



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 17, 1973

Councillor Vellucci

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS REQUESTING THE PURCHASE AND COMPLETION OF WILLOW STREET HOMES BY THE CAMBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO DEMONSTRATE THE CONTINUED COMMITMENT OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO THE PROVISION OF QUALITY LOW INCOME HOUSING FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS:

In 1969 the U. S. Office of Housing and Urban Development, the Cambridge City Demonstration Agency, the Office of the City Manager and other local legislative bodies, in response to the demonstrated need for additional low income housing, approved plans for the construction of an experimental cluster of homes at the Kelley School site on Willow Street in response to the City Manager's "Homes for People" Report; and

WHEREAS:

Final approved plans reflected the expressed purpose of the Willow Street Homes as a demonstration of the possibility of utilizing experimental construction techniques as a mechanism to reduce unit costs, while at the same time attempting to provide certain "luxury" amenities not otherwise reflected in standard public housing specifications, and

WHEREAS:

The Cambridge Housing Authority Board as a participant in the cooperative City effort to respond to the need for this new low income housing reserved 15 leases to guarantee complete low income occupancy of Willow Street Homes, and recently reaffirmed its commitment to the project by re-allocating a new leasing arrangement reflective of increased governmental subsidy provisions, and

WHEREAS:

Due to a series of construction delays and changes in the specifications and plans which were mandated by local building codes and unbudgeted in the grant loan package, the project, unable to secure the necessary additional financing, was brought to a halt, and

WHEREAS:

The original need for low income housing, to which Willow Street Homes was a response, still exists and, in fact, has increased, and

WHEREAS:

At a public inquiry into the practices of the Cambridge Housing Authority, the

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Authority was determined to be the most appropriate party to resolve the matter, therefore be it

RESOLVED:

That the Cambridge Housing Authority vote its intent to acquire and complete the project and to make application for financial assistance to the Department of Community Affairs under the 705 program or any other appropriate program.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 8 members

Paul E. Leahy
CITY CLERK City Clerk

C. Moncreiff recorded present.

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Order adopted

C. Moncreiff voted
Present.