

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 263

Approved April 24, 1986

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, being Lot No. 398 on City Assessor's Plat 23, at an annual rental of One (\$1.00) Dollar per year; said lease to be for a term of One (1) Year, subject to such other terms and conditions as may be approved by the Mayor and the City Solicitor.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

Nicholas W. Eaton PRES.
Bozeman CLERK



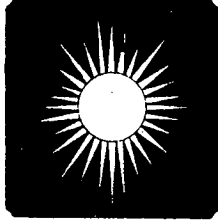
THE COMMITTEE ON
CITY PROPERTY

Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

Sam Menlove
Chairman

April 9, 1986

Southside Community Land Trust



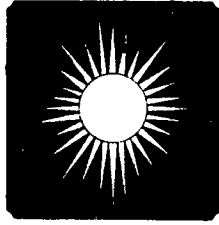
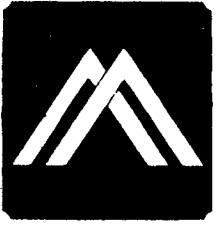
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February 11, 1986

Dear Chairman Annaldo,

With regard to our telephone conversation, I am writing on behalf of the Southside Community Land Trust (SSCLT), in an effort to secure a long-term lease for plat 23, lot #398, located at 326 Blackstone St. in Providence. In view of the fact that real estate speculation in the Upper South Providence area is a serious threat to neighborhood people's access to land in the community, the SSCLT would like to lease, with the right of first refusal to buy, this lot for community gardening. It is extremely important that we obtain a lease for at least 5 years, preferably 10, in as much as it takes a tremendous amount of time, energy, and money to turn a fill lot into a food producing garden. While there are hundreds of vacant lots in the city, the security of knowing that a particular parcel can be used for longer than one season is indispensable. On our part, the SSCLT would be responsible for maintaining the lot and seeing to it that community residents have continued use of the lot. We would not be building any structures on it.

Southside Community Land Trust



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These community gardens accomplish many purposes:

- 1) They allow people to grow their own produce, thus, affording them a greater measure of self-sufficiency through a low-cost food source.
- 2) Gardeners from diverse backgrounds get to know one another and realize benefits from working together.
- 3) Neighborhoods which otherwise would have been blighted by trash-filled vacant lots are, by these community gardens, maintained aesthetically and inexpensively.

If you or any of the City Property committee would like to see the community gardens, or have any other questions, please call. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

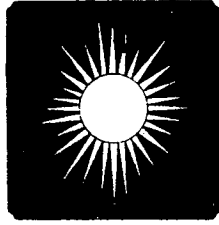
Sincerely,
Deborah Schimberg, director

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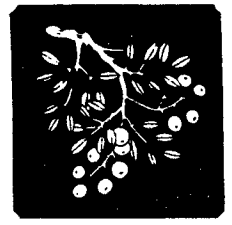
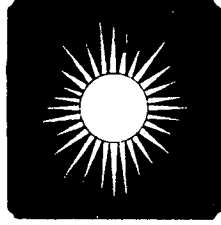


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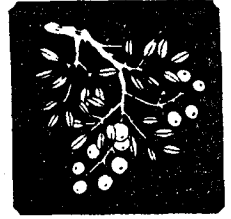
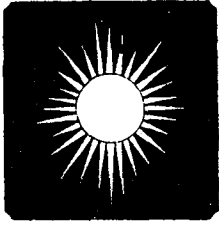
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Sincerely,
Debbie Schimberg, director

Budget of
\$550,000
Since

Southside Community Land Trust



2/14/86

Dear David,

I'm writing in the hope that you might be able to help this get through. It is one of the lots across the street from my house (remember that huge space I showed you?) With all this hospital building & buying, it's really essential that we get this settled ASAP. If you have any questions, please call.

Thanks very much,
Deborah Schimberg

Rose M. Mendonca

City Clerk



Clerk of Council

Clerk of Committees

Michael R. Clement

First Deputy

Grace Nobrega

Second Deputy

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL

May 6, 1986

South Side Community Land Trust
Deborah Schimberg, Director
c/o The Dudley House
305 Dudley Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02907

Dear Ms. Schimberg:

Enclosed is a certified copy of Resolution No. 263,
approved April 24, 1986, 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.

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Enc.