to the transfer of City-owned land at the premises numbered 2050-2070 Massachusetts Avenue to the Cambridge Housing Authority for the construction of fifty-one units of public housing for the elderly.

The City Council has requested that the Planning Board file a report relative to this matter, to be submitted prior to the date of this hearing. Said hearing to be held on Monday, December 21, 1981 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall.

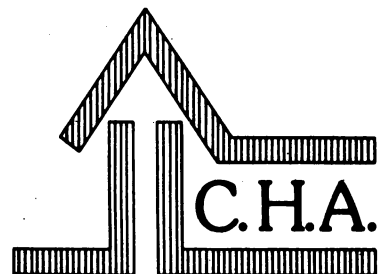
Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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CAMBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY



C A M B R I D G E  
M A S S A C H U S E T T S  
02139  
(617) 864-3020

November 24, 1981

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager  
City of Cambridge  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

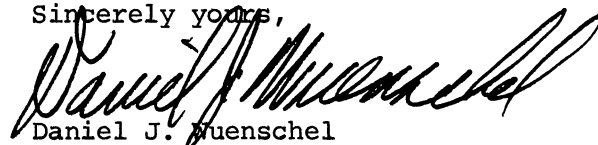
The Cambridge Housing Authority would like to reaffirm its interest in developing 51 units of elderly housing at 2050 - 2070 Massachusetts Avenue. On November 19, 1981, the Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals granted a Comprehensive Permit for the development. The permit was conditioned on continuing our commitment to work with the interested neighbors from North Cambridge. We have been meeting with the neighborhood since May, and we feel we are extremely close to a design which is acceptable to the neighbors and the State funding source.

As shown in the attached plot plan, the proposed building will utilize only the front portion of the parcel (parcel A). After studying a variety of alternatives for the site, we determined that the rear portion of the parcel which fronts on Walden Street (parcel B) was not particularly useable for elderly housing. Neighbors also expressed concern about security and maintenance of this portion of the parcel and appeared to prefer a single or two family house on the parcel as opposed to open space or parking for the elderly housing development.

We therefore request that the City take the appropriate steps to transfer the front portion (parcel A) of 2050 - 2070 Massachusetts Avenue to the CHA, so that the design of the development may continue.

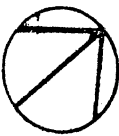
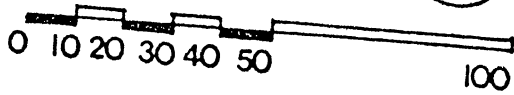
If you require further information, please contact Frederic Putnam at 864-3020. We appreciate the support given to this proposal by the City Council and the Community Development Department and look forward to the start of construction in Summer 1982.

