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PROVIDENCE, R.I.  
CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

STREET LINE DEPT.

June 29, 1895.

024120

PLAT OF  
**DUNWELL'S GANGWAY**

FROM WEYBOSSET ST. TO DYER ST.

SCALE 30 FEET PER INCH.

279.79  
245.35  
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525.14  
237.57

*Changed to Exchange St. Dec. 17, 1896.*

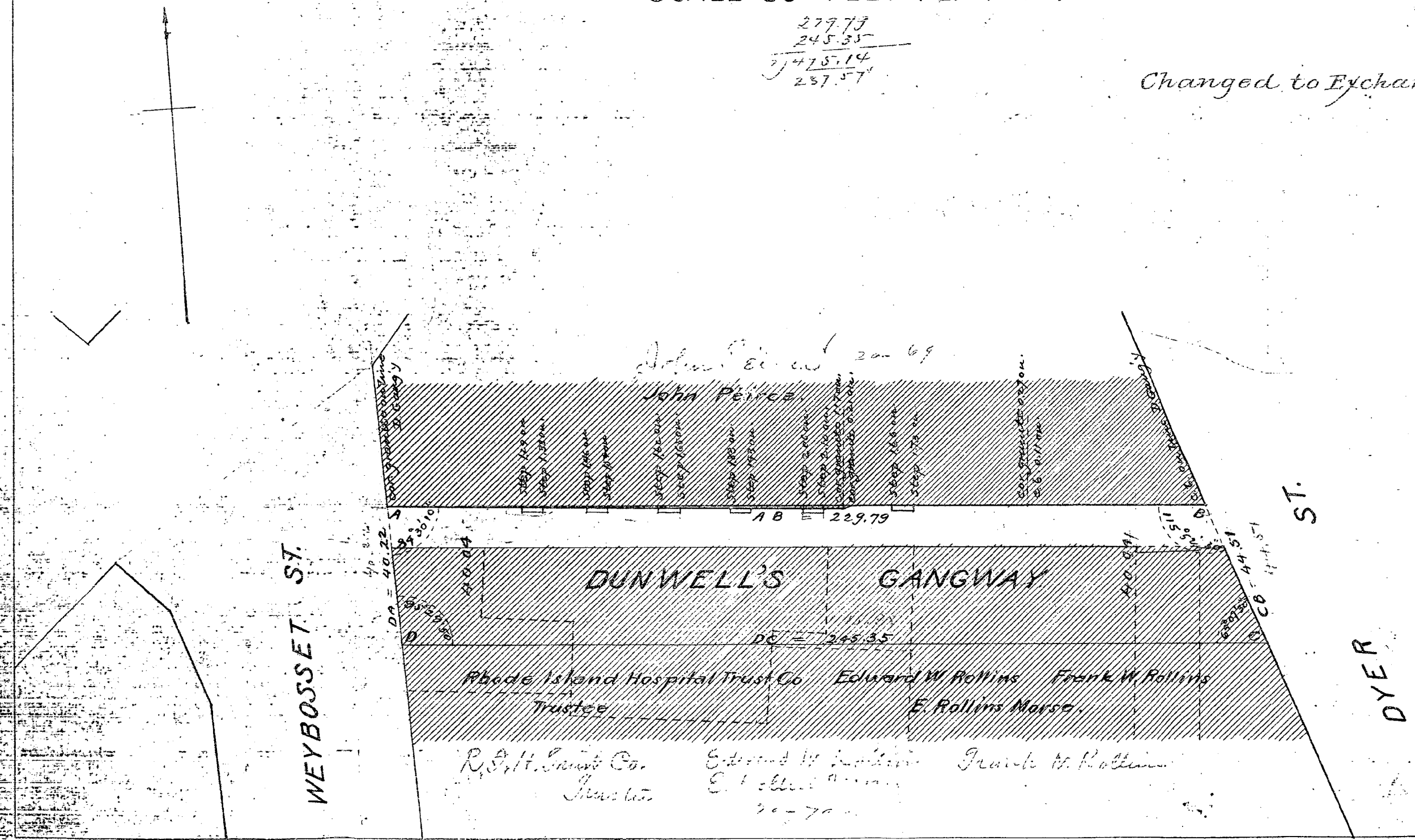


Exhibit 'A'

OFFICE No. 12-6-39

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 175

Approved April 8, 1982

RESOLVED, DECREED AND ORDERED

That the following named street shown as cross-hatched area on the accompanying plan entitled, "Providence, Rhode Island, P.W. Dept. - Engineering Office, Street Line Section, Plan No. 064154, dated September 15, 1981",

Viz:

Exchange Street, lying between the easterly line of Weybosset Street and the westerly line of Dyer Street, having ceased to be useful to the public and is proposed to be abandoned as a Public Highway, subject to a permanent easement equivalent to present street width and length will be required so that the area is accessible to Water Supply Board at all times for any repair work; Narragansett Electric Company be permitted the retention of their facilities in existing locations on said street, together with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same; and the damage to the abutters is appraised at nothing and so awarded; and it is further

ORDERED, That the Director of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to cause a sign to be placed on the above-named highway abandoned as aforesaid, having thereon the words, "Not a Public Highway," and it is further

ORDERED, That after the entry of this order or decree the City Clerk shall cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper published in the County of Providence at least once a week for three successive weeks and a further and personal notice shall be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting the above-named highway which has been abandoned, who is known to reside within the State.

IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 9 1982  
READ AND PASSED

*James B. Stewart*  
*Rose M. Mendonca* CLERK

APPROVED

APR - 8 1982

*Vincent A. Cianci*

THE COMMITTEE ON

PUBLIC WORKS

Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution

Rose M. Mayhew  
Chairman

March 24, 1982

APPROVED  
MAY 10 1982

APPROVED  
MAY 10 1982

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

*Cont.*

**TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:**

*The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body*

1. Petitioner, Amica Mutual Insurance Company, is the owner in fee of two parcels of land abutting Exchange Street, a public highway, in the City of Providence. The first such parcel, commonly known as 40 Westminster Street and described as Lot 68 on Plat 20 on the Assessor's Map of the City of Providence as assessed December 31, 1979, abuts the northerly line of said Exchange Street and the second such parcel, commonly known as 10 Weybosset Street and described as Lot 70 on Plat 20 on the Assessor's Map of the City of Providence as assessed December 31, 1979, abuts the southerly line of said Exchange Street.

2. That portion of said Exchange Street lying between Weybosset Street and Dyer Street as further described herein has ceased to be useful to the public as a highway and therefore ought to be abandoned.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 24-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 (1969 Reenactment, as amended), and upon resolution of the City Council of the City of Providence the aforesaid Exchange Street may be abandoned thereby causing title to the land upon which such highway exists to revert to its owner, namely the petitioner, Amica Mutual Insurance Company, and the City shall be no longer liable to repair the same.

4. Upon the abandonment of the aforesaid Exchange Street, petitioner plans to construct a pedestrian plaza or mall which will be in the public interest and will be of benefit to the City of Providence.

5. Petitioner specifically requests abandonment of the following public highway which has ceased to be useful to the public, to wit:

That portion of the named street on the accompanying plan marked Exhibit "A" and entitled "Providence, R.I., City Engineer's Office, Street Line Dep't, June 29, 1895, 024120",

VIZ:

That portion of Exchange Street formerly known as Dunwell's Gangway lying between the easterly line of Weybosset Street and the

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

**TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:**

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westerly line of Dyer Street bounded and described as follows:

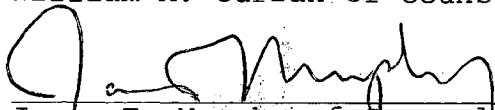
Beginning at the intersection of the easterly line of Weybosset Street and the northerly line of Exchange Street and running easterly by the northerly line of Exchange Street Two Hundred Twenty-Nine and 79/100 (229.79) Feet to the westerly line of Dyer Street, thence turning an interior angle of 115°-52'-30" and running southeasterly by the westerly line of Dyer Street Forty Four and 51/100 (44.51) Feet to the southerly line of Exchange Street; thence turning an interior angle of 64°-07'-30" and running westerly by the southerly line of Exchange Street Two Hundred Forty-Five and 35/100 (245.35) Feet to the easterly line of Weybosset Street; thence turning an interior angle of 95°-29'-50" and running northerly by the easterly line of Weybosset Street to the northerly line of Exchange Street Forty and 22/100 (40.22) Feet to the point of beginning, making an interior angle of 84°-30'-15" with the first described course, depicted on the accompanying plan, marked Exhibit "B" on the cross hatched area (A-B-C-D-A).

WHEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 24-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956 (1969 Reenactment, as amended), Petitioner, Amica Mutual Insurance Company, respectfully petitions this Honorable Council to abandon the aforementioned portion of Exchange Street.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amica Mutual Insurance Company  
By its attorneys,

HANSON, CURRAN & PARKS

  
William A. Curran of Counsel

  
James T. Murphy of Counsel  
1210 Turks Head Building  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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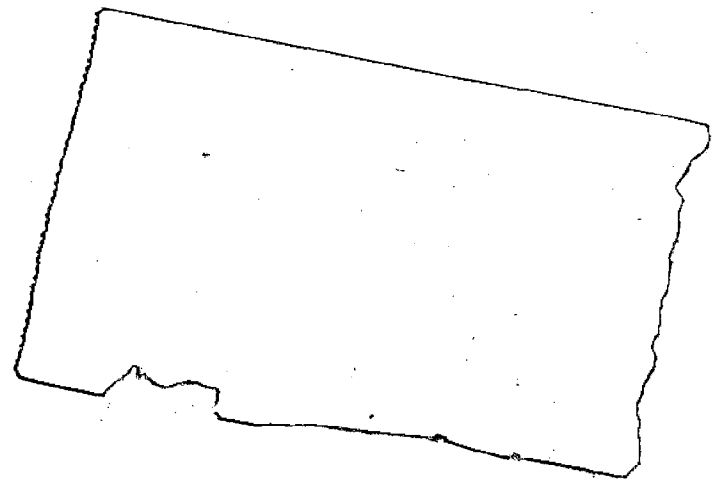
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IN CITY COUNCIL  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

*Rose M. Mendonça* CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON *Feb. 2, 1982*  
PUBLIC WORKS  
Recommends  
*Be Continued*  
Clerk

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

CITY SERGEANT'S OFFICE

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY**, That I have caused the notice, of which a true copy is hereto annexed, to be served upon the following named persons, by handing to each of said persons, or by leaving at their last and usual place of abode in this State a true copy of said notice, to wit: PETITION TO ABANDON A PORTION OF EXCHANGE STREET, BETWEEN WEYBOSSET STREET AND DYER STREET.

