



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item No. 9

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 11, 1985

MAYOR RUSSELL

WHEREAS: It has been brought to the attention of this City Council that the Lesley Ellis School, located on Concord Avenue, has recently been purchased by Harvard and Radcliffe College; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority with a view in mind of exercising the City's right of eminent domain for this parcel of property for the purpose of developing said site as a mixed-unit development of public housing similar to the property located at 2050 Massachusetts Avenue.

2/11/85 - COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM THE CITY MANAGER -
PLACED ON FILE TOGEHER WITH THE CITY MANAGER'S
LETTER.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
RECEIVED BY
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

To Honorable Leonard J. Russell
Mayor

Date February 11, 1985

From Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Reference

Subject Eminent Domain Taking of the Lesley Ellis School

As I have verbally indicated to you, but have been remiss in reducing to writing, the financial exposure to the City for an eminent domain taking of the above mentioned property would be in the vicinity of 1.45 million dollars.

While I fully agree with your goal of providing additional units of affordable housing, the City's financial position, post Proposition 2½, could not handle such an expenditure.

Even if the Housing Authority were able to obtain funding for construction and development, the site acquisition costs would be the responsibility of the City.

The recent purchase price of \$1.45 million would be held to be the fair market value of the property in any land damage case plus the potential for additional sums for development costs. Given the constraints on the City Budget by Levy limits imposed by Proposition 2½, I do not believe such an expenditure is achievable at this time.

I apologize for any inconvenience that my delay in responding in writing to this matter has caused.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Comm. from Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Re: eminent domain taking of the Lesley
Ellis School.

In City Council,

February 11, 1985

2/11/85

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with Calendar*

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*This subject which
also was filed*



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*Received during meeting 2/11/85
PEH*

Mayor Russell

Dec. 3, 1954

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Be it

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That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority with a view in mind of preserving the city's right of eminent domain for this parcel

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developing said site as a mixed
unit development of public housing
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2050 Massachusetts Avenue



City of Cambridge

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Calendar Item No. 7

IN CITY COUNCIL

--December 3, 1984--

December 10, 1984

MAYOR RUSSELL

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TABLED ON MOTION OF MAYOR RUSSELL

2/11/15

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Mayor Russell re: City Manager to confer with the CHA with a view toward exercising the City's right of eminent domain for the parcel occupied by the Lesley Ellis School located on Concord Ave., recently purchased by Harvard/Radcliffe.

12/10/1984

Tabled on MOTION
of Mayor Russell

2/11/1915

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Enga- Placed on File
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December 3, 1984

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By
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