



EAST CAMBRIDGE POST 3273

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JR. VICE COMMANDER
Ted Anastas

COMMANDER
Nicholas Ragno

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
John DiBenedetto

TO: City Manager and
Members of the City Council

On OCT 29 1979 the Cambridge City Council in their wisdom unanimously passed an order, whereas, the City Of Cambridge make every effort to secure adequate space in the East Cambridge area for a new home for the East Cambridge Post 3273, VFW, presently located in confined quarters for its membership at 174 Gore St., Cambridge.

Since then we have been negotiating with Mr. David Vickorey of the Cambridge Community Development for space in the proposed garage facility to be built on First and Thorndike Sts.. Preliminary plans were drawn up by the Architects on this project allocating approximately 7000 sq. ft of space in this new facility to the East Cambridge Post 3273, VFW.

Because of the long delay in getting this project off the ground, the original proposal outlined by Mr. Vickorey is no longer feasible due to reductions in Federal and State grants and the increased costs for construction. The original proposal included a fully completed facility ready for use. The terms were that this Post would bear their share of the costs amortized over a 20 year period.

Because of the above circumstances our post is submitting a new proposal for your consideration, whereas, our Post be granted this available space at a cost of \$1.00 a year rental fee for a reasonable period of time, and that the mechanical portions of the project be furnished by the city, ie: Heating/Air Conditioning and the necessary plumbing and electrical systems. All other costs will be borne by this post, ie: ceiling, floors, walls and other improvements necessary to make the space functionable.

We do not believe that this request is unreasonable, especially where all other organized groups in the city including Portugese, Italian, Hispanic, and Black have been granted building and or land for their use at no cost to them. Our purpose is to provide a decent home for our membership, especially the younger Vietnam veterans who have been disgracefully ignored by our society. Also those young men who will be called upon in the future to defend this great nation. For some of us our time has passed, but for the younger ones their future is ahead of them.

On a practicable standpoint, we feel that if granted our wishes, our organization would generate considerable revenue for the proposed public garage facility during the off-peak hours at night and on week-ends. This additional revenue would help defray the operational costs of the facility as well as to provide the residents of East Cambridge a sorely needed function facility in our area which would be available to them for meetings, socials and other community needs.

Therefore, we respectfully petition the Cambridge City Council to seriously consider our proposal and to act favorable in our behalf. Thanking you for your interest in this matter,

Yours in comradeship

Michael Rayne
Commander

Frank J. De Leo
President Of The Corporation

cc: Mr David Vickorey
Mr Alan Zimlicki
File



City of Cambridge

AMENDED ORDER

IN CITY COUNCIL²

October 29, 1979

COUNCILLOR FRISOLI

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be requested to coordinate the efforts of the Community Development Department and the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority in order that they may meet with the officials of the East Cambridge V.F.W. Post #3273 in order to assist this important and worthwhile organization in their search for a permanent site for the Post in the East Cambridge area.

In City Council October 29, 1979
Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote
of 9 members.

Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

OCT 31 1979

DATE:

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting comm. from Nicholas Ragno, Cmdr., East Cambridge VFW Post 3273 Re: requesting available space for \$ 1.00 a year at the proposed garage facility to be built at First & Thorndike St.'s.

In City Council,

April 5, 1982

4/5/82

- Henning Held -

See Order Attached

10/29/79