

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Quinton Y. Zondervan
City Councillor

To the Honorable, the City Council:

July 28, 2022

Attached you will find some interesting historical documents and images related to the building at 105 Windsor Street, courtesy of the Cambridge Historical Commission. I hope you will find this information useful during our discussion of the proposed loan order. Special thanks to the helpful staff at the Historical Commission and to Aayan Ahmad and Ethan Maggio, two MYSEP students interning in my office this summer who helped put this communication together.

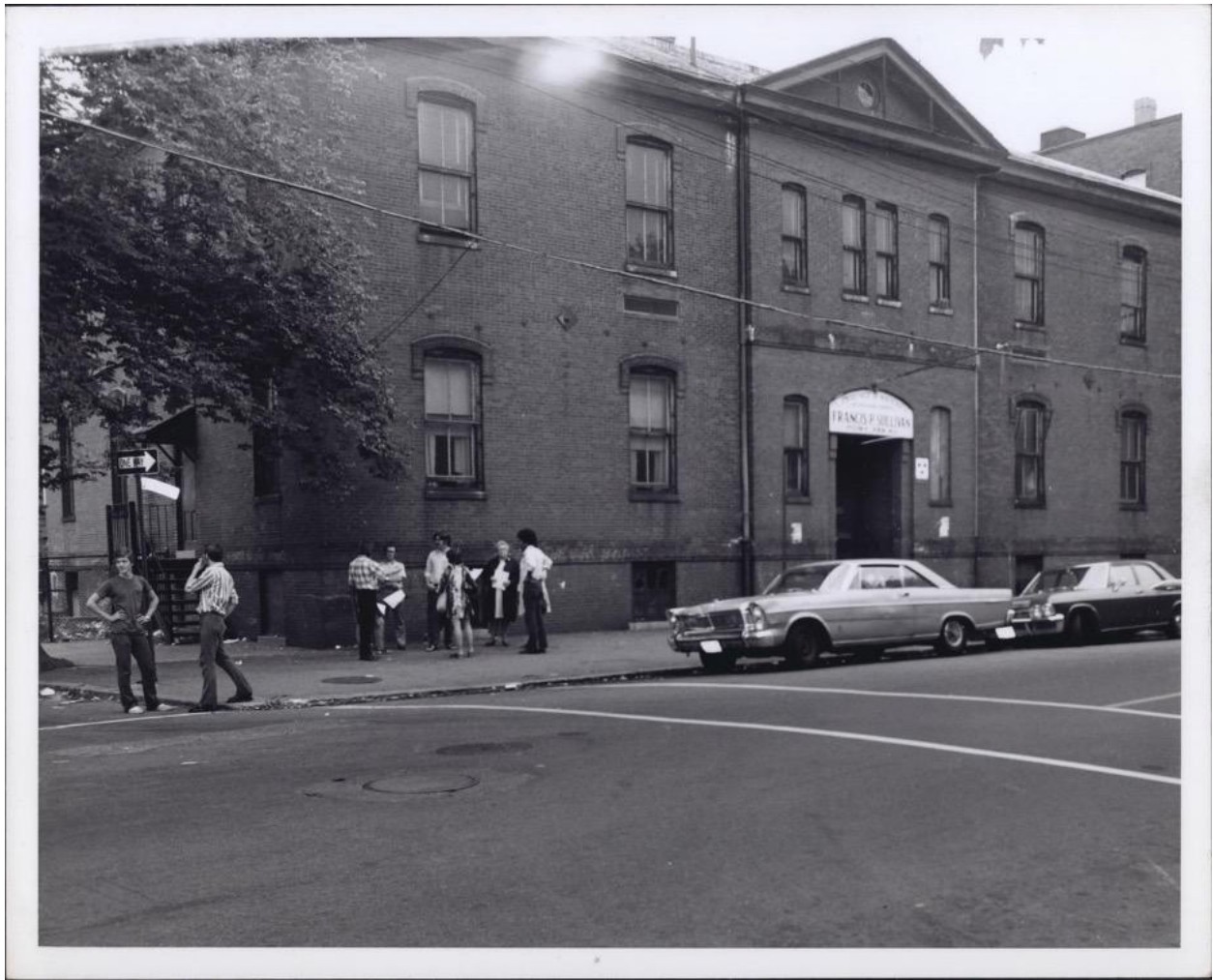
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "QZ", written in a cursive style.

