

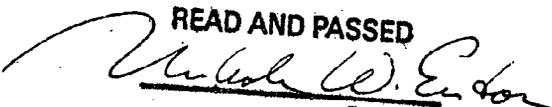
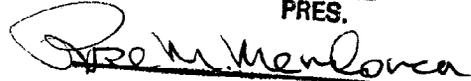
THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 340

Approved July 17, 1989

RESOLVED, That His Honor, the Mayor, be and he hereby is authorized to execute a lease to the South Side Community Land Trust, a non-profit organization, for premises located in the City of Providence, along Prairie Avenue, being Plat No. 48 on Lot No. 641, at an annual rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year; said lease to be on a month to month basis and with such other terms and conditions as have been imposed by the Mayor and the City Solicitor, said Lot to be used for Community Gardening.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUL 13 1989  
READ AND PASSED  
  
PRES.  
  
CLERK



**THE COMMITTEE ON  
CITY PROPERTY**

**Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution**

*William J. Madonia*  
Chairman

June 30, 1989



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Department of Law  
"Building Pride In Providence"

TO: ROSE MENDONCA, CITY CLERK  
FROM: PATRICIA A. MCLAUGHLIN, ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR  
DATE: JUNE 29, 1989  
RE: PROPERTY LOCATED ON LOT 641 OF ASSESSOR'S PLAT 48  
PRAIRIE AVENUE DISCUSSED AT

M E M O R A N D U M

Mr. Jacob Orlander, representing the Southside Community Land Trust, previously addressed the committee with respect to four vacant lots in the City. Mr. Orlander is interested in leasing the lots and possibly purchasing the lots on behalf of the Land Trust.

Upon the approval of Committee Chairman, Andrew Annaldo, Mr. Orlander will again be addressing the committee at the June 30, 1989 meeting with respect to the lot located on Prairie Avenue (Lot 641 of Plat 48).

In researching title on this property, the following chain of title emerges:

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| Margaret Arnold wf. John                         | July 1, 1887     |
| May A. F. McCaughlin                             | November 1, 1909 |
| Emily Moran                                      | December, 1939   |
| Robert E. Ashness                                | December, 1961   |
| Carl F. Suzman                                   | December, 1962   |
| Arnold I. Elman Norm A. Elman<br>(JOINT TENANTS) | October 1963     |
| City of Providence<br>Re: memo 75/27             | December, 1966   |

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DEPT. OF J. Y. CLERK  
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Rose Mendonca,  
City Clerk  
June 29, 1989

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The memo referred to on the title card reveals the following information:

Tax Assessor

Memo 75/27 Plat 48 Lot 641

05-048-711 Arnold I. Elman and wife Norma A. Elman Plat 48 Lot 641. Tax 1967 to 42-001-700. City of Providence information per Law Department. Deed to follow 5/26/67

This indicates that Elman was paying taxes under Account #05-048-711, but failed to keep up the payments. The City then took over the land under account number 42-001-700. According to the Tax Assessor's office, the Law Department should have the deed.

For your records, I have also attached a copy of the deed which memorialized the transfer of the property from the Elmans to the City.

If you have any further questions on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Andrew Annaldo, Chairman  
Councilman John Lombardi  
Councilwoman Carolyn Brassil  
Councilman John Rollins  
Councilman Daniel Lopes

Enclosure:

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DEPT. OF JUDICIAL CLERK  
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, ARNOLD I. ELMAN and NORMAN A. ELMAN, both of the City of Cranston, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island, for consideration paid, grant to the CITY OF PROVIDENCE, a municipal corporation created by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, with QUIT-CLAIM COVENANTS:

That certain lot or parcel of land with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on the easterly side of Prairie Avenue in the City and County of Providence and State of Rhode Island, laid out and designated as Lot No. 119 (one hundred nineteen) on that plat entitled, "PLAT OF LAND IN CRANSTON BELONGING WHEN PLATTED TO HENRY HOLDEN OF PROVIDENCE R.I. RUN OUT BY S.B. CUSHING A D 1848.", which plat is recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in said City of Providence in Plat Book 9 at page 24 and (copy) on Plat Card 251.

Consideration is such that no revenue stamps are required.

I, PEARL L. ELMAN, wife of ARNOLD I. ELMAN, do hereby release to the grantee all my right of dower in and to the above-described premises.

I, NORMAN A. ELMAN, covenant that I am unmarried.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 27th day of Feb, A. D. 1967.

*Arnold I. Elman*  
ARNOLD I. ELMAN  
*Pearl L. Elman*  
PEARL L. ELMAN  
*Norman A. Elman*  
NORMAN A. ELMAN

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PROVIDENCE, SC.

In *Providence*, on the *27* day of *Feb* A.D. 1967, before me personally appeared ARNOLD I. ELMAN, PEARL L. ELMAN, and NORMAN A. ELMAN, to me known and known by me to be the parties executing the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged said instrument by them executed to be their free act and deed.

