

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 302

Approved May 10, 1977

WHEREAS, the School Committee of the City of Providence by its Resolution No. 965, adopted June 9, 1976, a copy of which is hereto attached, authorized release of that certain parcel of land, Lot 512, on City Assessor's Plat 76, to the Mayor's Office of Community Development, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office of Community Development has requested that parcel of land, designated as 480 Charles Street and the Esek Hopkins Middle School, containing an area of 28,960 square feet, presently used as a school parking lot, for the proposed site of the DaVinci Multi-Service Community Center, and

WHEREAS, this request further satisfies the social needs of low and moderate income citizens and provides flexibility in programming for social recreational public services for that community, and

WHEREAS, the former City Solicitor has advised that a portion of Metcalf Field (Plat 76, Lot 13) may be utilized for a parking area for said school provided that permission by Resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners would first have to be Passed, the same having been effected, a copy of which is hereto attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the request of the Mayor's Office of Community Development be and hereby is approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such School Committee approval is contingent upon permission from the Board of Park Commissioners to use in approximately the equivalent portion of Metcalf Field, (Plat 76, Lot 13) for a parking area for the school faculty, the said Community Center, and Recreational Facilities of Metcalf Field; and that the parking area in Plat 76, Lot 13, be made available as an appropriately paved parking area for parking of sixty (60) motor vehicles at no cost to the Providence School Department.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 5 1977  
READ AND PASSED

*Robert J. Horton*  
PRES.  
*Vincent Caspica*  
CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

*Vincent A. Caspica*  
MAY 10 1977

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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FIRST READING  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY

Vincent Vespa  
CLERK

*Councilman Petrosinelli  
and  
Councilman Salvatore,  
by Request*

THE COMMITTEE ON

CITY PROPERTY

Recommends

Vincent Vespa  
Clerk

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THE COMMITTEE ON  
CITY PROPERTY

Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution

Vincent Vespa  
Chairman  
April 27, 1977 Clerk

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City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 23, 1977

TO: Director of Recreation Santiano

SUBJECT: PROPOSED DAVINCI MULTI-SERVICE COMMUNITY CENTER

CONSIDERED BY: Committee on City Property

DISPOSITION: Attached is copy of Resolution of the City Council considered by and referred to the said Committee.

That Committee desires an opinion as to whether or not there presently exists in the City of Providence, under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Department, sufficient open space recreational areas, such as parks and so forth.

Will you kindly inform the Committee, in writing, as to your theory on this matter.

*Eminent*

City Clerk



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.  
MAYOR

**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION**  
Telephone 421 - 7740 Ext. 365 to 368  
Casino, Roger Williams Park, Providence, R. I. 02907

Louis Santiano  
Director

March 24, 1977

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Mr. Harry A. Johnson, Chairman  
Committee on City Property  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Councilman Johnson,

I have been requested to respond to your august committee concerning my opinion as to:

"...whether or not there presently exists in the City of Providence, under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Department, sufficient open space recreational areas, such as parks and so forth."

I am reminded, Councilman Johnson, of the immortal words of the illustrious inventor Thomas Alva Edison:

"I never once made a discovery...I speak without exaggeration when I say that I have constructed three thousand different theories in connection with the electric light...Yet in only two cases did my experiment prove the truth of my theory."

I certainly do not have three thousand theories on open space recreational areas nor anything else -- material or otherwise. However, I can give you and your committee some facts based on twenty-two months of on-the-job observations and a fifty-three year love affair with this beloved city of ours.

There will never be enough open recreational areas in the City of Providence. This does not mean that there are many areas, city owned, that are rarely, if ever, used. For that matter, most of these areas are rarely used. But, there are times, such as the softball season, when there is simply not enough fields.



