

City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

RESOLUTION

December 4, 1972

WHEREAS:-

The Walden Square housing development was in substantial measure built on land acquired from the City of Cambridge and therefore has a large measure of public policy objectives in its conception and design

WHEREAS:-

the primary development entitles - The Cambridge Corporation and the Interfaith Housing Corporation of Cambridge - have repeatedly expressed a strong interest in meeting the housing needs of a wide range of low and moderate income Cambridge citizens

WHEREAS:-

The design of this development is especially concerned with providing low-rise housing built at a compatible human scale for large families with children in three, four and five-bedroom apartments in attractively-designed three-story structures

WHEREAS:-

More than two out of every three applicants for residency in this housing are low-income families who are eligible for not only the Section #236 interest subsidy but also for additional subsidies deriving either from the rent supplementation or the public housing leasing program

WHEREAS:-

The needs of these deserving Cambridge families - more than 200 in number - will not be met until such additional subsidies are made available to the development

WHEREAS:-

The development team has expressed a strong commitment to accept a major percentage of low-income resident families in this development and has in fact formally requested City assistance in achieving this objective...

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WHEREAS:-

the only available additional subsidies to meet the needs of these families that are currently committed consist of 48 rent supplement units, which applies to only 20% of the development

WHEREAS:-

the Public Policy Coordinating Committee has considered this problem in detail and has voted to urge the Cambridge Housing Authority to make available as many as 72 leased units to this worthy development

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:-

That the Cambridge Housing Authority be urged by the City Council to make the most energetic possible efforts to make available as many leased units as are available within its current or potential allocations

That the City Council give special recognition to the unusual effort that was made by the developers and by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to provide low-rise family housing despite manifest financial and physical obstacles that intervened

That the City Council urge upon the Cambridge Housing Authority its special obligation to respond as creatively as possible to the important public policy objectives that are implicit in this housing development.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 9 members

Paul E. Leahy
City Clerk
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