

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE PROVIDING ASSURANCES  
PURSUANT TO UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL PRO-  
PERTY ACQUISITION POLICIES ACT OF 1970

WHEREAS, the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, P. L. 91-646, (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") establishes uniform policies for the fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs, as well as uniform policies on real property acquisition practices with respect to such programs; and

WHEREAS, the Act has application to programs and projects receiving financial assistance under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge has made application for financial assistance under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 for an Open Space Land project or program designated as follows: OSL-MA-01-06-1005; and

WHEREAS, the activities for which such assistance is sought will involve displacement and/or land acquisition occurring after January 2, 1971, the effective date of the Act; and

WHEREAS, Sections 210 and 305 of the Act require the provision of certain assurances before the head of a Federal agency can approve any grant to, or contract or agreement with, a State agency, under which Federal financial assistance will be available to pay all or part of the cost of any program or project which will result in displacement or real property acquisition subject to the requirements of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the (City of Cambridge): That the United States of American and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development be, and they hereby are, provided through the adoption of this resolution, with the following assurances regarding conduct by the (City of Cambridge) of the project or program for which Federal financial assistance under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 is sought.

1. Fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance shall be provided to or for displaced persons, as are required to be provided by a Federal agency under Sections 202, 203 and 204 of the Act;

2. relocation assistance programs offering the services described in section 205 of the Act shall be provided to such displaced persons;
3. within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement, decent, safe, and sanitary replacement dwellings will be available to displaced persons in accordance with section 205(c)(3) of the Act;
4. in acquiring real property it will be guided, to the greatest extent practicable under State law, by the land acquisition policies in Section 301 and the provisions of Section 302 of the Act; and
5. property owners will be paid or reimbursed for necessary expenses as specified in Sections 303 and 304 of the Act; and
6. costs of providing payments and assistance will be shared by the City of Cambridge in the manner and to the extent required by Sections 211(a) and (b) of the Act.
7. the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority will be the designated relocation agency.

In City Council June 19, 1972  
Adopted (by) yea and nay Vote  
Yea 7 Nay 0 Absent 1 Present 1  
Paul E. Healey  
City Clerk

Resolution - Providing Assurances Pursuant to Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970

# City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council June 12, 19 19 72

|                 | YEA | NAY | ABSENT | <i>Present</i> |
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| Mr. Clinton     | ✓   |     |        |                |
| Mr. Danehy      |     |     |        | ✓              |
| Mr. Duehay      | ✓   |     |        |                |
| Mrs. Graham     | ✓   |     |        |                |
| Mr. Moncreiff   | ✓   |     |        |                |
| Mr. Owens       | ✓   |     |        |                |
| Mr. Sullivan    |     |     | ✓      |                |
| Mr. Vellucci    | ✓   |     |        |                |
| Mayor Ackermann | ✓   |     |        |                |
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**City of Cambridge**

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| Mr. Vellucci    | ✓   |     |        |                |
| Mayor Ackermann | ✓   |     |        |                |
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*Reconsideration*  
**City of Cambridge**

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# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

City Hall Annex - Inman & Broadway - Cambridge, Mass. 02139

(617) 876-6800  
EXTENSION 344

TO: John H. Corcoran, City Manager      DATE: May 31, 1972

FROM: Robert A. Bowyer, Director  
Planning and Development Dept.

SUBJECT: Brief History of HUD Open Space Land Program Reserva-  
tion for the Area Four Playground

The following brief history will confirm and elaborate on our recent oral discussions on this subject.

### Background:

In the spring of 1971 the Department of Planning and Development learned a substantial sum of money could be made available for Area Four by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Open Space Land Program. HUD agreed to reserve funds based on the submission of a preliminary application outlining in general terms an approvable scheme for recreational development. The details could be worked out and a formal application could be filed subsequently. This was a considerable departure from the detailed documentation that HUD usually requires for approval of Open Space Land applications.

The deadline for submitting the preliminary application was tight. In order to meet the deadline the content of the application had to be drawn from an existing plan for recreational development.

The Conference of Organizations, Blocks and Individuals (COBI), was a group that was active in 1967, working with staff from the Cambridge Corporation, to pull together a comprehensive plan for an area that represents a large part of what we now call Area Four. The substance of the preliminary application that was submitted to HUD, for reservation of Open Space Land monies, was drawn from the COBI plan. In particular, the application called for the acquisition of parcels within a three block area, to be developed into a large open space facility. The three block area is bounded by Portland Street on the east, Broadway on the north, Windsor Street on the west and Harvard Street on the south. No particular parcels were earmarked for acquisition and no type of facility was specified in the preliminary application. These and other details were to be worked out, subsequent to the reservation of the funds, and submitted to HUD in the form of a complete and final application.

HUD did agree to reserve \$1,000,000 pending filing of the final application, to be matched by \$1,000,000 of City money. The total amount of \$2,000,000 was to be used to develop a playground in Area Four.

Upon hearing of HUD's agreement to reserve the money, staff members from the Department of Planning and Development, Model Cities and Community Schools met to determine the best strategy for involving the Area Four residents in planning for the formal application. Meeting notices were sent out to resident organizations and to local businesses for the first meeting of an ad hoc Task Force. The charge of this Task Force was to be the planning of a new playground in Area Four.