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

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Louis Santiano  
Director

With constant migration, in and out of the city and state, an ever changing need for roads, new construction of buildings and a change in the age of city residents there is constant need for planning in all areas and in all agencies of government. I do not believe I need tell you that change is inevitable and must be constantly considered. So it is with open spaces and recreation. We are ever mindful of this change and are planning for what we believe the needs of the future will be. As of the moment I do not believe we have shortage of open space recreational areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louis Santiano", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Louis Santiano

COMMISSIONERS  
JOHN R. FLYNN  
CHAIRMAN  
ROBERT C. LAURELLI  
BENJAMIN L. COOK

# Department of Public Parks

CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
ROGER WILLIAMS PARK  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02905

James W. Diamond  
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SUPERINTENDENT  
AND SECRETARY  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
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January 19, 1977

Mr. Vincent Vespia, City Clerk  
City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Vespia:

The following is a copy, for the use of the City Council's Committee on Public Property, of a resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners adopted on October 19th allowing the use of a portion of Plat 76 Lot 13 in Metcalf Field for the parking area for the Esek Hopkins Middle School faculty.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ALLOW USE OF A PORTION OF PLAT 76, LOT 13-METCALF FIELD FOR A PARKING AREA FOR THE ESEK HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office of Community Development has committed the sum of Eighteen Thousand and 00/100 (\$18,000.00) Dollars from Third Year Park and Open Space Funds for the Hopkins Park Renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office of Community Development has committed the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand and 00/100 (\$36,000.00) Dollars in Third Year funds for purchase of lots to be turned over to the Park Department for development into the first stage of a new Canada Pond - West River Linear Park; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Mayor's Office of Community Development will assist the Superintendent of Parks and his staff with the preparation of an application to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for the additional federal funds using the \$36,000.00 of the Mayor's Office of Community Development as matching funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Mayor's Office of Community Development be and hereby is approved and that the following portion of Lot 13 on City Assessor's Plat 76 commencing at the northwesterly corner of Lot 505, Assessor's Plat 76 and running along said plat and lot in a southerly direction 170 feet more or less and thence turning a 90° angle and proceeding in a westerly direction 156 feet; thence turning a 90° angle proceeding in a northerly direction 170 feet; thence, turning a 90° angle and proceeding in an easterly direction 156 feet is hereby approved for use by the Mayor's Office of Community Development, City of Providence as a parking lot for the Esek Hopkins Middle School

January 19, 1977

faculty subject to its fulfillment of the three pledges above.

The attached text is exactly as it appears in the minutes of the meeting of the Board for October 19th as approved at the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners on January 11, 1977.

Sincerely yours,

*James W. Diamond*

James W. Diamond,  
Superintendent of Parks,  
Secretary to the  
Board of Park Commissioners

CC: Mr. Lawrence O'Connor  
Mayor's Office of Community Development  
JWD/dnt

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.

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Executive Chamber, City of Providence, Rhode Island

Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.  
MAYOR

October 18, 1976

Board of Park Commissioners  
c/o James W. Diamond, Secretary  
The Boat House  
Roger Williams Park  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Commissioners:

It is my understanding that the Park Commission is considering my office's request of August 3rd for 26,560 sq. ft. of land in Lot 13, Plat 76 from Metcalf Park for the DaVinci Center in the perspective of the total development of parks in the North End. I would very much appreciate it if you would grant this request at your meeting on October 19th.

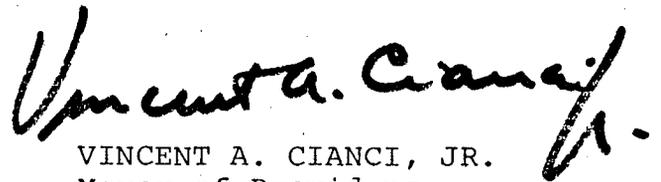
In exchange for your cooperation I am pleased to commit formally to the Park Commission that the sum of \$18,000 from third year park and open space funds will be granted to the Park Department under contract for Hopkins Park renewal. In addition, I commit the sum of \$36,000 in third year MOCD funds for the purchase of Plat 98, Lot 111 and Plat 103, Lots 5, 16 and 91 to be turned over to the Park Department for development into the first stage of a new Canada Pond - West River linear park. To facilitate this development, the staff of the MOCD will assist the Superintendent of Parks and his staff with the preparation of an application to the BOR for additional Federal funds using the \$36,000 of MOCD funds as match; however, the primary responsibility for both the writing of this grant and for the necessary real estate negotiations will rest with Superintendent Diamond and his staff.