*Robert G. Fitzpatrick*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

CORRECT IN FORM AND SATISFACTORY TO ME.

*Arnold I. Elman*  
CITY SOLICITOR



received for Record at 9 o'clock 15 min PM  
MAR 23 1967 *Halter G. Young*  
Recorder of Deeds

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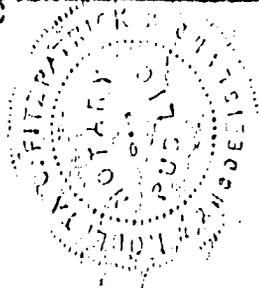
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received for Record at 9 o'clock 17 min PM  
MAR 23 1967 *Halter G. Gough*  
Recorder of Deeds



# Southside Community Land Trust

288 Dudley Street Providence, Rhode Island 02907 (401) 273-9419

Councilman Andrew Annaldo  
City Property Committee  
Providence City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, RI 02903

December 16, 1988

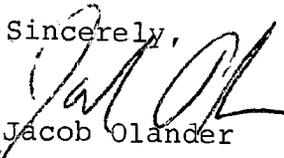
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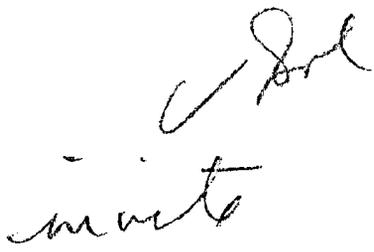
I am writing to you once again regarding city-owned vacant property and community gardens. For the last three years the SSCLT has helped run, in cooperation with St. Michael's Church, a community garden near Oxford Street in South Providence. The development of the Oxford Gardens Housing units, good news in most respects, has unfortunately left the gardeners without land.

Virtually all of the gardeners at this garden are elderly, tenants of Oxford Towers. For them this garden has provided a priceless opportunity for recreation and for just getting outside. Since most of the gardeners are elderly, a replacement site must be easily accessible from Oxford Towers (corner of Gordon and Houston Streets) to be viable.

Fortunately, an excellent alternative appears to be available. The City of Providence owns outright a vacant lot at 468 Prairie Avenue (Plat 48: Lot 641) which would be ideal. Right now the lot sits idle and unattractive, a magnet for trash. With the work that these gardeners have shown themselves committed to doing there could be a beautiful garden flourishing on Prairie Avenue, serving Oxford Towers, Oxford Gardens residents, and the whole neighborhood.

We are therefore interested in signing a long-term (5-10 year) lease with the city in order to develop this vacant lot as a community garden. The Oxford-area gardeners are very concerned, and eager to know whether they will be able to continue gardening next year. We therefore hope that an arrangement for this lot can be worked out expeditiously. Please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
  
Jacob Olander  
Community Gardens Coordinator



THE COMMITTEE ON  
~~CITY PROPERTY~~  
Recommends Indefinite  
Postponement  
  
Chairman

THE COMMITTEE ON  
~~CITY PROPERTY~~  
Recommends *Be Continued*  
*R. M. Mendoza*  
Clerk  
*January 10, 1959*

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LINCOLN W.N. PRATT  
CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

May 25, 1989

Councilman Andrew Annaldo  
Chairman of the City Property Committee  
c/o Providence City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

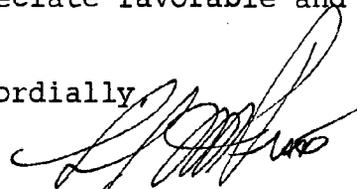
Dear Councilman Annaldo:

I write you to request support of the Oxford Community Garden.

Recently, the Providence Journal Charitable Foundation made a contribution to the Southside Community Land Trust to support Oxford Garden. We were under the impression at that time that this land was available from the City. It is a lot at 468 Prairie Avenue, Plot 48, Lot 641. The City has owned this land for roughly twenty years and nothing has been done with it.

We feel that the objectives of the Southside Community Land Trust and the Oxford Garden project are important for this area in the City. We would appreciate favorable and speedy action on this.

Cordially



Lincoln W.N. Pratt

cc: Mayor Joseph R. Paolino, Jr.  
Deborah Schimberg

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DEPT. OF CIVIL CLERK  
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Rose M. Mendonca  
City Clerk

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Clerk of Committees



Michael R. Clement  
First Deputy

Jean M. Angelone  
Second Deputy

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK  
CITY HALL

July 24, 1989

Mr. Jacob Olander  
Southside Community Land Trust  
288 Dudley Street  
Providence, R. I. 02907

Dear Mr. Olander,

Enclosed is a certified copy of Resolution No. 340,  
approved July 17, 1989, the same being self-explanatory.

Will you kindly communicate with the City Solicitor's  
Office to execute lease.

Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca  
City Clerk

RMM/bp

Enc.