<u>PLAT</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>
20	68	Amica Mutual Insurance Company 10 Weybosset Street Providence, RI 02903
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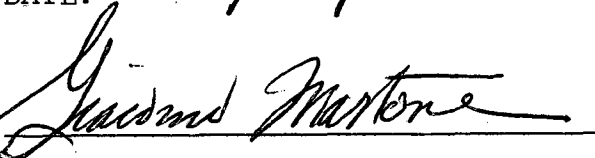
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COUNCILMAN EDWARD W. XAVIER

DATE:

4/22/82



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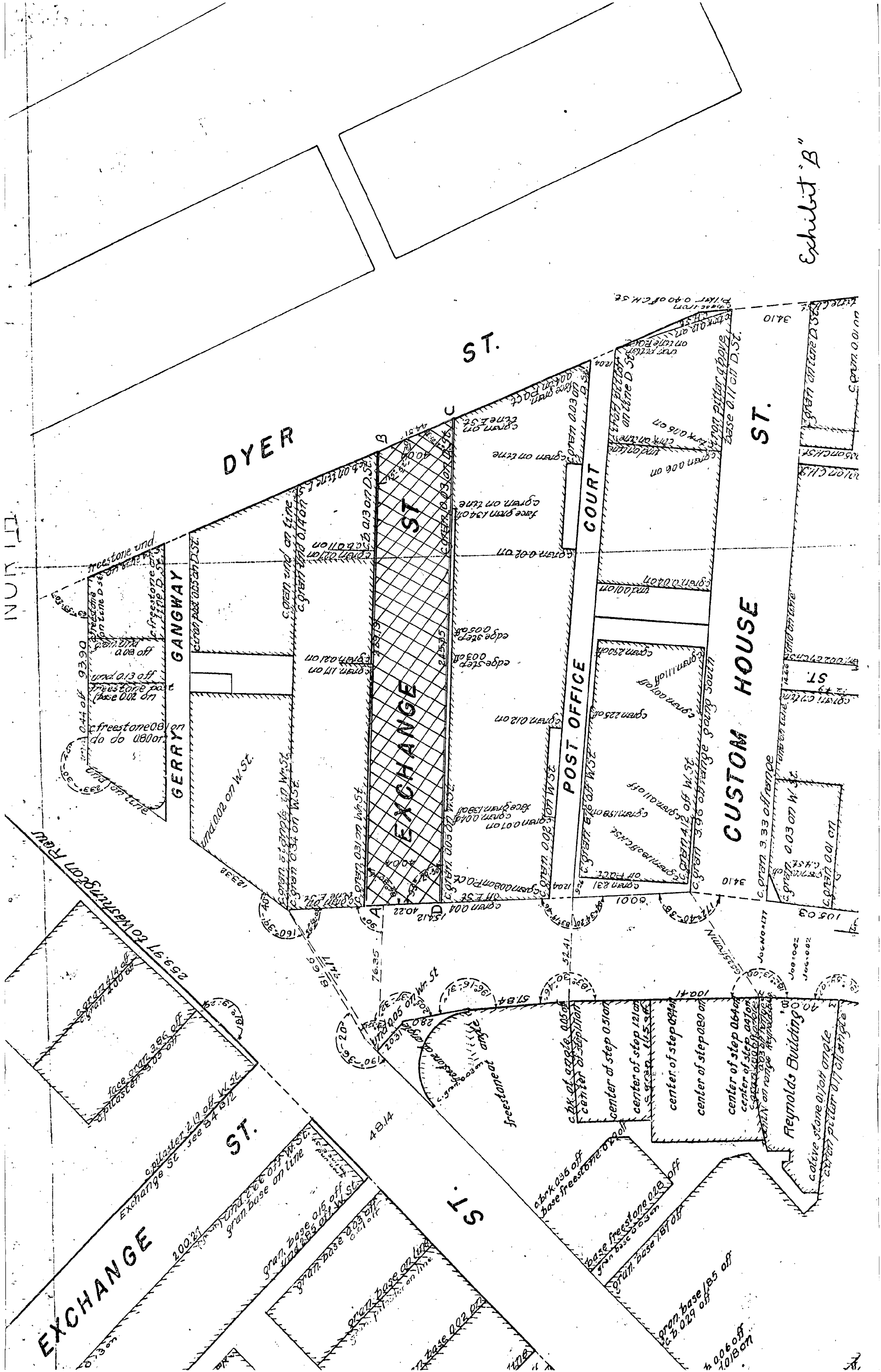
*August 27, 1981*

*[Signature]*

CITY SERGEANT



Exhibit "B"



City of Providence



Rhode Island

## Department of City Clerk

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 1981

TO: Wiley J. Archer, Chief Engineer - Water Supply Board

SUBJECT: ABANDONMENT - EXCHANGE STREET - PORTION

CONSIDERED BY: Committee on Public Works

DISPOSITION:

Attached is a copy of the subject Petition for your study and report back to the said Committee.

FIRST DEPUTY

City Clerk

RICHARD A. CARROLL  
Chairman  
ALFRED T. CICCONE  
Member  
JOHN A. DOHERTY  
Member  
ROBERT F. HOWARD  
Member  
VINCENT J. CIRELLI  
Councilman  
LAURENCE K. FLYNN  
Councilman  
JAMES R. BERNARDO  
Ex-Officio

## WATER SUPPLY BOARD



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

WILEY J. ARCHER  
P.E., Acting Chief Engineer  
WILLIAM J. McGAIR  
Legal Advisor  
JAMES A. LOMBARDI  
Secretary

August 27, 1981

Councilman Laurence K. Flynn, Chairman  
Committee on Public Works  
City Clerk's Office, City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Councilman Flynn:

On August 20, 1981, this department received from the City Clerk a memorandum and a copy of petition to abandon a portion of Exchange Street for one block between Weybosset Street and Dyer Street.