As you can see both from these commitments and the actions taken by the MOCD to assist in the preparation

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Board of Park Commissioners

of the Wanskuck Park grant application for public works employment funds, I join with you in your enthusiasm and committment to a unified, comprehensive renewal of the North End's parks. In my judgement, your grant of a portion of Lot 13, Plat 76 to make possible the development of the DaVinci Center with its many social programs for neighborhood improvement furthers this comprehensive neighborhood park development plan; hence my request that you grant this land to the MOCD at your October 19th meeting so that construction will not be delayed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Vincent A. Cianci, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
Mayor of Providence

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Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.  
Mayor of Providence  
44 Washington Street  
Providence, R. I. 02903  
Phone: (401) 351-4300

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# MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : The Honorable Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.

FROM : Lawrence M. O'Connor, Director of the Division  
of Social Programs and Community Facilities  
Development

DATE : September 24, 1976

RE : The DaVinci Community Center -- Project #301

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The DaVinci Center is one of the ten projects which has been approved for development. The planning process has been progressing along schedule. However, the point has been reached where your assistance is needed to secure the proposed site.

In February a comprehensive analysis of available property in the North End was conducted. Eight possible sites were reviewed and 460-480 Charles Street was chosen most feasible. The property is publicly owned and under the authority of the School Department.

My division subcommittee made an official request to the School Department and subsequently supplied information in writing and at meetings of the School Committee. On June 9, 1976 the School Committee passed a resolution approving the land transfer upon the condition that the existing parking area, for which this land is presently used, would be replaced.

The parcel of land that the School Committee prefers as a "trade-off" is located on Lot 13, Plat 76. It is under the authority of the Board of Park Commissioners. In August 1976, the staff made a presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners requesting that this land be released. The Park Commission has suggested a similar "trade-off", namely, the commitment to initiate the development of a new park in the upper Canada Pond--West River region.

My staff has allocated time to research the feasibility of this new park. With the assistance of Mr. James Diamond and Mr. Victor Andreozzi a preliminary proposal was prepared. The budget of the

Memorandum to the Honorable Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.  
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Division of Parks and Open Space does not allow for immediate allocation of Community Development funds. However, if a commitment can be given to continue the development of this new park using discretionary dollars of second year or Parks and Open Space dollars of third year, I am sure that the Park Commissioners will release the desired land.

It is my hope that through this attempt at interdepartmental cooperation we have furthered a common goal, namely the rejuvenation and development of our city's neighborhoods. We have proven that the Mayor's Office of Community Development is dedicated to the development of existing green spaces and the creation of new park and recreation facilities. In its first year of operation, \$626,042 was expended for parks and open space development. Of this, \$324,730 was committed by Community Development. These figures exclude the major rehabilitation project at Roger Williams Park. Specifically, in the city's North End, monies were used to develop Corliss Park and the Ascham Street Playground. Major redevelopment is now being planned for Hopkins Park. It is anticipated pending approval by the Mayor's Citizens' Advisory Committee, that \$18,000 will be spent over a three year period to completely refurbish this neighborhood park.

In summary, I am requesting your approval of the proposed plan of development for Canada Pond--West River Park and a financial commitment of Community Development Block Grant Funds to accomplish the initial stages of development.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
150 Washington Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Matthew S. Lysik  
Internal Auditor

June 16, 1976

Mr. Lawrence M. O'Connor  
Assistant Director of Social Programs  
& Neighborhood Facilities Development  
Mayor's Office of Community Development  
44 Washington Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

This responds to the request of the Mayor's Office of Community Development for that parcel of land between 480 Charles Street and the Esek Hopkins Middle School (Plat 76, Lot 512 - 28,960 square feet), presently used as a school parking lot, for the site of the DaVince multi-service community center.

The Providence School Committee adopted Resolution No. 965, enclosed. Mr. Vincent J. Piccirilli, School Department Attorney, 519 Industrial Bank Building, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, telephone 421-2342, may be contacted concerning any legal aspects of this transaction.