The Task Force's first meeting, held in early December, was stormy and nearly ended in a decision to refuse the HUD reservation of funds. The controversy was due, in large part, to the dissatisfaction of many in attendance, including businessmen from the three-block area, with the COBI plans as outlined in the preliminary application.

My staff arranged for and accompanied members of the Task Force to a meeting with HUD officials to determine the extent to which the Task Force could deviate from the scheme, as outlined in the preliminary application, in its planning for expenditure of the reserved open space funds. The HUD officials assured the members of the Task Force that their planning could involve any eligible expenditure, under the guidelines disseminated by HUD, that would provide benefit for the Area Four residents. The HUD officials did request the Task Force to begin to make some preliminary decisions within the next month and return to HUD with a letter, describing their overall plans and priorities, by the end of January.

Since these initial meetings in December, the Task Force has been meeting bi-weekly at various sites throughout the neighborhood. The Task Force has had three separate organizations providing staff support for their work: Model Cities, Planning and Development, and Community Schools. These agencies have assisted with sending out notices and telephoning the membership for each meeting, with keeping the Task Force's records and with recording the minutes. Information on numerous sites throughout the neighborhood has been collected and is currently being supplemented. An inventory of all recreation facilities in the city was collected and compared with census data to determine how Area Four open space facilities, for particular age groups, compares with the facilities in other neighborhoods. Staff members have attended each meeting and worked with Task Force subcommittees in the preparation of questionnaires about neighborhood recreation needs. Staff members have arranged for and worked on the collection

of data with these questionnaires. Staff members have spoken with and encouraged people from throughout the neighborhood to come and participate in the Task Force meetings.

The Final Application:

After considerable discussion and controversy the Task Force has come to a series of decisions with respect to the expenditure of the money that was reserved for open space development in Area Four. Initially the Task Force discussions resulted in a clear policy against the taking of residential properties. Subsequently, the Task Force extended this policy to those properties the taking of which might result in loss of employment for Cambridge residents. Out of these decisions grew a distinct preference for a scheme of recreational development which would involve the acquisition and/or development of vacant or essentially vacant properties. It was at this point that the Task Force asked its staff members to compile information on each of several vacant or essentially vacant sites throughout the neighborhood. On the basis of this information the Task Force has reached its decisions as to the program that it will present to HUD in the form of a final application.

The program will consist of the acquisition of three parcels and the development of these and two City-owned recreation areas. The sites slated for acquisition consist of a lot on Prospect Street, directly adjacent to Sennott Park, which is presently occupied by a burnt out house, the basketball court which currently belongs to the Cambridge Neighborhood House, and a lot on Fiske Place which is occupied only by some dilapidated garages. The Task Force has also decided that they would like some development work done at Sennott Park and the Fletcher School Totlot, to expand on the work which was done under the Urban Beautification Program a couple of years ago. The details of the development plans for all five of the sites will be formulated and finalized at the regular meeting of the Task Force on Thursday, June 1.

The timing of the Task Force decisions has been fortuitous because we received, this morning, a letter from HUD requiring that we submit the final application by June 15 or forfeit the reserved funds (see copy enclosed). With the final decisions on the content of the application scheduled for June 1, the Department staff will have two weeks to pull together the formal application. This deadline will be tight, but assuming the Task Force finishes its work on June 1, as expected, we believe we can be ready to file the final application on June 15, 1972.



**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
City Hall Annex Inman & Broadway EXTENSION 344

**To** John H. Corcoran, City Manager

**From** Robert A. Bowyer, Director  
Planning and Development Dept.

**Date** June 9, 1972

**Subject** Final Decisions of the Area Four Recreation Task Force

On June 1, 1972 the Area Four Recreation Task Force met to formulate their final decisions regarding the expenditure of the money reserved by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for open space development in Area Four. The Task Force's decisions are being pulled together, by my staff, into an acceptable application for submission to HUD. In the last ten days, HUD instructed us that the application must be completed and filed in the HUD Area Office by June 15, 1972, in order to avoid the cancellation of the reservation of funds.

As you will remember, all of this began on June 24, 1971, when HUD agreed to reserve \$1,000,000, based on a commitment by the City Council to raise a matching \$1,000,000 for open space development in Area Four. The application procedure was in two parts. Initially, at the time of the reservation, the project was conceived of as one involving the acquisition and development of a large, three-to-five acre, parcel for recreation. Once the reservation was made, planning for a formal application was to begin. A neighborhood Task Force was called together to discuss the specifics of the planning for the expenditure of the funds. They have been meeting every two weeks since the Fall, and have, after considerable discussion and investigation, decided to abandon the plans, as originally conceived, in favor of a scattered site approach.

This decision is based on the Task Force's determination that no large area could be acquired and developed without displacing local businesses, which provide jobs for Cambridge residents, or people's homes. In an effort to avoid either of these consequences, the Task Force chose to consider, for acquisition and/or development, only vacant or essentially vacant sites. The Task Force has chosen four of these area for acquisition and/or development to make up a scattered-site program for expenditure of the open space funds.

June 9, 1972

The program as finally developed, by the Task Force, will involve acquisition of areas on which there are currently located dilapidated garages and an old storage shed. The resultant relocation and hardship will, therefore, be minimal. The area will benefit from the development of several new and improved recreation areas. The details of the plans are attached.