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This image circa 1950 depicts the building at 105 Windsor Street when it was in use as the Lawrence D. Mahoney Recreation Center and the Francis P. Sullivan American Legion Post No. 388.



This image from 1972 depicts the building at 105 Windsor Street near the end of its use as a recreation center and veterans hall. The building would soon become a neighborhood family care center. Photograph taken by Ed Pacheco of 291 Cambridge Street.



This is another 1972 image of the building at 105 Windsor Street. Photograph taken by Ed Pacheco of 291 Cambridge Street.

Dedicate Two New Projects in Cambridge

Two outstanding achievements of the past year in Cambridge civic progress were dedicated yesterday at exercises attended by several thousand persons, including Mayor John W. Lyons and other city officials.

Cahill House, the four-story addition to Cambridge City Hospital, which will be devoted entirely to maternity cases and is outfitted with the most perfect equipment known to obstetrical science, was visited by 2000.

Constructed with the aid of P. W. A. funds, the building cost \$327,000, the Federal Government bearing 45 percent of the cost of construction and complete equipment of the building.

Completely air-conditioned and painted in bright, clear colors, not a single item has been overlooked in its construction, even to the outfitting of an "Anxious Room," where large roomy chairs, a radio and books have been placed to relieve the minds of fathers.

A special premature nursery is completely outfitted with incubators, and this section, like all others in the building, is air conditioned.

Later in the afternoon, Mayor Lyons presided at the dedication of the Newtowne Recreation Center, on Windsor st. Using the old Boardman School, which Mayor Lyons ordered converted to the recreation center, the two-story building has been completely outfitted with a branch of the Cambridge Public Library, a gymnasium, special rooms for adults and children, and large shower rooms. Costing a total of about \$60,000, the city has expended \$25,000 for materials, the remainder of the expense, for labor, being borne by the W. P. A.

This recreation center, the only one of its kind in the city, is the first of several expected units in the program which Mayor Lyons has outlined for recreation in Cambridge. Under immediate control of the Cambridge Park Department, the center will be supervised by the Cambridge Youth Commission.

Among those present were Rev. John A. Butler, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, representing the Cambridge Youth Commission; Rev. Lester C. Holmes, rector of the Broadway Baptist Church, who gave the benediction; Fred Hinckley, W. P. A. field supervisor in Cambridge; Stephen H. Mahoney, superintendent of Recreation, and Pres Thomas M. McNamara of the City Council.

Present at the Cahill House exercises were Chairman Lawrence C. Feloney and other hospital trustees; Miss Gertrude Stapleton, superintendent, and Miss Gertrude Grandfield, assistant superintendent of Cambridge City Hospital.

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Daily Boston Globe article from November 6, 1939 announcing the dedication and grand opening of the Newtowne Recreation Center. The conversion of the old Boardman School into this facility cost about \$60,000 (just upward of a million dollars in today's money). The renovated space contained a branch of the Cambridge Public Library, a gymnasium, "special rooms" for adults and children, and large shower rooms. This was the only facility of its kind in the city at the time.

ADDRESS: Boardman School 1802
Windsor & School Streets

DATE	REF.	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PRICE	DESCRIPTION
1848		Alphabet,			
1849		"			
1850		"This is a one story building, 38 feet by 24, and was erected in 1802, on land which was presented to the town by Mr. Andrew Boardman. It cost about \$600... It is the oldest schoolhouse in the second Ward... It contains one schoolroom."			
		Alphabet			
1859		"			
1860		"			
1861		"			
1865-6					
1866-7					
1868					

ADDRESS:

RESEARCHER:

Image shows a ledger from the 1800's documenting the building's pre-1868 use as a single room schoolhouse known as the Alphabet School. The writing says *"This is a one story building, 38 feet by 24, and was erected in 1802, on land which was presented to the town by Mr. Andrew Boardman. It cost about \$600. It is the oldest schoolhouse in the second ward. It contains one schoolroom"*. In 1868, the single room schoolhouse was demolished to make way for the building we still see on the property today.