



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 1980

- WHEREAS: This City Council is in receipt of a communication from Claire Olsen, Center Director of the Walnut Street Center, Inc., asking the City Council of Cambridge to vote to request the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to sell to the City of Cambridge a lot of land located on Shea Road in order that the City of Cambridge might provide the Walnut Street Center, Inc. the use of this land for the construction of a residence to house mentally retarded adults; and
- WHEREAS: This City Council on February 13, 1980 held a public hearing at the M. E. Fitzgerald School in North Cambridge at which all interested persons were notified by advertisement in the local newspaper; and
- WHEREAS: This City Council, after hearing, referred this matter to the regular City Council meeting of February 25, 1980 for further action; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That this City Council hereby records its approval of the request of the Walnut Street Center, Inc. for the construction of a residence to house mentally retarded adults on Shea Road in Cambridge; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the appropriate officials of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority of the action taken by this City Council in this regard and further to take the necessary action and institute the legal procedures necessary to acquire this property located on Shea Road for the use of the Walnut Street Center, Inc.

In City Council February 25, 1980

Adopted by a yea and nay vote:

Yeas 7; Nays 2; Absent 0.

Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Paul E. Healy

Order re Sale of land - Shea Road

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

Walter Byrne
2/25/

1980

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Unfinished
Business*

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Kevin P. Crane		✓		
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy		✓		
Ms. Sandra Graham	✓			
Mr. Leonard J. Russell	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Mr. David A. Wylie	✓			
Mayor Francis H. Duehay	✓			

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*Order
Adopted*

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Alexander



Walnut Street Center Inc.

President
Francis D. Pizzella

February 4, 1980

Mayor Francis Duehay
Cambridge City Council
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Honorable Duehay and City Councilors:

The Walnut Street Center, Inc. respectfully requests that the City of Cambridge Council vote to request the M.B.T.A. to sell the M.B.T.A. lot of land on Shea Road to the City of Cambridge for the express purpose of sale to the Walnut Street Center, Inc. for use of constructing a residence to house mentally retarded adults.

The Walnut Street Center, Inc. has received a one month extension of their Section 202 H.U.D. fund reservation which will provide funds for the purchase of the land and construction. We wish to appraise the Council of the imperativeness of the request. If the request for a vote is delayed beyond February 25th, we would not have sufficient time to prepare the necessary documents and design plans to submit by our February 28th. deadline.

We are aware of the busy schedule of a newly elected Council, yet can only hope that the possible loss of \$300,000 for housing for retarded persons can be seen as a high priority. To lose this most needed housing and funds due to a vote and the will of the people would be difficult to accept, but to lose it through procedural delay would be tragic. We sincerely apologize for the time pressure, but feel we cannot overcome it.

Again, we respectfully request that the Council place our matter on their agenda for consideration, as soon as possible, to meet our time constraints.

Thank you,

Claire Olsen
Center Director

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Comm. from Claire Olson, Director, Walnut Street Center, Inc. re: sale of the lot of land on Shea Road.

2/25/1980
See order adopted
and Enclosed

In City Council,
February 4, 1980

HEARING SET FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1980
AT 6 P.M. AT THE M.E. FITZGERALD SCHOOL

2/13/1980
Hearing Held
Reported to the
City Council for
action on Feb 25,
1980