In order to complete the preparation of the final application, in conformity with the Task Force's plans, the City will need to enter into contractual arrangements for the necessary real estate services, such as appraisals and relocation services. Further, although the City Council has, at the time of the original reservation in the Spring of 1971, already adopted a resolution approving the filing of the application and the commitment of the local share, HUD has recently requested that the Council adopt a resolution concerning land acquisition and relocation policies. This resolution, as attached, is similar to several adopted by the Council in prior actions; however, it has been altered to reflect the most recent Federal legislation in these areas.

The decisions and proposals of the Task Force represent months of work by residents and local businessmen from Area Four. The proposals received unanimous approval by the City Demonstration Agency Board of Directors. Representatives from the Tenants' Councils, the Neighborhood Houses, Community Schools and the Planning Team have all endorsed the Task Force's work and the resultant proposals. Individual residents of the areas involved have expressed enthusiasm for the plans. In all, I feel that the proposals of the Task Force have been carefully considered, are strong and have the support of most of the Area Four residents.

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Attachments

## PROPOSED OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT IN AREA FOUR

### FINAL DECISIONS OF THE AREA FOUR RECREATION TASK FORCE

#### Sennott Park

The parcel at 146 Prospect Street, currently occupied by a burnt out house, should be acquired, the house demolished, and the area developed as an attractive entrance into Sennott Park with landscaping and pathways. A modest structure is proposed to be built on the site, providing space for equipment storage, lavatories and showers. A landscaped seating area is also included as well as an area which can be used by community groups to sell refreshments at gametimes for fund raising purposes.

The ballfield at Sennott Park should be graded and resodded with hose bibs installed on each side for convenient irrigation. Fencing should be constructed and spot lighting installed.

The area to the south of the ballfield, on Harvard Street should be developed with a tennis court and two handball/bang-board courts. In these areas, spot lighting should be provided.

The tot-lot should be expanded somewhat. Benches and tables should be provided for the mothers to use while minding their children.

The basketball/ice skating area should remain unchanged, except for the installation of two additional funnell hoops of the same variety as the one in use in the area at present.

Lighting, landscaping, and trash receptacles should be installed throughout the facility.

#### Cambridge Neighborhood House/Harvard Street Area

The Task Force has proposed the acquisition of the land surrounding and owned by the Cambridge Neighborhood House and the lots next to the CAL Club on the corner of Clark and Harvard. The removal of the wing that has been attached to the rear wall of the original Neighborhood House structure is recommended. The Task Force proposes that Clark Street be closed to all traffic from Harvard Street up to the first residence. Harvard Street, from Windsor to Moore Street, should be closed to all but local and emergency vehicles.

A tot and intermediate age playground should be developed in the area surrounding the Neighborhood House. This will include play equipment,

benches and tables for the mothers, an open space for such games as hop-scotch, and a spray area-wading pool. Further toward Clark Street there should be a tennis court and a street hockey court constructed. Two basketball courts, with provisions for wintertime flooding, should be constructed in the area that is currently on the corner of Clark and Harvard next to the CAL Club and will extend into the area that is now Clark Street. Harvard Street should provide for diagonal parking on the Washington Elms side of Harvard Street, with a single lane for traffic directly behind the parking lots. The rest of the Harvard Street area should be landscaped and benches and tables installed. Adequate lighting, with spot lights in the basketball and tennis court areas, landscaping and trash receptacles should be installed throughout the facility.

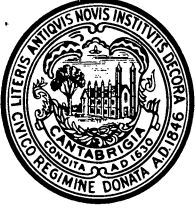
#### Fiske Place

Parcels at the end of Fiske Place that are currently occupied by dilapidated garages and a storage shed are proposed for acquisition. These parcels should be developed into a basketball/ice skating area; an open space for such games as hop-scotch, a tot and intermediate age playground, and a landscaped seating area. Lighting, landscaping and trash receptacles should be installed throughout the facility.

Fiske Place itself should be beautified with the installation of new sidewalks, landscaping and street furniture.

#### Fletcher School Playground

The playground adjacent to the Fletcher School is one of the most used recreation facilities in the city. Due to large concentrations of children in the immediate area, coupled with recess uses by the school children, the playground is in need of renovation repair and some redesign. The lighting and water systems at the facility are inadequate, in most cases, and need renovation. The spray and ice skating areas require plumbing and drainage changes. The play equipment in all areas of the totlot should be replaced with more formidable equipment which will endure concentrated usage. Finally, landscaping and planting is almost nonexistent and should be included in any design. The most important part of all Fletcher planning should be the inclusion of elements which are durable and require little or no maintenance. Fletcher Playground services all of the northwest corner of Area IV and is the only facility north of Broadway and west of Windsor Street. Thus completion of these activities is important.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JOHN H. CORCORAN  
City Manager

ROBERT J. LEBLANC  
Assistant to the City Manager

June 12, 1972

To the Honorable, the City Council,

I transmit herewith for the information of your Honorable Body, a Brief History of HUD Open Space Land Program Reservation for the Area Four Playground.

Also enclosed is suggested resolution for the same.

