



Cambridge Redevelopment Authority

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Memo to : Cambridge City Council

From : Cambridge Redevelopment Authority

Re : Driveway Problems at 235 Webster Avenue in Wellington-Harrington Neighborhood Improvement Area. R-108

The closing of a portion of Webster Avenue in the Wellington-Harrington Neighborhood Improvement Area has enabled the Wellington-Harrington Development Corporation to proceed with construction of 56 units of family housing on a site sold to the Corporation by the Redevelopment Authority.

This housing program could only have been accomplished through the closing of a portion of Webster Avenue, contained in the original Plan approved by the City Council on May 17, 1965.

The actual street closing was made possible by City Council approval on July 27, 1970.

The entire program has been explained to the property owner on numerous occasions, both at the Authority offices and at the premises, 235 Webster Avenue.

In view of the property owner's concerns, the Authority retained an easement over the parking street that runs from Columbia Street to the front of 235 Webster Avenue.

The property owner has always had access to the property and in the near future will receive the permanent legal right to continue to travel over this parking street in order to gain access to the property.

In addition, it is the intent of the Authority, as fully explained to the property owner, to sell, at a nominal price, two fragment parcels of land that abut 235 Webster Avenue. These parcels will enable the property owner to provide off-street parking and a larger yard area, neither of which was available before.

The Authority also has had a section of curbing placed in front of 235 Webster Avenue to prevent vehicles from encroaching on the property, and has, in fact, relocated the curbing at the property owner's request, one foot further away from the property line in order to provide a minimal sidewalk width greater than five feet from the corner of the structure.

City of Cambridge

Councillor Ackermann

In City Council,

December 20, 1971.

ORDERED:-

That the City Council request the Cambridge Housing Authority to make every effort to advertise bids by December 31, 1971 for the three hundred ninety-six units for family housing allocated to the Authority.

City Council Dec. 20, 1971

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 6 members

Paul E. Healy
City Clerk

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ORDER

City Council to request Cambridge Housing Authority to make every effort to advertise bids by Dec.31,1971 for the 396 units for family housing allocated to the Authority

December 20, 1971

Mrs. Ackermann