

City of Cambridge

Agenda # 5 Approval of changes MASSACHUSETTS
in the Open Space Land Program.

In City Council November 4, 1974 19

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mrs. Ackermann	✓			
Mr. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Duehay	✓			
Mrs. Graham	✓			
Mr. Russell	✓			
Mr. Vellucci	✓			
Mr. Wylie	✓			
Mayor Sullivan	✓			
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WHEREAS:

On November 6, 1972 the Cambridge City Council voted to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant under the Open Space Program to assist in the development of new or improved facilities at a variety of sites in the city; and

WHEREAS:

Such application included plans for open space improvements at a City owned site on Norfolk Street, between Cambridge and Hampshire Streets, (hereinafter called the "Norfolk Street site"), and a budget of \$110,000 dollars with which to finance such improvements; and

WHEREAS:

It now appears that the Norfolk Street site will not be available for open space use in the foreseeable future; and

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On July 24, 1974 the Cambridge City Council voted to acquire fee simple interest in a parcel of land at the corner of Hampshire and Elm Streets (hereinafter called the "Hampshire/Elm site") in the Model Cities Neighborhood for use as a municipal recreational open space, which parcel is more fully described in the resolution adopted by the City Council on July 24, 1974; and

WHEREAS:

The Hampshire/Elm site is ideally located for the development of municipal recreational open space and could serve the same neighborhood that an open space facility at the Norfolk Street site would serve; and

WHEREAS:

Financial assistance is needed to provide: 1) landscaping, benches and tot equipment at the Hampshire/Elm site, 2) adequate teenage open space facilities at the Neighborhood Facility currently under construction at the corner of Columbia and Hampshire streets (hereinafter called the "Blouin site"), 3) the full three tennis courts originally contemplated for the Donnelly Field Phase III project, 4) adequate amenities for beautification of Main Street at the corner of Austin Street (hereinafter called "Main Street"), and

WHEREAS:

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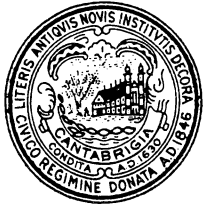
Resolution (cont.)

November 4, 1974

NOW THEREFORE,
the Cambridge City Council does hereby authorize and approve the following revised budget for the \$110,000 that was originally intended for improvements at the Norfolk Street site:

1. the Hampshire/Elm site	\$70,000
2. the Blouin site	\$15,000
3. Donnelly Field Phase III	\$17,000
4. Main Street	\$ 4,200
5. costs already incurred at the Norfolk Street site	\$ 3,800
TOTAL	\$110,000

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 Adopted by yeas and nays Vote
 Yeas 9 Nays 0 Absent 0
Paul E. Leahy.
 City Clerk



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

October 31, 1974

The Honorable, the City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Councillors:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has asked for your approval of the changes in the Open Space Land program described below as a prerequisite to their approval.

These changes involve the distribution of 1973 Open Space funds originally designated for a playground on Norfolk Street in the Model Cities neighborhood.

As I reported to the Council in my letter of July 16, 1974, the Norfolk Street site could not be made available for this use as originally planned because of the continuing need for this land by the Public Works Department. I recommended that as an alternative to the site the Council authorize the purchase of a vacant parcel of land at the corner of Elm and Hampshire Streets that had become available. The Council passed a resolution to this effect on July 24, 1974.

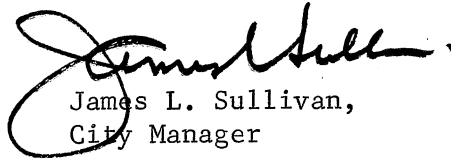
The original budget of \$110,000 for open space development on the Norfolk Street site is larger than required for the Elm/Hampshire site, because of the relative size of the sites and the new scope of work desired by the neighborhood. At the same time, the costs of completing two other Model Cities open space projects, Donnelly Field and Austin/Main Streets, will exceed the original budget for the scope of work called for in each case. Therefore, it is desirable to distribute the excess Norfolk Street funds between these other two projects serving the same general neighborhood. In addition, HUD already approved the use of \$15,000 of the Norfolk Street budget for outdoor youth recreation facilities at the Blouin neighborhood center site, across the street from the Elm/Hampshire site. Another \$3,800 was spent on design of the Norfolk Street site before it became unavailable. Some of this design work can be applied to the Elm/Hampshire site.

The proposed changes in use of the original Norfolk Street open space funds are tabulated on the following page.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Norfolk Street	\$110,000	\$3,800 expended on design
Blouin	- - -	\$15,000 approved by HUD
Elm/Hampshire	- - -	\$70,000
Donnelly Field, Phase III increase	- - -	\$17,000
Austin/Main increase	<u>- - -</u>	<u>\$4,200</u>
	\$110,000	\$110,000

You will note that no increase in total project budget is sought. Attached for your consideration is a proposed resolution on this matter.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan,
City Manager

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Attachment

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*Order adopted
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