Yours truly,

John H. Corcoran  
City Manager

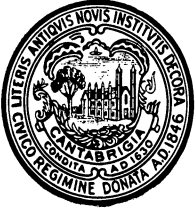
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Program Reservation for the Area Four  
Playground, along with suggested reso-  
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June 12, 1972

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EXTENSION 344

**TO:** John H. Corcoran, City Manager      **DATE:** June 14, 1972

**FROM:** Robert A. Bowyer, Director  
Planning and Development Dept.

**SUBJECT:** Area Four Open Space Application

Attached are maps and brief descriptions of each of the projects as proposed by the Area Four Recreation Task Force for the expenditure of the Open Space Land Program money which was reserved by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in May, 1971. As I have pointed out in my previous communications to you on this subject, the proposals, as finally developed by the Task Force, are significantly different from the original scheme. The change in approach, from the development of one large recreational space to a scattered site program, was the result of two policy decisions reached by the Task Force after several weeks of discussion and debate. The two decisions were: 1) the development should not involve the taking of anyone's home, and 2) neither should it involve the taking of a business that employs Cambridge residents. The scattered site approach was a necessary consequence of these two decisions.

The particular proposal, as it is presented here, is the result of consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of well over twenty sites. This is a difficult task, as you can well appreciate. Residents and businessmen from Area Four have met week after week to grapple with these decisions. While one may not entirely agree, one cannot help but respect the hard work that has gone into the development of these conclusions. The Board of the City Demonstration Agency, Inc. did not fully agree with all of the proposals put forward by the Task Force, but unanimously endorsed the proposals in recognition that they were the result of sincere and hard work by local residents and businessmen. We hope the City Council will see fit to do likewise on Monday, June 19.

## AREA FOUR RECREATION TASK FORCE PROPOSALS

### SENNOTT PARK AREA

#### Land proposed for acquisition:

Address: 146 Prospect Street  
Owner: James Kyricos et al  
Current Use: burnt out shell of a house

#### Proposed development:

The newly acquired parcel should be developed with landscaping and paving to provide an attractive access into Sennott Park from Prospect Street. Two modest buildings should be constructed on the Prospect Street side of the lot in order to protect the area from the noise and dirt of the traffic. These buildings should provide lavatory and shower facilities and storage areas. The inner areas of the lot should be developed for seating. An area should be provided for community groups to use, for the sale of refreshments at the time of games in the athletic field, for the group's fund raising purposes.

Common Street should be paved so as to blend in with the new pathways. Common Street should be closed to all traffic except the cars of the local residents.

The lot on Harvard Street should be developed as a full size tennis court and two bang board-hand ball courts.

The athletic field should be graded and resodded. Appropriate irrigation fixtures and fencing should be installed.

The totlot should be expanded and additional equipment brought in. Benches and tables should be provided for the mothers to use while watching their children play. The basketball-ice skating rink area should remain unchanged except for the installation of two new funnel hoops of the type currently in use in the area. Lighting should be installed throughout Sennott Park. Spot lights should be provided for the athletic field and the tennis and basketball court areas.



CAMBRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE/HARVARD STREET AREA

Land proposed for acquisition:

Address: 4-12 Dickinson Street  
Owner: Cambridge Neighborhood House  
Current Use: playground

Address: portion of 79 Moore Street  
Owner: Cambridge Neighborhood House  
Current Use: open space and site of recently added wing

Address: 147 Harvard Street  
Owner: Cambridge Neighborhood House  
Current Use: playground

Address: 151 Harvard Street  
Owner: Cambridge Neighborhood House  
Current Use: playground

Address: 155-155-1/2 Harvard Street  
Owner: Polaroid  
Current Use: undeveloped lot

Address: 157 Harvard Street  
Owner: Polaroid  
Current Use: undeveloped lot

Address: 159 Harvard Street  
Owner: Polaroid  
Current Use: undeveloped lot

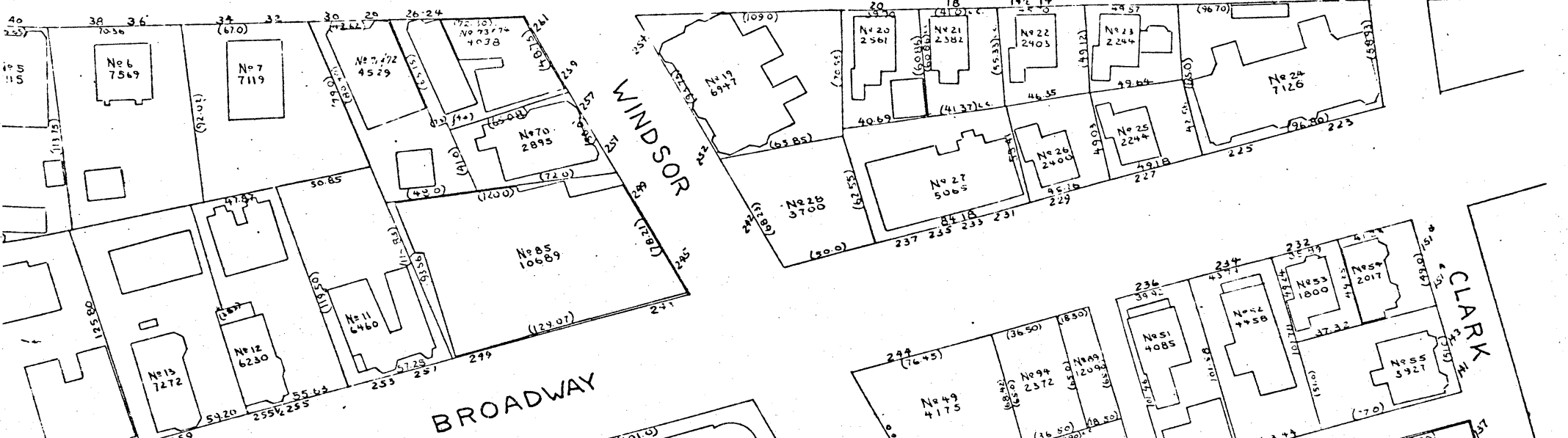
NOTE: The Neighborhood House, itself, will not be purchased by the City, at the request of the Neighborhood House Board. The structure cannot, therefore, qualify for any direct assistance under this grant. It is anticipated that the funds from acquisition, relocation and severance, for which the Neighborhood House will be eligible under this proposal, will help the Neighborhood House Board finance some needed repairs on the structure.

