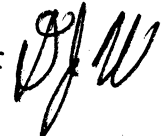


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TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Daniel J. Wuenschel, Executive Director 

DATE: 12 November 1992

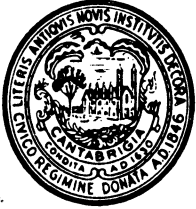
RE: Council Order #65 of September 14, 1992
Garfield Street and Massachusetts Avenue Site

The CHA continues to have strong interest in this site for family public housing. We had initially expected to develop 6 to 8 apartments on this site under the Commonwealth's Chapter 705 program. When funds under the aforementioned program became unavailable we began planning the utilization of federal turnkey public housing funds for this possible site --hopefully in conjunction with additional sites. These federal funds are in hand --awaiting the identification of a site or multiple sites to accomodate up to 45 units of family housing.

In the interim, we have been attempting to negotiate a price for the site with the MBTA with very little progress. Representatives of MBTA have taken the position that their mission is to obtain a price based on a "highest and best use appraisal." The CHA's position has necessarily been the need for the lowest possible price to accomodate affordable housing.

Any assistance that the City can provide in our quest would be most appreciated.

cc: Susan Schlesinger, Community Development



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November 16, 1992

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 13, regarding the status of the lot at Garfield Street and Massachusetts Avenue for affordable housing, received from Daniel J. Wuenschel, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority, relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda # 3

5-913
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the status of the lot at Garfield St.
and Mass. Ave. for affordable housing.

In City Council,

November 16, 1992

*Placed on file
City mgr to contact "T" General
mgr. re: land transfer &
possible future discussion on
home rule legislation.*