In this portion of Exchange Street the Water Supply Board has a 6-inch C.I. water main which is feeding two (2) water services (6" general and 4" fire service) and a 16-inch C.I. Special High Service main which is feeding one (1) active service (6" Special Fire Service). The three services feed the block on the south side of Exchange Street between Weybosset Street and Dyer Street (Lot 70 on Plat 20). The 16-inch Special Fire Service main in Exchange Street is part of the Special Fire Protection Grid, specially designed for downtown fire protection and any disruption or modification of this grid may seriously effect the fire protection in this area.

For this reason we cannot abandon this section. A permanent easement equivalent to present street width and length will be required so that the area is accessible to us at all times for any repair work.

The petitioner has been advised of this situation.

Very truly yours,

Wiley J. Archer, P.E.  
Chief Engineer

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cc: Mr. Edward Bondarevskis  
Sr. Principal Engineer, WSB

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.

City of Providence



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Department of City Clerk

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: August 20, 1981

TO: Frank Tibaldi, Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: ABANDONMENT - EXCHANGE STREET - PORTION

CONSIDERED BY: Committee on Public Works

DISPOSITION:

Attached is a copy of the subject Petition for your Study and Report back to the said Committee.

FIRST DEPUTY City Clerk

FRANK A. TIBALDI  
TRAFFIC ENGINEER



VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
MAYOR

## TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

60 ERNEST ST.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. 02905

781 - 4044

September 14, 1981

Committee on Public Works  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

The Traffic Engineering Department has reviewed the following petition and has taken the subsequent action:

Request: To abandon a portion of Exchange Street between  
Weybosset Street and Dyer Street.

Disposition: No objection to said abandonment.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank A. Tibaldi".

Frank A. Tibaldi  
Traffic Engineer

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City of Providence



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**Department of City Clerk**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 20, 1981

**TO:** Sanford H. Gorodetsky, Commissioner of Public Safety

**SUBJECT:** ABANDONMENT - EXCHANGE STREET - PORTION

**CONSIDERED BY:** Committee on Public Works

**DISPOSITION:**

Attached is a copy of the subject Petition for your study and report back to the said Committee.

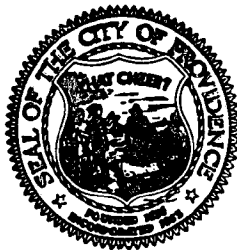
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**City Clerk**



*Sanford H. Gorodetsky*

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY



*Leonard W. Reilly*

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

209 FOUNTAIN ST., PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

September 15, 1981

The Honorable City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Att: Committee on  
Public Works

Gentlemen:

You are advised that there are serious public safety reservations concerning abandonment of Exchange Street, between Weybosset and Dyer Streets.

It is necessary that a minimum of twenty feet be available for fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles at all times.

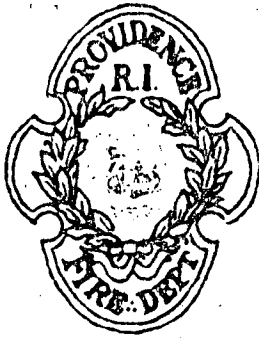
Failure to keep the street open for fire apparatus will be a breach of public safety requirements. If abandonment is voted by the City Council, there should be a legal restriction which would give the minimum of twenty feet in width for emergency vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sanford H. Gorodetsky*  
Commissioner of  
Public Safety

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Division of Fire Prevention  
Providence Fire Department  
209 Fountain Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Thomas J. Doyle  
Fire Marshall

*Michael F. Moise*  
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

May 29, 1981

Mr. Joseph Blount  
EKMAN CORP.  
25 Messenger Street  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Re: AMICA PLAZA

Dear Mr. Blount:

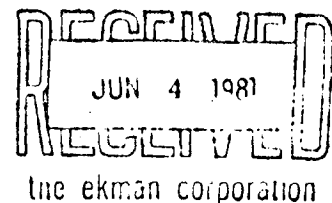
Plans have been submitted to this office for review concerning the permanent closing of Exchange Street between Weybosset Street and Dyer Street. This area will become known as Amica Plaza.

This office has reviewed these plans and has no objection to the planned street closing as submitted.

If you have any questions regarding the abovementioned matter, please call this office, 421-8290.

Yours truly,

*Ronald P. Raymond*  
Ronald P. Raymond  
Inspector  
Bureau of Fire Prevention



City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: August 20, 1981

TO: Stanley Bernstein, Director of Planning and Urban Development

SUBJECT: ABANDONMENT - EXCHANGE STREET - PROTION

CONSIDERED BY: Committee on Public Works

DISPOSITION: Attached is a copy of the subject Petition for your study and report back to the said Committee.

FIRST DEPUTY City Clerk



## The City Plan Commission

40 Fountain Street

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

September 15, 1981

Committee on Ordinances  
c/o City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Attention: Michael Clement

Subject: Referral No. 2047-Abandonment of Portion of Exchange Street from  
Weybosset Street to Dyer Street

Gentlemen:

The subject referral was submitted to the City Plan Commission and although the regular monthly meeting was cancelled for want of a quorum, two members, Mr. Zuccarelli, Ms. Sherman along with the Director and Chief of Planning of the Department of Planning and Urban Development and this writer discussed the matter. The aforementioned members requested that I, as Chairman, submit the following communication.

