

**AGENDA**

**JOINT MEETING**

**COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT  
and  
COMMITTEE ON LANDS & BUILDINGS**

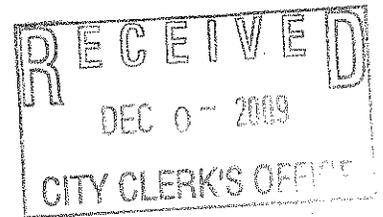
**December 15, 2009**

**Aldermen Garrity, Gatsas, M. Roy  
J. Roy, Osborne, Smith, Shea, O'Neil**

**4:30 PM**

**Aldermanic Chambers  
City Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)**

1. Chairman Garrity calls the meeting to order.
2. The Clerk calls the roll.
3. Communication from Scott G. Colby, New Horizons, requesting demolition of the buildings at 167 Manchester Street and a transfer of the property to New Horizons.  
**Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?**
4. There being no further business, a motion is in order to adjourn.



SOUP KITCHEN • FOOD PANTRY • SHELTERS

December 7, 2009

Alderman Michael Garrity  
Chair, Community Improvement Committee  
Board of Mayor & Aldermen  
City of Manchester  
One City Hall Plaza  
Manchester, NH 03101

Alderman George Smith  
Chair, Lands & Buildings Committee  
Board of Mayor & Aldermen  
City of Manchester  
One City Hall Plaza  
Manchester, NH 03101

RE: New Horizons Proposal for 167 Manchester Street

Dear Aldermen Garrity and Smith:

New Horizons for New Hampshire ["New Horizons"] is writing this letter to acknowledge the important step the City took in purchasing the blighted property at 167 Manchester Street adjacent to our current facility, and to present you our proposal for re-use of this property.

New Horizons plays an integral role in the City's efforts to end homelessness. As a gateway provider of services to the homeless, New Horizons helps start these individuals on the road to self-sufficiency. New Horizons has a longstanding tradition as a good neighbor and productive citizen of inner-city Manchester, and views this property as an opportunity to greatly expand the services we can provide for the homeless population.

New Horizons is currently developing a three to five year plan for this property, including expansion of the Homeless Services Center, a Family Dining Facility, Respite Care, and several Supportive Housing programs to meet the needs of the homeless population. Please refer to the attachment for more details of this long-term plan.

To enable us to complete our planning and begin a capital campaign in support of our proposed use of this property, New Horizons is requesting that the City raze the existing dilapidated buildings at the site and turn the property over to New Horizons. This would

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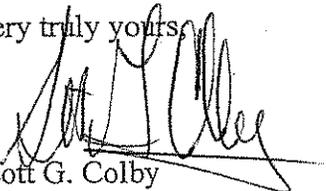
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enable us, in the short term, to convert the land to parking as well as add green space for the clientele of New Horizons to congregate closer to the services they need to access. The buildings need to be razed because they are in a severely neglected condition, and would be too costly to rehabilitate even for temporary housing. Furthermore, the layout of the buildings themselves is not suitable to accommodate the future programming uses envisioned by New Horizons.

On behalf of the Board of Directors for New Horizons, I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of our request to tear down the buildings at 167 Manchester Street and turn over this property to New Horizons as a major step towards ending homelessness in Manchester.

Please feel free to contact Mike Tessier, Interim Executive Director for New Horizons at 668-1877 or me at 663-6383 with any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,



Scott G. Colby  
President, Board of Directors  
New Horizons for New Hampshire, Inc.

Cc: Board of Directors, New Horizons for New Hampshire  
Mike Tessier, New Horizons for New Hampshire

Attachment

NEW HORIZONS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE  
CONCEPTUAL PROGRAM – 167 Manchester Street

- Future Site of the Manchester Continuum of Care Homeless Services Center: NHHH will be assuming the role of managing partner for this program. As you may be aware, NHHH's current commitment includes funding of up to 50% of the salary and benefit expenses for the director of this program.
- Dining Facilities/Overflow Space: NHHH present dining room is well configured for the Homeless Services Center as it has offices that other agencies could use, medical facilities in the basement, showers, and laundry. The present kitchen area could be used to serve lunch. The property at 167 Manchester Street could house a new kitchen and dining facility to handle dinner meals for the current dinner shifts, (elderly and adults), and also for a new program NHHH is finalizing – family dining. In addition, this area could be used to shelter residents on cold winter nights. Currently, overflow residents have to sleep in the stairwells.
- Respite Care: Currently, when the homeless are discharged from a local hospital and in need of home-based clinical services, there is no location to accommodate their needs. NHHH is considering developing respite rooms to accommodate individuals in need of home health care services. This space would not be licensed as a health care facility but would be dedicated to those in need of home-based recovery.
- Gemini House: With the closing of this important program, there may be an opportunity for NHHH to partner with local agencies to provide the services formerly covered by this program to those suffering from chronic substance abuse and behavioral health issues.
- Housing First: Providing permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless, through a Housing First program, would serve a great need in the community and meet a specific goal of the 10 year plan. Currently, almost all of the permanent supportive housing in the community is geared to families. The Housing First concept provides services on a time-limited or long-term basis, depending upon individual need. The chronically homeless are better served by a Housing First program which provides them with an apartment in close proximity to the other services they need; i.e. the soup kitchen, programs, medical care; than by being permanent residents in the shelter.