Proposed Development: The Task Force proposes that Clark Street be closed to all traffic from Harvard Street up to the first residence. Harvard Street, from Windsor to Moore Street, should be closed to all but local and emergency vehicles.



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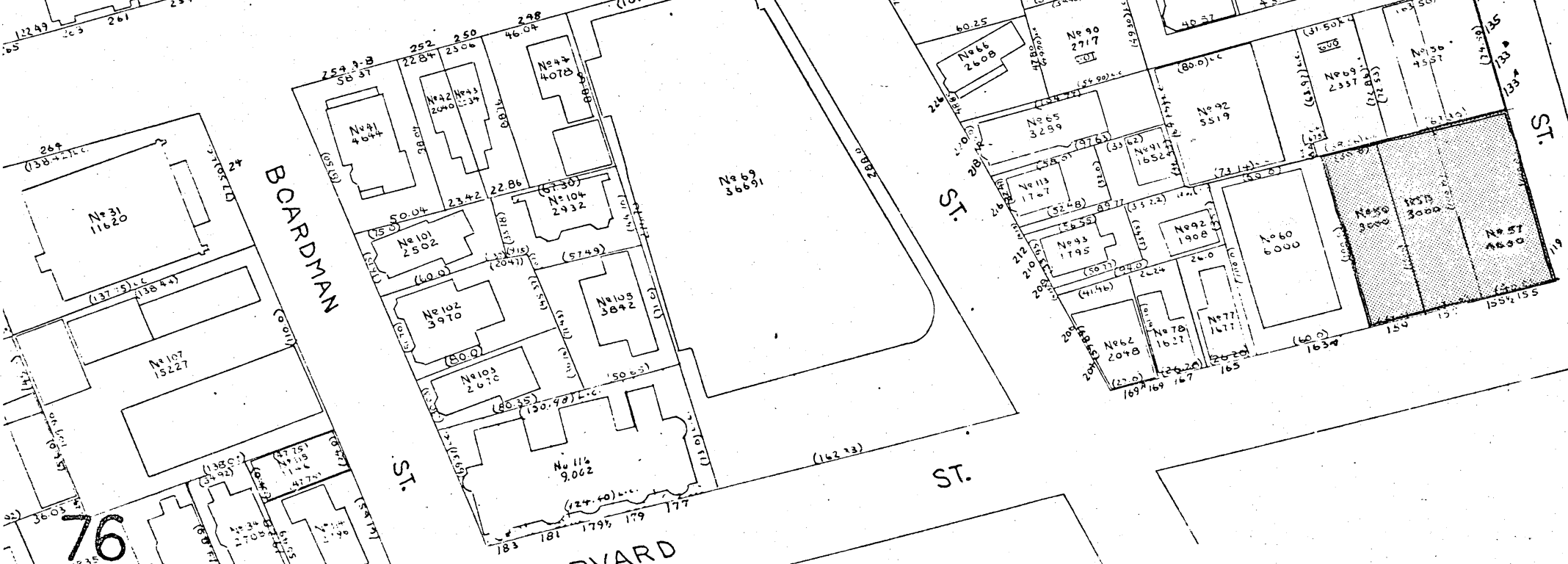


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A tot and intermediate age playground should be developed in the area surrounding the Neighborhood House. This will include play equipment, benches and tables for the mothers, an open space for such games as hopscotch, and a spray area-wading pool. Further toward Clark Street there should be a tennis court and a street hockey court constructed. Two basketball courts, with provisions for wintertime flooding, should be constructed in the area that is currently on the corner of Clark and Harvard, next to the CAL Club. This development would extend into the area that is now Clark Street. Part of Harvard Street should be landscaped and benches and tables should be installed. Adequate lighting, with spot lights in the basketball and tennis court areas, landscaping and trash receptacles should be installed throughout the facility.

