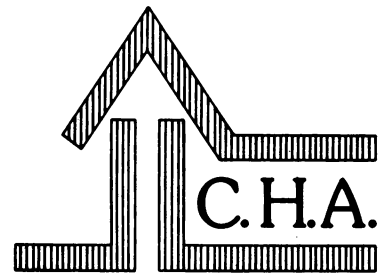


CAMBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY



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MEMORANDUM TO: James L. Sullivan
City Manager

FROM: Daniel J. Wuenschel
Executive Director

RE: City Council Order #7 of June 11th

DATE: June 21, 1979

The following is intended to answer the questions raised in the above referenced City Council Order as transmitted by your office.

1. Roosevelt Towers - The Housing Authority, as you know, has obtained funding from the State's Executive Office of Communities and Development to rehabilitate the tower building which has been vacant for over four years. The population targeted for re-occupancy of the Tower Building are "empty nestery" or "olderly" public housing eligible applicants. The intent in this marketing strategy is to make units available to an age group who are often neglected by the normal processes and are also without children. This factor is viewed as important because of the nature of this elevator building.

The Housing Authority staff continues to work with EOCD to develop a specific marketing and re-occupancy plan for the Tower Building. Rehabilitation activities are tentatively scheduled to begin in the late fall or winter of this year.

2. Washington Elms - There are currently 145 vacancies at the Washington Elms development. The Housing Authority and the tenants of Washington Elms are currently discussing the re-use and re-occupancy of vacant apartments at this development. Proposals for Washington Elms range from the re-use of some 36 units as tenant services space (day care, recreation, head start, adult classroom space) and management space (management office, maintenance depot, training space, and improved stockroom facilities). Also being considered is the selective demolition of up to 72 units to reduce density and create more open space. It is anticipated that this dialogue between the Authority and the residents will continue until resolved in the near future.

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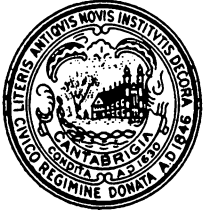
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3. Below listed is a report concerning vacant apartments at each CHA development including approximate dates when these apartments will be available for occupancy.

<u>DEVELOPMENT</u>	<u># OF UNITS</u>	<u># OF VACANCIES</u>	<u>READY</u>
Corcoran Park	152	3	1 - now 1 - 7/3/79 1 - 7/30/79
Putnam Gardens	123	1	6/25/79
John F. Kennedy	88	1	6/25/79
¹ Newtowne Court	272(294)	50	5 now 5 per month
Harry S. Truman	67	3	2 - 6/25/79 1 - 7/2/79
Daniel F. Burns	199	1	6/27/79
Millers River	304	3	4 currently available 4 - 7/13/79
Lydon B. Johnson	181	5	4 currently available 1 - 7/12/79
Urban Development Investment Corp.	26	1	7/6/79
² Jefferson Park Extension	309	30	4 now 1 - 6/29/79 1 - 7/6/79 1 - 7/13/79 13 need substantial rehab
Lincoln Way	60	2	1 now 1 - 6/22/79

1. The total number of units at Newtowne Court has been reduced from 294 to 272 by combining apartments to accomodate severely over-crowded families.
2. 60 units in the tower building will not be re-occupied until a comprehensive plan is developed for their use and funding is made available.



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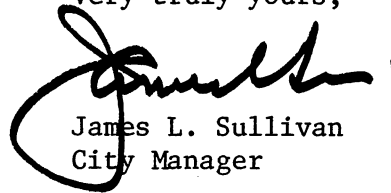
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

June 25, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 27 relative to vacant and boarded up apartments in housing developments throughout the City, enclosed please find copy of a report from the Cambridge Housing Authority.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

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In City Council,

June 25, 1979

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