A field inspection by DPUD staff revealed the subject portion of Exchange Street is a 40' wide improved public right-of-way with sidewalks and curbs. It is located within the C-3 Downtown Commercial Zone. The petitioner, Amica, owns the office buildings on both sides of that portion of Exchange Street in question. At present, the subject street is enclosed by a chain link fence for the renovation of the exterior of the Amica home office building on the southerly side of the street, which has temporarily ceased its normal usage as a public street. There are utility lines (water, electric, telephone and gas) under the aforesaid Exchange Street.

From a vehicular circulation standpoint, the abandonment of Exchange Street for automobile traffic poses no problem. In fact, this proposal complements the limitation of automobile access on Westminster Street and the soon to be constructed Auto Restricted Zone in Kennedy Plaza.

The petitioner has indicated that the abandoned street will serve as a "pedestrian plaza or mall" an action for which the members of the Commission have no objection. However, there is a concern that there would be no obligation on the part of the petitioner to retain such an amenity in the future and that conceivably the area could be used for parking, loading, or in an extreme case, become a buildable lot.

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In order to protect the public interest with regards to pedestrian access, the aforementioned City Plan Commission members and I respectfully recommend that if the City Council were to approve the abandonment of this portion of Exchange Street, such abandonment be limited to apply to automobile traffic and that a pedestrian and utility easement be retained to perpetuity. In other words, the Council could allow the petitioner to meet his stated objectives and further ensure public pedestrian access without encumbrance or hindrance.

For your information, we have enclosed with this letter copies of maps and photographs of the area in question. The Department of Planning staff are available to respond to questions you may have on this matter.

Sincerely,

*George Caldow P.S.*

George Caldow  
Chairman

GC/cd  
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The Narragansett Electric Company  
280 Melrose Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02901

September 11, 1981

Committee on Public Works  
Providence City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Re: Petition to abandon Exchange Street

Dear Sirs:

The Narragansett Electric Company presently has underground electrical facilities consisting of an electrical vault, ductlines and cables located on said Exchange Street. These facilities are an important electric supply system to this area and would be very difficult and costly to relocate as they supply the petitioner and possibly could serve customers of Narragansett.

However, The Narragansett Electric Company will not object to the granting of said petition, provided that in the event the petition is granted, the Petitioner will convey easements acceptable to The Narragansett Electric Company which will permit the retention of our facilities in existing locations on said street, together with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same.

Very truly yours,

THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY

By

*Edward J. Hayes, Jr.*  
*St. John Vagstad*

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City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: August 20, 1981

TO: Joseph DiSanto, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: ABANDONMENT - EXCHANGE STREET - PORTION

CONSIDERED BY: Committee on Public Works

DISPOSITION:

Attached is a copy of the subject petition for your study and report back to the said Committee, also a list of abutting property owners and map of the area.

FIRST DEPUTY

City Clerk

# HANSON, CURRAN & PARKS

COUNSELORS AT LAW

1210 TURKS HEAD BUILDING

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

KIRK HANSON  
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A. LAURISTON PARKS  
DAVID P. WHITMAN  
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ROBERT D. PARRILLO  
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JAMES T. MURPHY  
SETH E. BOWERMAN

TELEPHONE  
421-2154  
AREA CODE 401

February 10, 1982

The Honorable City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, RI 02903

ATTN: Committee on Public Works

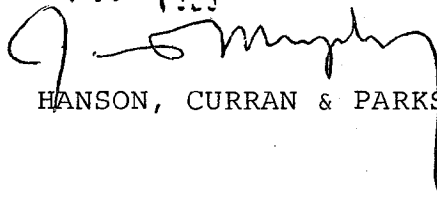
Gentlemen:

As you know, Amica Mutual Insurance Company has pending before your committee a petition to abandon Exchange Street between Weybosset Street and Dyer Street in Downtown Providence. The matter was called for public hearing on September 15, 1981. At that time the Public Safety Commissioner voiced some doubts about the ability of the fire department to gain access to the proposed plaza. We have met on several occasions with Chief Moise and members of his department and have submitted revised blueprints for his approval. The new plans will provide for a path of access which is at least thirteen feet wide in the middle of Exchange Street and twenty-five feet wide at each end. This path will provide access to both rescue and fire vehicles. Also Chief Moise has indicated his satisfaction with the new blueprints but desires to look at the architect's model before issuing his approval in writing. We are anticipating that we will have a written response from Chief Moise very shortly.

As you know, work is continuing on the Amica building and time is now of the essence in constructing the entrance-way to the building off of Exchange Street. We hope that we may be able to meet with your committee in work session and obtain your recommendation on the petition as soon as we have heard from Chief Moise. Would you please let us know at your earliest convenience as to when your committee intends to meet in the near future.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