#### FISKE PLACE AREA

##### Land proposed for acquisition:

Address: 17 Fiske Place  
Owners: Prescott  
Current Use: undeveloped open space

Address: 25-27 Fiske Place  
Owners: Prescott  
Current Use: location of eight single story garages in fair condition

Address: lot behind 392 Washington Street  
Owners: Prescott  
Current Use: undeveloped open space

Address: lot at end of Fiske Place  
Owners: Nissebaum  
Current Use: open storage space and shed in dilapidated condition

Proposed Development: These parcels should be developed into a basketball/ice skating area, an open space for such games as hopscotch, a tot and intermediate age playground, and a landscaped seating area. Lighting, landscaping and trash receptacles should be installed throughout the facility.

Fiske Place itself should be beautified with the installation of new sidewalks, landscaping and street furniture.

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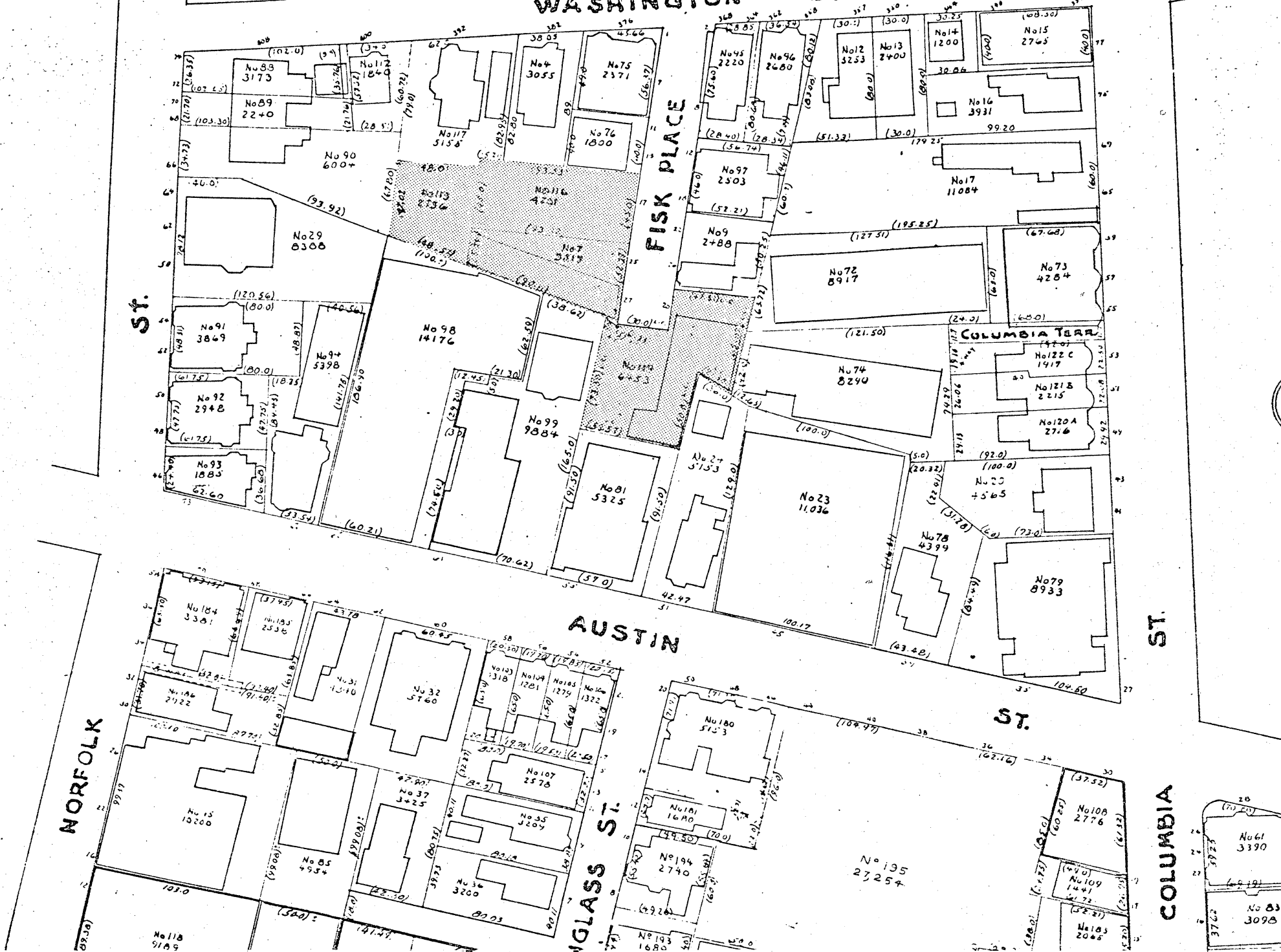
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FLETCHER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

No acquisition involved

Proposed Development: The playground adjacent to the Fletcher School is one of the most used recreation facilities in the city. Due to large concentrations of children in the immediate area, coupled with recess uses by the school children, the playground is in need of renovation, repair and some redesign. The lighting and water systems at the facility are inadequate, in most cases, and need renovation. The spray and ice skating areas require plumbing and drainage changes. The play equipment in all areas of the totlot should be replaced with more formidable equipment which will endure concentrated usage. Finally, landscaping and planting is almost nonexistent and should be included in any design. The most important part of all Fletcher planning should be the inclusion of elements which are durable and require little or no maintenance.



