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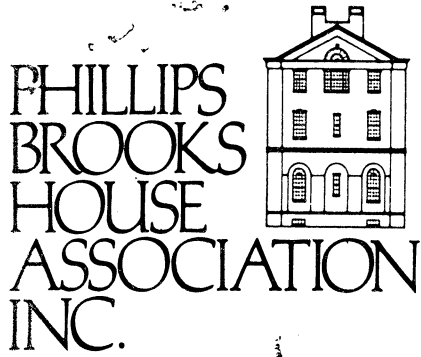
IN CITY COUNCIL

May 21, 1984

MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR CLINTON

- WHEREAS: This City Council supports programs that are of a particular benefit to Cambridge youth; and
- WHEREAS: The Philip Brooks House Association of Harvard University operates the Cambridge Youth Enrichment Program (CYEP), in which federally funded counselors are provided for the children of Cambridge public housing tenants at Jefferson Park, Roosevelt Towers and Newtowne Court; and
- WHEREAS: The program benefits Cambridge youth without any funding from the City; and
- WHEREAS: It is deemed helpful to the program to have the counselors live in public housing area to which they are assigned so that they may be more accessible to the participants of the program; and
- WHEREAS: The CYEP requests that the Cambridge Housing Authority make available one apartment that will house four counselors in each of the three housing areas, from apartments that would otherwise be vacant due to the phase construction projects, for the duration of the 12-week summer program; and
- WHEREAS: This City Council understands the autonomy of the Cambridge Housing Authority and will abide by any decision of theirs on this matter; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record supporting the Cambridge Youth Enrichment Program, and request the Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority to consider the housing request of the Program.

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Cambridge, Mass. 02138/(617) 495-5526

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The program is designed to be intensive and of high quality rather than all-inclusive. It is very cost-effective in its use of federally funded college counselors and junior counselors as well as in its not requiring any physical plant per se.

Besides salaries, the major costs of the program are for vans, gas, recreational/educational equipment, food (apart from the lunch program subscribed to), and for admission fees.

An additional cost to the program includes housing its twelve counselors for the duration of the program. Gauging the need for such housing at 12 weeks, this could present the program with the necessity of squandering anywhere from \$4500 to \$6000 of what's more and more appearing to be a tight budget on renting apartment space for its counselors. Of course, this money freed-up could mean a lot in terms of covering direct program costs for the children.

We solicit your help in this area. We believe it to be critical to the program's success that its college counselors be required to live in the area they serve or else we would have petitioned Harvard University (from which PBHA is quasi-independent and seldom gets all that it wants) for housing. We believe that the counselors' living in the neighborhoods served better acquaints them with the reality of the situation in which they're working; and, more importantly, that it forces them to be accessible to and accountable to those communities to the maximum extent possible.

What we would like the CHA Board to consider is granting us three apartments which could house 4 occupants each, in or around the three program areas. Indeed PBHA has successfully worked under such arrangements (apartment space granted in return for services rendered) in years past at Columbia Point through the BHA and presently at Academy Homes in Roxbury through HUD and through HUD's Altman Brothers private management firm.

We realize the ethical problems involved in allowing unqualified people recourse to public housing and therefore we merely request access to units which would be vacant during this summer in any case. If they are substandard we would be willing to paint, clean, etc.

We understand that such housing does exist at Jefferson Park where the Women's Writing Center occupies two apartments for the winter months but goes on vacation during the summer and also at Washington Elms/Newtown Court where it has been indicated to us that three water damaged apartments have been under consideration for our use, and thus presumably vacant, for three years now.

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For CYEP,

Sincerely,

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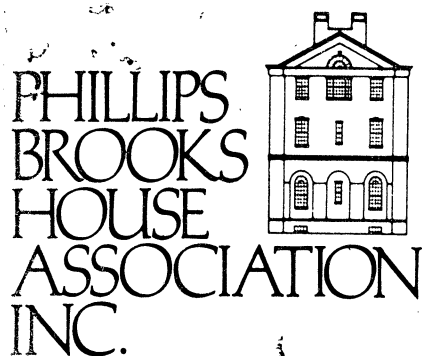
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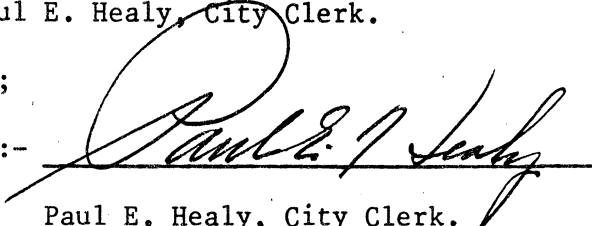
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


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Mayor Russell & C. Clinton re: resolutions
supporting the Cambridge Youth Enrichment
Program operated by the Philip Brooks House
Association of Harvard University & its
request that the CHA make available one
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