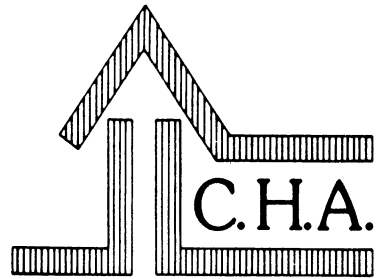


CAMBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY



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July 31, 1981

Robert W. Healy, City Manager
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy,

In response to your request for a report on our activities, in regard to the development of elderly housing in North Cambridge under the Chapter 667 program, we offer the following.

We have taken action on three fronts after the City Council order of June 29:

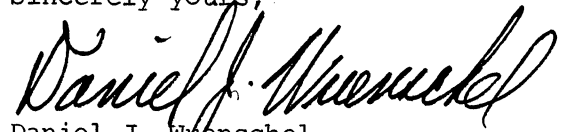
1. Lincoln School. We have had discussions with the School Department in regard to their plans for the Lincoln School. To date they have indicated that they plan to utilize the school for the next school year, and make a more definitive decision on the fate of the school next year. While we remain interested in the building as a potential reuse for elderly housing, we can not delay action on our current EOCD grant to await a School Department decision.
2. 2050 Mass Ave. We have held a series of informal meetings with North Cambridge residents interested in our proposal for elderly housing at 2050 Massachusetts Avenue. We have found that there are both proponents and opponents to our proposal. At the last meeting, on July 23, we heard primarily from opponents to the plan to use the site for elderly housing. We hope in time to be able to persuade this group that we can offer the least disruptive and most architecturally pleasing alternative use for the site. In order to be able to present the Council with an elderly housing option for the site, we will proceed with the informal community meetings, a formal presentation to the Planning Board, and, finally, a proposal for consideration by the Council in September.

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3. Alternative Sites. We continue to explore alternative sites as we learn of them. One such site is 95 Harvey Street. Our preliminary analysis indicates that this particular site is not suitable for elderly housing, as it is located in an industrial area, adjacent to railroad tracks and is poorly shaped for a Development of this size.

I have attached the schedule we intend to pursue to develop the elderly housing option for 2050 Massachusetts Avenue. We remain enthusiastic about the use of the site as elderly housing, and hope the Council will give serious consideration to our proposal in September.

Sincerely yours,

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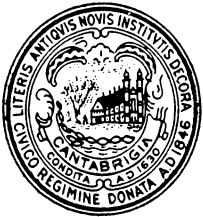
Daniel J. Wenschel
Executive Director

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2050 - 2070 Massachusetts Avenue
Development Schedule

Thursday, May 28	Community Meeting
Monday, June 8	Community Meeting
Monday, June 15	Community Meeting
Thursday, June 25	Community Meeting
Thursday, July 23	Community Meeting
Friday, August 14	Planning Board submission to Community Development
Monday, August 17	Community Development notifies Chronicle
Thursday, August 20	Public Hearing Notice in Chronicle
Thursday, August 27	Public Hearing Notice in Chronicle
Tuesday, September 8	Planning Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 22	Planning Board Meeting
Monday, September 28	City Council Meeting
Monday, October 5	City Council Meeting



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

August 3, 1981

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith communication from the Cambridge Housing Authority relative to the Housing Authority's activities in regard to the development of elderly housing in North Cambridge under the Chapter 667 program.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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In City Council

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