Very truly yours,

*Matthew S. Lysik*

Matthew S. Lysik  
Acting Business and Operations  
Manager

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Enclosure

cc: School Committee Members  
Dr. Robert Ricci, Acting Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Vincent J. Piccirilli

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ADOPTED JUN 9 1976

No. 965

RESOLUTION authorizing release of parcel of land to the Mayor's Office of Community Development.

PRESENTED BY Acting Superintendent Robert Ricci

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Office of Community Development has requested that parcel of land between 480 Charles Street and the Esek Hopkins Middle School (Plat 76, Lot 512 - 28,960 square feet), presently used as a school parking lot, for the site of the DaVinci multi-service community center, and

WHEREAS, This request furthers the social needs of low and moderate income citizenry and provides flexibility in programming for social and recreational public services, and

WHEREAS, The City Solicitor has advised that a portion of Metcalf Field (Plat 76, Lot 13) could be used for a parking area for said school provided that permission from the Board of Park Commissioners would have to be first obtained,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the request of the Mayor's Office of Community Development be, and hereby is approved, and

FURTHER, That such approval is contingent upon permission from the Board of Park Commissioners to use an approximately equivalent portion of Metcalf Field (Plat 76, 13) for a parking area for the school with an official transfer of the real estate, and

FURTHER, That the parking area in Plat 76, Lot 13 be made available in a fully developed condition for parking of 60 automobiles at no cost to the Providence School Department.

June 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO : Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

FROM : Lawrence M. O'Connor, Director of Division of Social Programs and Community Facilities 

RE : DaVinci Center, Project #301

DATE : March 8, 1977

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The following material enclosed pertains to the Community Development sponsored Project #301 DaVinci Multi-Purpose Center. Please forward all this data to Mr. Harry Johnson, Chairperson of the City Properties Committee so that the members of the committee can review this material along with the other data on the project. This material will outline the correspondence which transpired between School Department, the Board of Park Commissioners, the Mayor and the Office of Community Development and will give the City Properties Committee sufficient information to make a recommendation to the City Council on the resolutions presented at the November 18, 1976 City Council meeting by Councilman Petrosinelli and Salvatore.

Enclosed in order is a list of all the correspondence:

1. June 16th--letter from School Department in response to the request of Community Development Office regarding proposed site of the DaVinci Multi-Purpose Center located between 480 Charles Street and Esek Hopkins Middle School (Plat 76, Lot 512--28,960 square feet). Attached is the School Committee's resolution #965 adopted June 9, 1976 authorizing release of parcel of land to Community Development with such approval contingent upon Board of Park Commissioners making a trade off of land located on Lot 13, Plat 76 to be developed for parking of 60 automobiles with no cost to the School Department.
2. September 24th--a memorandum to the Mayor updating him on the development of the School Department, Board of Park Commissioners, and the Community Development Office. This memorandum also requests the Mayor's approval of the proposed plan to develop Canada Pond--West River Park with the financial commitment of Community Development monies to accomplish the initial stages of the proposed projects.
3. October 18th--Letter was sent to the Board of Park Commissioners from Mayor Cianci committing \$18,000 of Third Year Parks and Open Spaces funds for the development of the first stages of Canada Pond--West River Linear Park.

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4. On November 18th--City Council Resolution to authorize the release of parcel of land by the School Committee to Community Development and the DaVinci Center by Councilmen Petrosinelli and Salvatore. At this meeting the resolution was referred to City Properties Committee.
5. On November 30th--A public notice for the Environmental Assessment.
6. January 7th--Use of funds for the DaVinci Multi-Purpose Center release of funds was made by HUD.
7. January 19th--Letter transmitted to Mr. Vincent Vespia, minutes of the Board of Park Commissioners for the October 19th meeting were approved on January 11, 1977, which will allow the use of a portion of Plat 76, Lot 13 for parking area for the Hopkins Middle School faculty.
8. January 26th--Letter from Community Development to Mr. Piccirilli, attorney for School Department, informing him officially of the approval of the Board of Park Commissioners.
9. February 4th--Letter from Mr. Vincent Piccirilli to allot Mr. O'Connor for more qualification for notification when terminating the agreement between the Board of Park Commissioners and School Department.
10. February 25th--Letter from James Diamond to Mr. Vincent Piccirilli in response to his February 4th letter.