  
HANSON, CURRAN & PARKS

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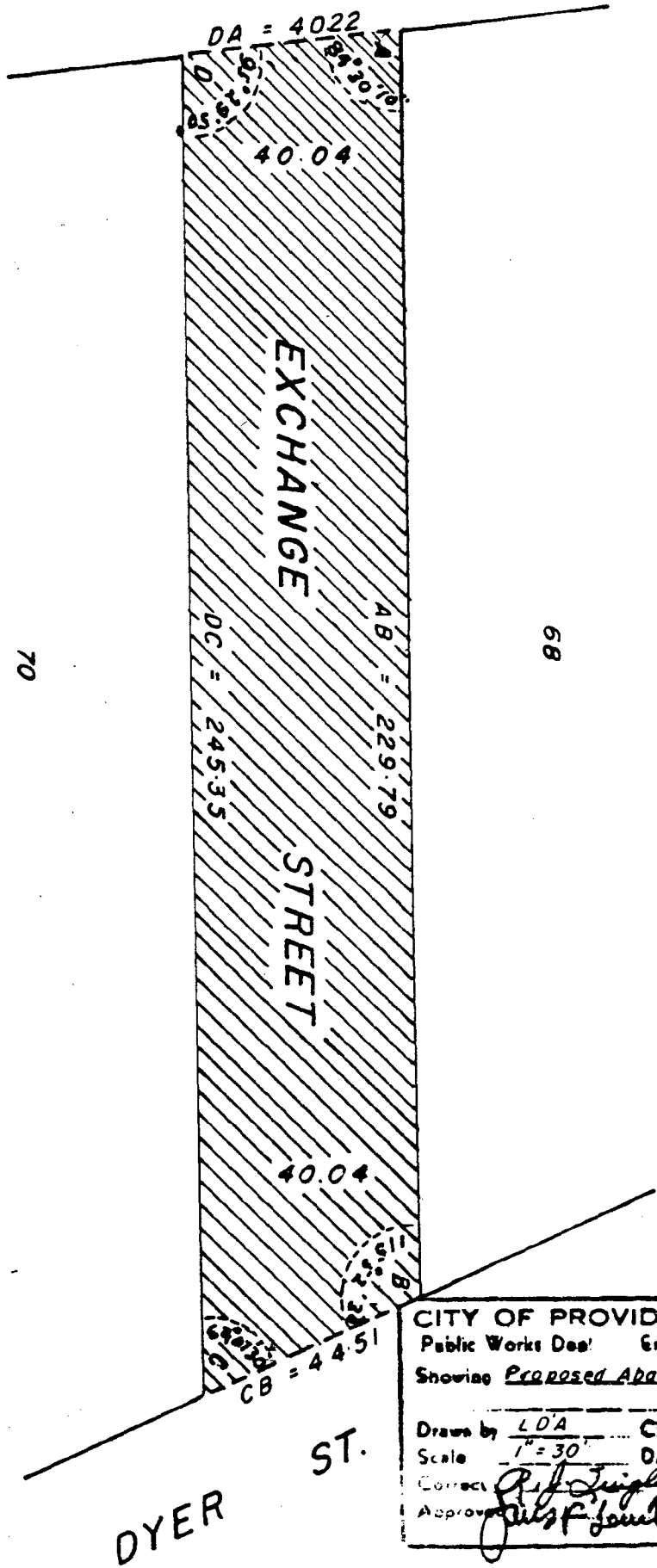
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P. W. DEPT. - ENGINEERING OFFICE  
STREET LINE SECTION  
Plan No. 064154  
Date SEPT. 15, 1981

WEYBOSSET ST.



CITY OF PROVIDENCE, R. I.  
Public Works Dept. Engineering Office  
Showing Proposed Abandonment  
Drawn by L.D.A. Checked by R.J.O.  
Scale 1" = 30' Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Correct [Signature] Associate Engr.  
Approved [Signature] CHIEF ENGINEER

*Sanford H. Gorodetsky*

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY



*Leonard W. Reilly*

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**COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

209 FOUNTAIN ST., PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

March 23, 1982

William Curran, Esquire  
Attorney at Law  
1210 Turks Head Building  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Curran:

This is to advise you that the Department of Public Safety, of the City of Providence, is presently satisfied with the arrangements made for emergency vehicle access to the Amica Plaza in downtown Providence. Attached, hereto, is a copy of a letter which the Fire Chief provided to me.

I am happy that we, in the Department of Public Safety, were able to be of service to you and we join in the venture to beautify our city.