Sincerely yours,

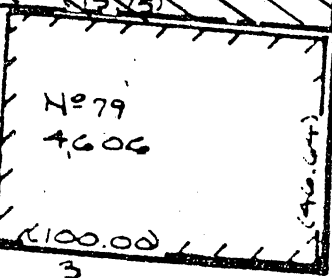
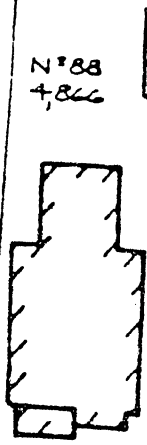
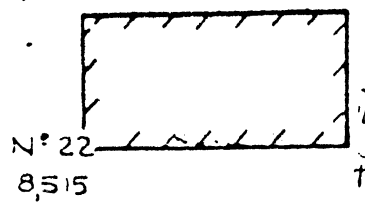
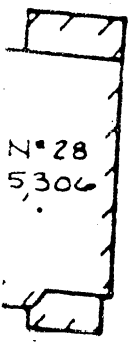
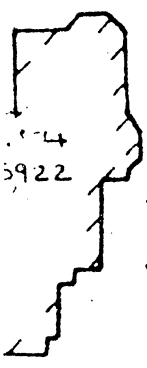
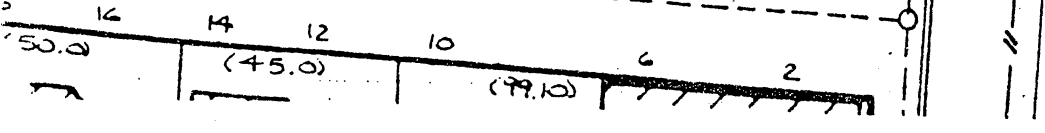
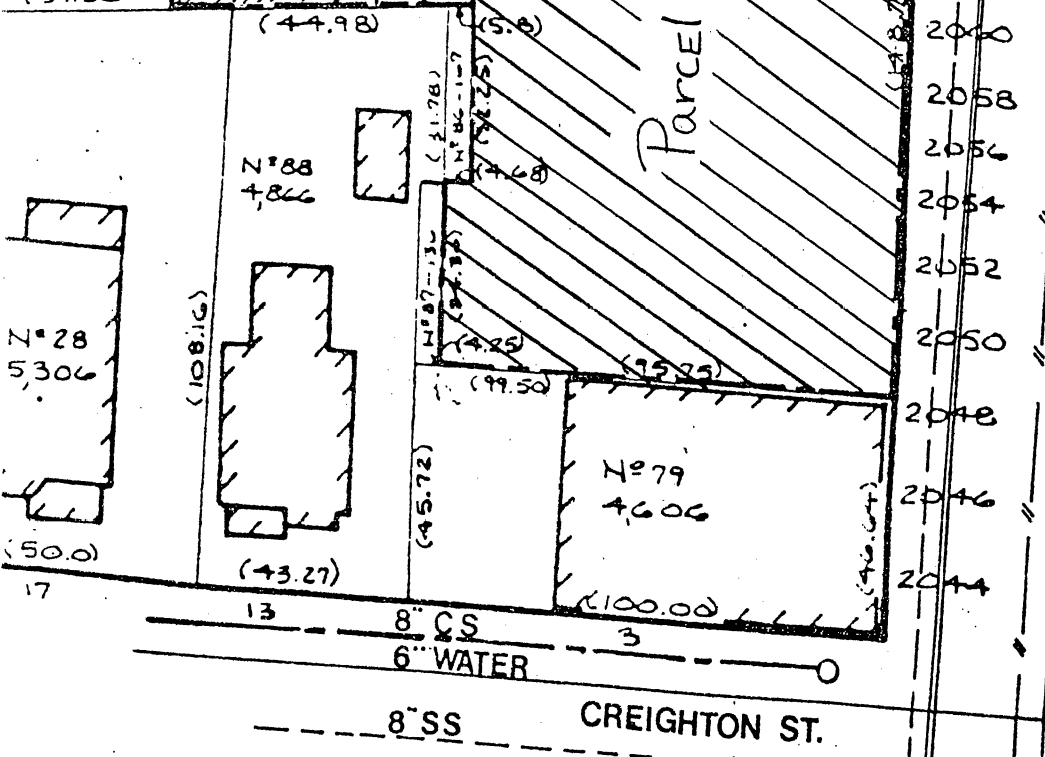
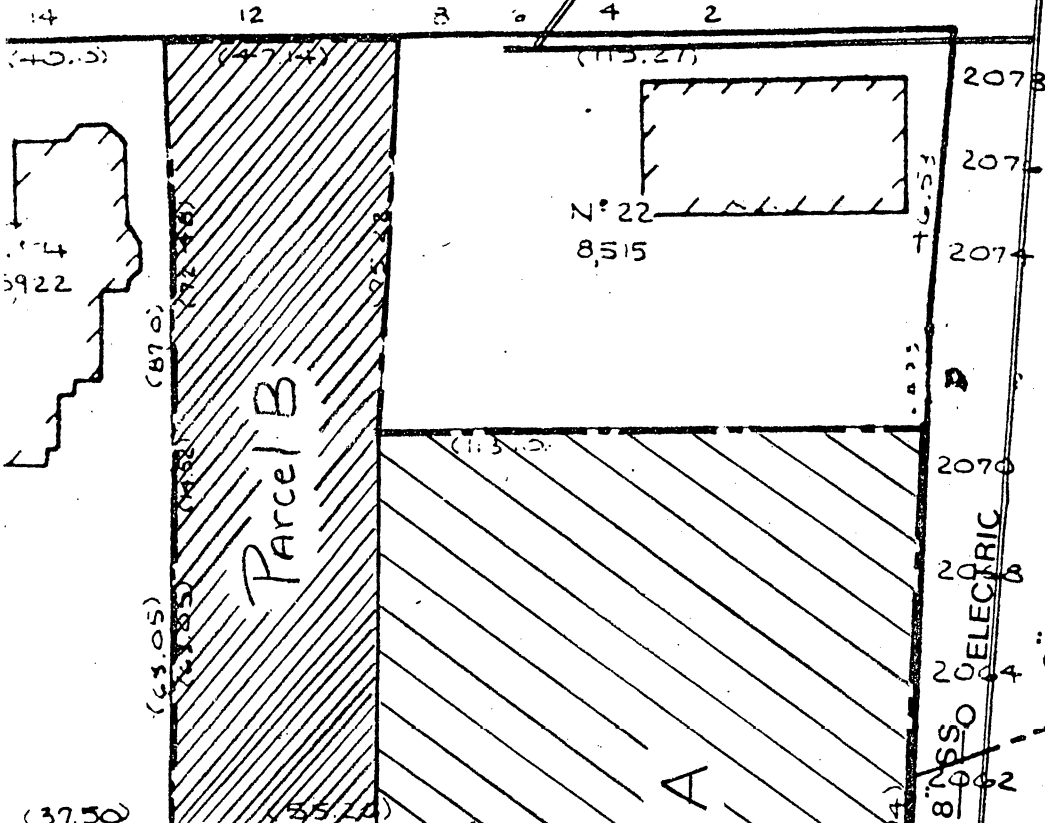