**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
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June 12, 1972

Mr. J. Edward Washington, Jr., Project Director  
Department of Planning and Development  
57 Inman Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Ed:

We are pleased to know that development of the area around the Cambridge Neighborhood House is included in the Open Space Land application being submitted to HUD by your office. The structure at 79 Moore Street which is historically significant is the house constructed in 1821, the side ell of c. 1851, and the rear ell of 1888, as shown on enclosed plan. The building, including the two ells, has National Register status; this may require that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation be notified about the proposal.

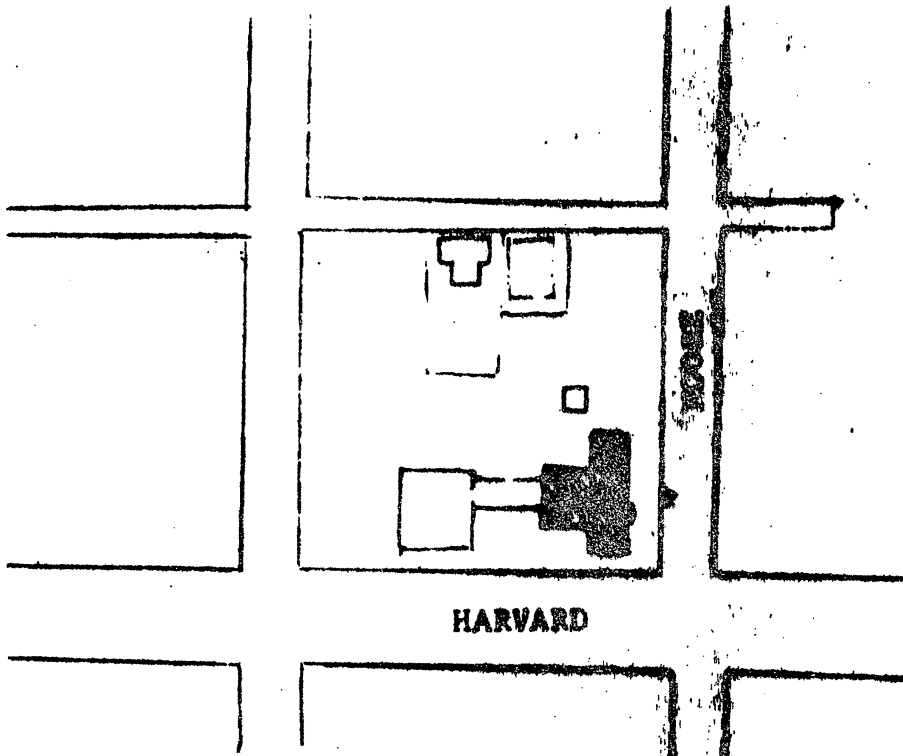
We trust that the development will be planned with the historical significance of the building in mind, and we will be happy to cooperate with you in these efforts. Please keep us advised about the plans for the area.

Sincerely yours,

*Amy E. Cohn*  
Amy E. Cohn  
Secretary

79 MOORE STREET

CAMBRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE



Building including house (1821), side ell (c. 1851)  
and rear ell (1888)

MARGARET FULLER--NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE  
79 Moore Street  
Cambridge 02139

June 13, 1972

Mr. J. Edward Washington, Jr.  
Associate Planner  
Department of Planning and Development  
City of Cambridge  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Washington,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Margaret Fuller--Neighborhood House, I would like to convey our best wishes on the submission of the application for Open Space in Area IV. Adequate recreational space has long been recognized as a high priority need in the neighborhood and we are pleased at the progress that has been made through your efforts.

As you know, we have had four members of the Board and the director involved in the discussions of the Recreation Task Force. We have discussed the Open Space concept at several of our meetings and we have consulted with our lawyer. He sees no problems emerging at the present time and has advised us to keep abreast of further planning as it develops. If we are then in accord with the final plans, we would proceed with the necessary agreements.

Sincerely yours,

*Althea Merchant*  
Althea Merchant  
Co-chairwoman

June 14, 1972

Mr. J. Edward Washington, Jr.  
Department of Planning and Development  
57 Inman Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Washington:

We have enjoyed working with you and the Area Four Recreation Task Force over the past months and have appreciated the opportunity to review the proposals as they were finally worked out by the Task Force. In general we support and endorse the Task Force's proposals. We are particularly pleased about the plans to resod the athletic field and install lighting at Sennott Park. We understand that the details of the plans will be worked out at neighborhood meetings, subsequent to the receipt of the grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. We look forward to participating in those meetings.

Again, we endorse and support the Task Force's proposals and look forward to favorable action, by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, on the funding of the plans. We remain available to assist you in whatever way is necessary to ensure that the Task Force's plans will be realized.

Sincerely,

*Geo. Thomas M. Curran*  
*St. Mary's*



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## MODEL CITIES PROGRAM

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June 8, 1972

Mr. John H. Corcoran, City Manager  
Cambridge City Hall  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

Pursuant to a vote of the Model Cities Board of Directors, meeting in regular session on June 8, 1972 at the Board's main offices, 639 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, I am communicating to you the following:

A quorum of the Board of Directors being present and responding to recommendations made under the provisions of Article VII of Ordinance 766 of the City of Cambridge it was MOVED and seconded and unanimously passed by ROLL CALL VOTE that

The Model Cities Board of Directors, mindful of the 6-month planning and review process engendered in the presentation before it, approves the recommended site selection and plans as presented by the Area IV Recreation Task Force for an Open Space Application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Model Cities Agency has provided staff assistance to the project in cooperation with the City of Cambridge Office of Planning and Development of both an organizational and technical nature.