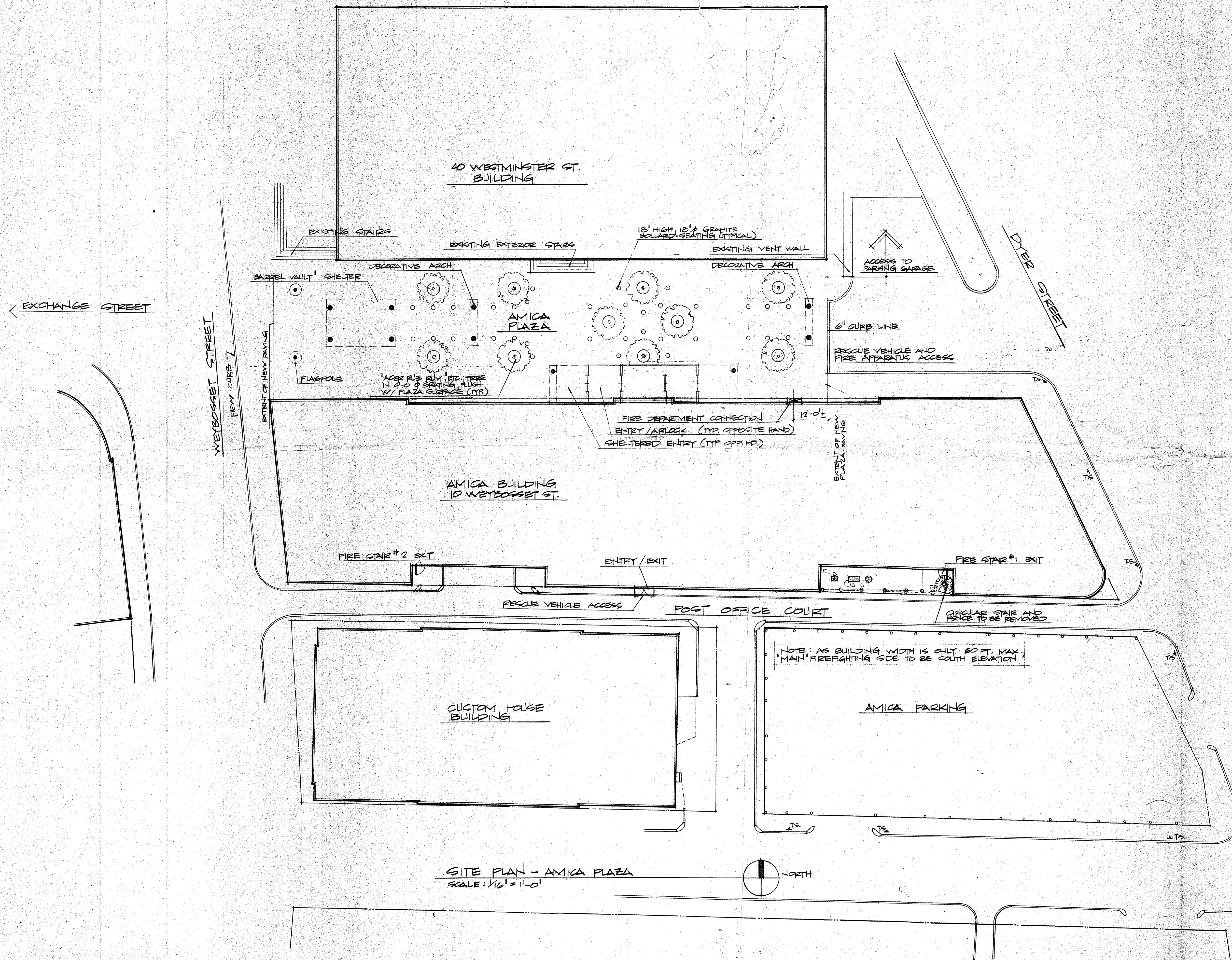
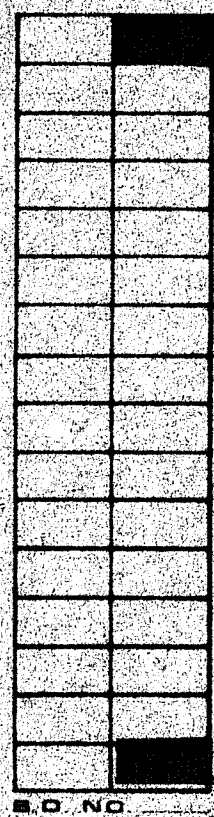
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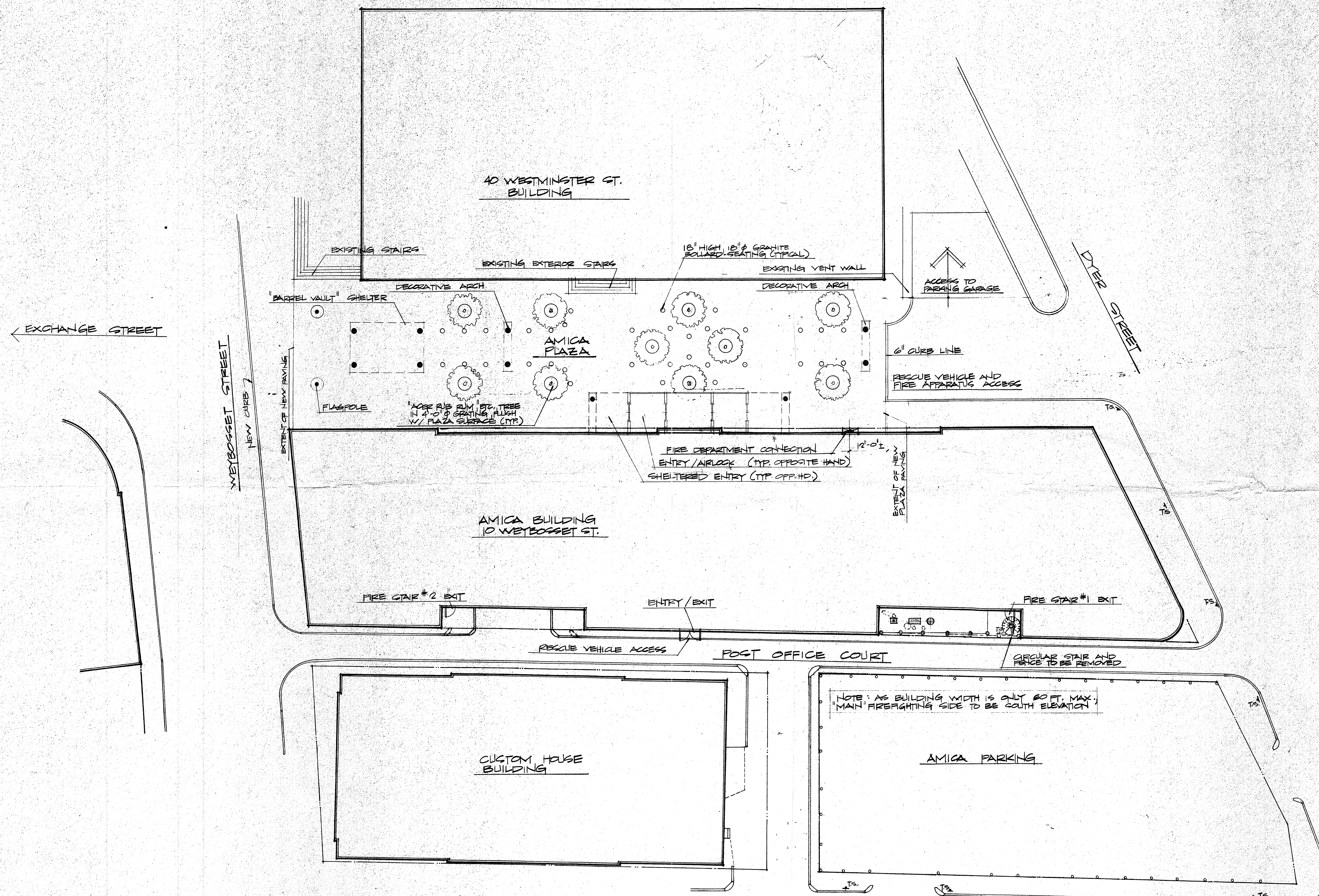
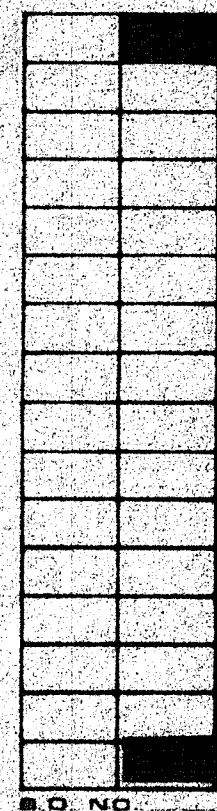
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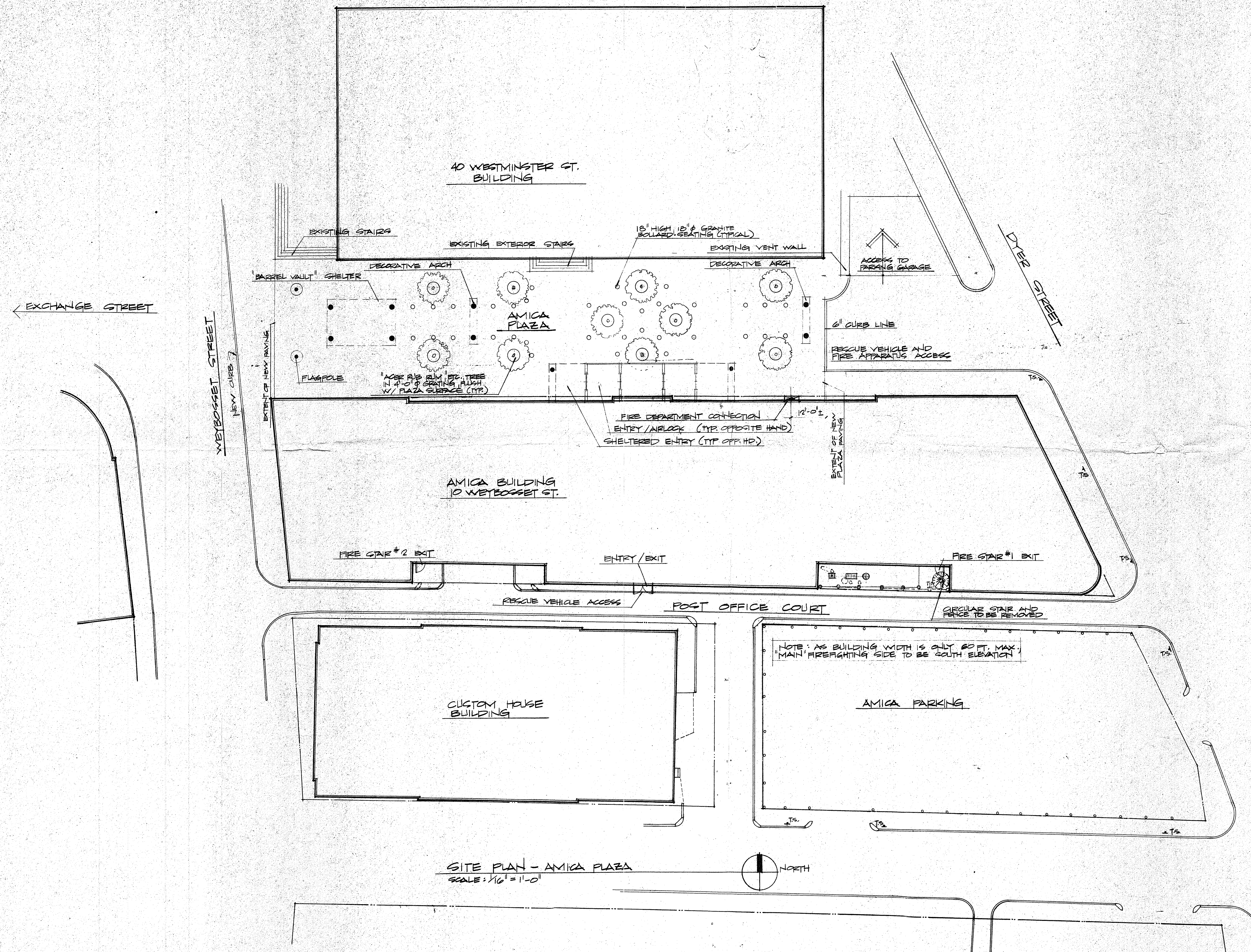


SITE PLAN - AMICA PLAZA  
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"



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10 WEYBOSSET ST.  
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

DRAWING TITLE

AMICA PROVIDENCE PLAZA  
SITE PLAN - PRELIMINARY

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