Daniel J. Buenschel  
Executive Director

DJW/tl  
cc: David Vickery



10" CS  
 6" WATER  
 4" GAS  
 8" SS  
 WALDEN ST.



8" GAS  
 16" WATER  
 24" x 30" CS  
 12" GAS  
 15" SS  
 MASSACHUSETTS AVE.  
 ELECTRIC

Vertical lot numbers on the right side: 2078, 2076, 2074, 2070, 2068, 2066, 2064, 2062, 2060, 2058, 2056, 2054, 2052, 2050, 2048, 2046, 2044

Deliberation meeting held immediately following the public hearing on November 19, 1981 in the Walnut Room, City Hall, Cambridge, Mass.

Case No. 4874

Location: 2050 Massachusetts Avenue

Petitioner: Cambridge Housing Authority

Hugh Russell moved to Grant the Comprehensive Permit with the following findings and conditions:

Findings:

1. That there is a need for elderly housing.
2. That the proposed development is in reasonable density and use for the area.
3. That the application is consistent with local needs.

Conditions:

1. That the petitioner continue to meet with the community on a regular basis to discuss any changes in design.
2. That if the design is changed from the design shown to the Board at this hearing in terms of height, number of units, exterior design and materials and general use of the land area of this site, the petitioner submit those changes to the Board for approval before obtaining a building permit. At the same time submit to the Board a statement indicating the review process with the community that has taken place and the results of such a process. This is not intended to limit the right of any member of the community to submit letters of explanation at that time for consideration by the Board of Zoning Appeal.

Mr. Russell, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Panico and Mr. Clauson voted in favor of the motion.

UNANIMOUS TO GRANT WITH CONDITIONS

Edward J. Laughery Secretary



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139  
Tel. 498-9011

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT W. HEALY  
City Manager

December 7, 1981

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Since the Board of Zoning Appeal has approved a comprehensive permit for the construction of fifty-one units of public housing for the elderly by the Cambridge Housing Authority on a parcel of City-owned land of approximately 15,375 square feet at 2050-2070 Massachusetts Avenue and since the Housing Authority has requested the transfer of the designated property, I recommend that the City Council take the required steps to transfer the parcel of City-owned land at 2050-2070 Massachusetts Avenue to the Cambridge Housing Authority. The first step would be to schedule a hearing two weeks from tonight and to request a report from the Planning Board.

Attached is the request from the Housing Authority and the minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeal meeting of November 19, 1981, at which the comprehensive permit was heard, discussed and approved. The formal decision of the Board with conditions will be forthcoming. The Housing Authority request with attached map shows the portion of the parcel to be transferred. The exact legal description of the parcel based upon a survey will be available later in the week.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

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Re: recommendation that the City Council take necessary steps to transfer a parcel of City-owned land at 2050-2070 Mass. Avenue to the CHA Re: construction of fifty-one units of public housing for the elderly.

*12/7/81 David Pickering  
stated that Planning  
Board would report  
to the Council after  
their hearing*

In City Council, *Planning Board  
notified of hearing  
December 7, 1981 report from them re project  
12/11/81 mlh*

*12/7/81*

*Hearing 12/21/81  
6:00 PM*

*Request <sup>of</sup> Planning  
Board to Hearing  
denied*