The Model Cities Administration finds the plan consistent with the goals of improved recreation and open space which among other needs prompted the inauguration of the Model Cities Program in Cambridge.

Mr. John H. Corcoran


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June 8, 1972

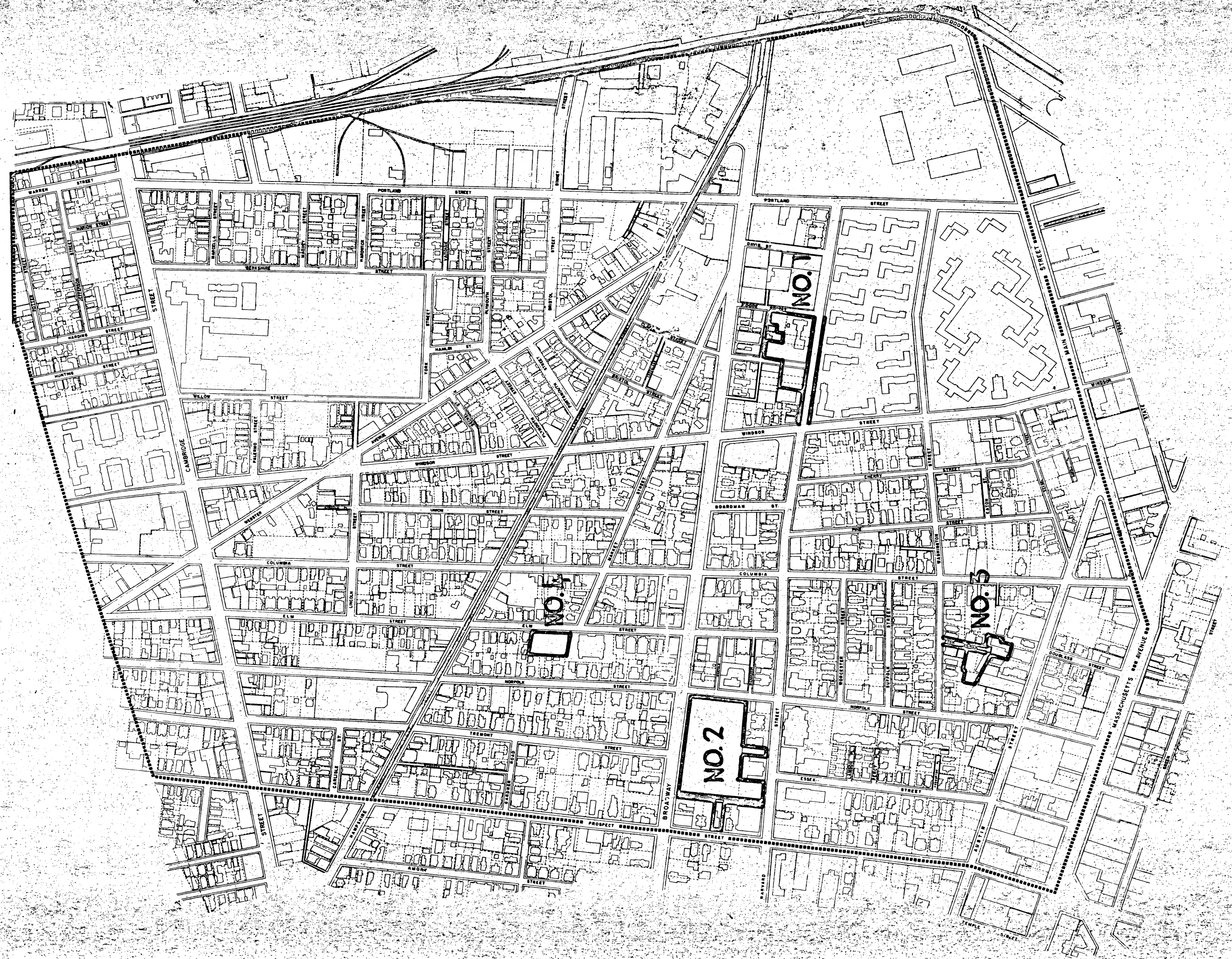
As a part of this communication the Board has requested that you be apprised of the esteem in which the Model Cities members hold the many residents and businessmen who over the past six months have been intimately involved in this planning process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for the furtherance you may lend to its processing and eventual implementation.

Sincerely,

  
James L. Farrell  
Executive Director

JLF/o



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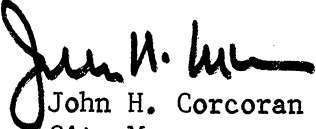
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JOHN H. CORCORAN  
City Manager

June 19, 1972

To the Honorable, the City Council,

I transmit herewith for your information, communication from Robert A. Bowyer Director of the Planning and Development Department, relative to the Area Four Open Space Application.

Yours truly,

  
John H. Corcoran  
City Manager

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