NOVEMBER 30, 1976

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Finding of No Significant Effect on the Environment**

The City of Providence has reviewed the following projects proposed to be funded under the Community Development Act of 1974, and has determined that the undertaking of these projects will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Rather, these projects will have beneficial effects throughout the City in upgrading the living conditions of many citizens. No further environmental review is proposed to be conducted for these projects:

Washington Park Community Center

West End Community Center

DaVinci Community Center

Smith Street Playground

Mount Pleasant Playground

Mount Pleasant/Chalkstone Playfield

The City of Providence therefore intends to request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release funds for the above-named projects. An Environmental Review Record has been prepared for each project and is available to the public to be examined or copied at the Mayor's Office of Community Development, 44 Washington Street, during working hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday). Comments may be submitted until Wednesday, December 22 to Bill Bertolini, Acting Director, Mayor's Office of Community Development, 44 Washington Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903.

Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.

Mayor, City of Providence

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF GRANT CONDITIONS**

*(Pursuant to Section 101(h) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974)*

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| <b>TO: 1. (Name of Applicant) and to (Name and title of chief executive officer of Applicant)</b><br>Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.<br>Mayor of Providence | <b>ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF APPLICANT</b><br>Mayor's Office of Community Development<br>44 Washington St.<br>Providence, R.I. 02903 |
| <b>WITH COPY TO: 2. (Name of Grantee if other than Applicant)</b>  | <b>ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF GRANTEE</b>   |
| <b>Re: (Project, Title or Name)</b><br>See below   | <b>LOCATION (City, County and State)</b><br>Providence, Providence County, R.I.  |

On January 7, 1977 this office received your Request for Release of  
*(Date Request for Release of Funds and Certification received)*  
 Funds and Certification pertaining to the above project.

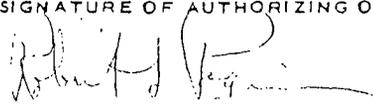
No objections to the release of such funds or to the Certification have been received and a period of 15 days from and after the receipt of such request and Certification has expired.

All objections to the release of such funds and to the Certification which were received by HUD within a period of 15 days from and after the receipt of such request and Certification have been considered by HUD.

Any and all conditions in the Grant Agreement for Application/Grant No. B-75-MC-44-0003, authorized by HUD on June 24, 1975, respecting said project and funding thereof, to the extent the same are based upon the pendency of environmental review and clearance, are hereby removed.

This notice constitutes your authority to use funds granted to you under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, for the above project.

- Washington Park Community Center
- West End Community Center
- Da Vinci Community Center

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| <b>TYPE NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL</b><br>Robert L. Paquin<br>Deputy Director<br>Community Planning and Development Division | <b>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER</b><br> | <b>DATE</b><br>1/30/77 |
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COMMISSIONERS  
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# Department of Public Parks

CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
ROGER WILLIAMS PARK  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02905

James W. Diamond  
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SUPERINTENDENT  
AND SECRETARY  
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ZOO DIRECTOR

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January 19, 1977

faculty subject to its fulfillment of the three pledges above.

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Sincerely yours,



James W. Diamond,  
Superintendent of Parks,  
Secretary to the  
Board of Park Commissioners

CC: Mr. Lawrence O'Connor  
Mayor's Office of Community Development  
JWD/dnt

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Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.  
Mayor of Providence  
44 Washington Street  
Providence, R. I. 02903  
Phone: (401) 351-4300

MAYOR'S  
OFFICE OF  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT

January 26, 1977

Mr. Vincent J. Piccirilli  
Attorney  
519 Industrial Bank Building  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Piccirilli:

Enclosed please find the copy of a letter this office received January 24, 1977 from Mr. James W. Diamond, Superintendent of Parks, officially reporting on that portion of Lot 13 that has been approved by the Board of Park Commissioners for use as a parking lot for Esek Hopkins Middle School.

