

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 269

Approved March 23, 1979

RESOLVED, That the Former Samuel W. Bridgham Middle School is vacant and has been heavily damaged by fire,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of the School Department and the School Committee are hereby requested to conduct a Public Hearing with the area residents to discuss the future of the Former Samuel W. Bridgham Middle School.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 15 1979

READ AND PASSED

*Ralph Targem*  
*Rose M. Mendonca*

APPROVED

MAYOR

*Donald A. Caserio, Jr.*

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THE PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

150 WASHINGTON STREET

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

April 9, 1979

Honorable Members of the Providence City Council  
c/o Ms. Rose Mendonca  
Providence City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear City Council Members:

This is to acknowledge receipt of Resolution No. 269 approved by the City Council on March 23, 1979.

Please be advised that the Public Hearing requested in said Resolution has already been conducted on March 28, 1979. This hearing was held at the request of Councilman Joseph Paolino, Jr. The hearing was well attended and there were many proponents and opponents who addressed the Committee relative to the future of the former Samuel W. Bridgham Middle School Building.

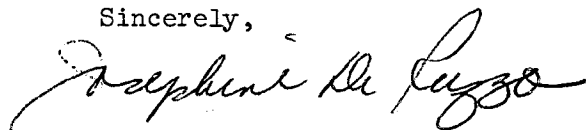
Senator Stephen Fortunato addressed the hearing and stated that he was in favor of having the building converted to an administration building for the Providence School Department and stated further, that it was his feeling that the housing of Providence School Department employees in the Federal Hill area would be extremely advantageous to the vendors and merchants in the area. Councilman Anthony Pennine, Theresa Ferrandi, Leo DeRouine, Marie Fraielli, Tina Regan, Steve Constantino, Filomena Lupo, Allen Silva, Geraldine Prate and Joseph Fratus were also in favor of having the building as an administration center.

Those who opposed the administration building were as follows:  
Councilman Joseph Paolino, Jr., Carolyn Berarducci, Mary Romeo, John Orabona, Raymond Mancini, Richard Tarro and Tosca Casinelli.

Following the remarks of the many individuals present, Councilman Paolino then agreed that perhaps it would be a good idea to retain the building. However, he did request that areas of green and trees surround the building in order to enhance the area and make it more desirable to those tenants immediately surrounding it. This recommendation was acceptable to certain opponents present.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Providence School Department.

Sincerely,



Josephine DiRuzzo  
Chairperson

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