



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
January 11, 1999

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to report back to the City Council as to the history of the vacant land at 210 Broadway and the feasibility of taking this property by eminent domain to provide much needed open space in Area Four; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager also be requested to report to the City Council with regard to the feasibility taking the "Squirrel Brand" property (bordering Harvard Street, Boardman and Broadway) by eminent domain for open space.

In City Council January 11, 1999.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.
A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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was there a
resolution on
this? is there
a report?

Katherine

The letter
was on the Consent
Communications agenda
but no order was
passed to request a
report and no
report was done

DMD

Please draft
an approp. resol.

Then KT

12/31/88

30 November 1998

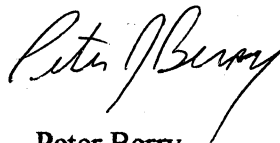
The Honorable City Council
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed two letters, written by Chip Greenidge, on behalf of the Area Four Coalition. In the letter regarding the vacant land at 210 Broadway, the neighborhood requested a report from the City Manager and the Community Development Department "...detailing the history regarding this parcel and setting forth their recommendation...". We had hoped that the report would have been forwarded to the Coalition and the City Council within 30 days.

At this time, having yet to receive any response, we anxiously await word as to the current status of the report and hope that it will be made available in the very near future. If you would like to speak with either Mr Greenidge or myself please feel free to call. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Peter Berry
661-5628

Chip Greenidge
661-9386

cc: City Manager Healy

September 27, 1998

The Honorable City Council
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Councillors:

The Area Four Coalition at their regularly scheduled meeting of September 10, 1998 voted to request that the City of Cambridge begin eminent domain land taking measures in relation to 210 Broadway.

A review of the 1992 City of Cambridge 5-year Recovery Action Plan for the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program (1992-1997) clearly spells out the fact that the Area Four Neighborhood has one of the most severe shortages of public recreational open space in the City of Cambridge.

In addition to lack of open space, we are also well aware of the tremendous need for affordable housing in Cambridge, and the constant and long-standing support that the Area Four neighborhood has given to affordable housing.

The severe impact on the residential quality of life in Neighborhood Four and Wellington-Harrington (Area Three) due to the proposed dual development of 205 as well as 210 Broadway has been well documented.

The 1992 Neighborhood Four Study Recommendations, as well as all subsequent studies and planning efforts, have clearly endorsed the need to control the 46,674 square feet of vacant land at 210 Broadway for affordable housing and/or open space.

In June 1997 the Area Four Coalition voted to put aside \$200,000. from the neighborhood UDAG fund for open space and/or affordable housing, the use to be determined by the neighborhood.

In May 1998, the Just-A-Start Corporation bid \$2,100,000.00 for the 46,674 square foot parcel which had been purchased by Bulfinch Properties for \$2,000,000.00 a few months earlier, but Bulfinch did not accept the offer.

Because of the tremendous need for affordable housing and/or open space in Neighborhood Four, and in light of the long, well documented history regarding this property, we are urging the Cambridge City Council to move immediately to begin eminent domain land taking in regard to 210 Broadway.

In addition, we request that a report be prepared by the City Manager and the Community Development Department regarding such an eminent domain land taking, detailing the history regarding this parcel and setting forth their recommendations. This report should be requested to be forwarded to the City Council and the Area Four Coalition within 30 days.

Sincerely yours,



George (Chip) Greenidge
Leadership Council
Area Four Coalition

September 27, 1998

The Honorable City Council
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Councillors:

The Area Four Coalition at their regularly scheduled meeting of September 10, 1998 voted to request that the City of Cambridge begin immediate eminent domain land taking measures with regard to the property known as "Squirrel Brand" (bordering Harvard Street, Boardman and Broadway), presently being used for light industry and a community garden. An appropriate future use of this property is integral to the life of Area Four, and we ask that you proceed in a proactive manner to take this property for the public use of the City of Cambridge.

Sincerely yours,



George (Chip) Greenidge
Area Four Coalition
Leadership Council



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Consent Order #40

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Councillor Triantafillou re: report on
the history of the vacant land at
210 Broadway and the feasibility of
taking by eminent this property and
the "Squirrel Brand" property.

In City Council January 11, 1999

ORDER ADOPTED