I regret the delay in forwarding this information to you, however, until the Park Commissioners had formally approved the minutes of the meeting approving the use of that portion of Lot 13 by the Esek Hopkins Middle School it was impossible to do so.

A copy of this letter is also going to the City's Properties Committee. Since there can not be an official transfer of deed, I would like all concerned parties to be aware of this fact in order to avoid future complications.

I would appreciate a copy of any correspondence you expect to forward to the School Department regarding the Resolution Number 965 and particular Paragraph Number 5, that clarifies this is and approve use of the said portion of land and not a transfer of land.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. O'Connor  
Director - Division of Social  
Programs and Community Facilities  
Development

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Enclosures

PALOMBO & PICCIRILLI

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

PETER PALOMBO, JR.  
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI

519 INDUSTRIAL BANK BUILDING  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903  
(401) 421-2342

February 4, 1977

Mr. Lawrence M. O'Connor  
Director, Division of Social Programs  
Mayor's Office for Community Development  
44 Washington Street  
Providence, Rhode Island

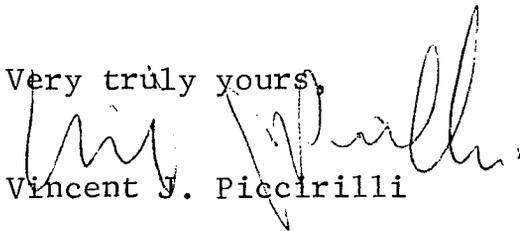
Dear Mr. O'Connor:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 26, 1977, together with a copy of a letter sent to you by Mr. James W. Diamond, Superintendent of Parks.

In my opinion, the resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners is satisfactory and no transfer of property is required. The reason no transfer of property is required is because the land in question is land belonging to the City of Providence and a conveyance from the City of Providence to the City of Providence would be an exercise in futility.

It would be my desire that the Board of Park Commissioners indicate somewhere in their minutes that the use of the land for parking would not be rescinded absent a formal notification to the school department. If Mr. Diamond could prepare such a document and forward it to the school committee I would be fully satisfied with the resolution.

Very truly yours,

  
Vincent J. Piccirilli

COMMISSIONERS  
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# Department of Public Parks

CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
ROGER WILLIAMS PARK  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02905

JAMES W. DIAMOND  
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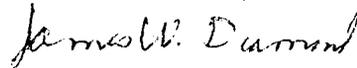
February 25, 1977

Mr. Vincent Piccirilli, Esq.  
The Providence School Committee  
150 Washington Street  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Piccirilli:

I am pleased to inform you that at their meeting on February 16th 1977 The Board of Park Commissioners voted unanimously to grant your request to notify the School Committee in the event they revoke the parking privileges granted the Esek Hopkins Middle School Faculty in the Metcalf Park due to violations in the terms of their resolution of authorization.

Sincerely yours,



James W. Diamond,  
Superintendent of Parks,  
Secretary to the  
Board of Park Commissioners

JWD/dnt

CC: Mr. Lawrence M. O'Connor

April 7, 1977

Senator Rocco A. Quattrocchi  
15 Messina Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Senator Quattrocchi:

I am enclosing a copy of a Resolution presented to the Providence City Council on November 18, 1976 and referred to the Committee on City Property which is to authorize a Release of a parcel of Land by the School Committee to the Mayor's Office of Community Development for the proposed site of the DaVinci Multi-Service Community Center.

This Resolution pertains to land located in your area and is being referred by the Committee on City Property to you so that they may know your feelings on the subject matter.

Will you kindly correspond with the writer in care of the City Clerk's Department, City Hall, Providence, R.I., so that your opinion will be brought before the Committee for review.

Very truly yours,

Harry A. Johnson, Chairman  
Committee on City Property

April 7, 1977

Representative Albert J. Lepore  
33 Devon Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02904

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City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: **April 22, 1977**

TO: **Councilman James A. Petrosinelli and Councilman Robert V. Salvatore.**

SUBJECT: **SCHEDULED MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.**

CONSIDERED BY: **Committee on City Property**

DISPOSITION: **In accordance with your request, you are invited to attend the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on City Property to be held on Wednesday, April 27, 1977 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the Conference Room at City Hall. At that meeting, the Resolution concerning the DaVinci Multi-Service Community Center will be discussed.**

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City Clerk

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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SENATOR  
ROCCO A. QUATTROCCHI  
15 Messina Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Room 326 State House  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903



Chairman  
Committee on Judiciary

Committee on  
Special Legislation

Joint Committee on  
Highway Safety

Senate Chamber

April 19, 1977

The Honorable Harry A. Johnson  
Chairman Committee on City Property  
City Clerk's Department  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Councilman:

Please accept my apologies for the delay in answering your letter of April 7, 1977. Because of the new rules of the General Assembly it was impossible for me to get back to you sooner.

Please convey to the members of the committee and council that I support the resolution for a parcel of land to be used for the DaVinci Multi-Service Community Center. The DaVinci Center has provided much inspiration and guidance to all segments of our population, especially in the 4th ward, whereby it has provided recreational and social remedies for those people which it services.

I have also been authorized by Representative Albert Lepore of the 6th Representative District and Representative Albert Forte of the 7th Representative District, that they would also like to be put on record that they support this resolution.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion on this important decision.

Very truly yours,

*Rocco A. Quattrocchi*

ROCCO A. QUATTROCCHI  
DEPT. OF CITY CLERK  
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

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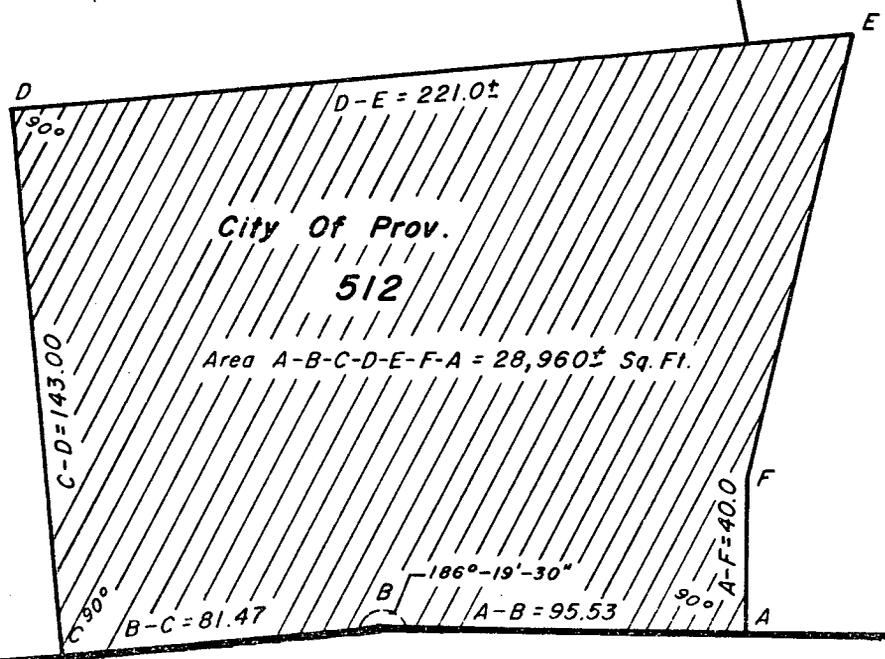
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PROVIDENCE, R. I.  
 P. W. DEPT. - ENGINEERING OFFICE  
 CITY PROPERTY SECTION  
 Plan No. 064017  
 Date May 3, 1977



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**CHARLES ST.**

Note:  
 Cross-hatched Area (A-B-C-D-E-F-A)  
 Indicates Proposed Conveyance.

Lot Numbers From Assessor's Plat 76

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, R. I.  
 Public Works Dept Engineering Office  
 Showing Proposed Conveyance  
 Drawn by Petruska Checked by J.A.M.  
 Scale 1" = 50' Date May 3, 1977  
 Corrected by [Signature] Associate Eng.  
 Approved [Signature] CHIEF ENGINEER