



THE MODERNIZATION OF 116 NORFOLK

April 2022

Project Summary

Since 1975, the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) has owned the building at 116 Norfolk Street. The building provides 38 single-room-occupancy (SRO) accommodations for seniors and people with disabilities, and is managed by the CHA. SROs are congregate-style housing, where residents have private bedrooms, toilets, and sinks, but share kitchen and shower facilities. The CHA intends to renovate the existing building and construct a new addition to provide up to 62 studio apartments (with private kitchens and showers) for existing residents and individuals transitioning out of homelessness. In partnership with the City, 116 Norfolk will house some of the 1,000+ unhoused individuals currently living in Cambridge after construction. 116 Norfolk currently has one part-time case manager onsite. After construction, residents will receive robust support from four full-time, on-site case managers from Eliot Community Human Services who will provide assistance with access to health care, supportive programs, counseling, etc. This represents a five-fold increase in the amount of services offered on-site. Construction is anticipated to start in early 2023.

Second Virtual AHO Community Meeting

Please join the CHA for the second community meeting under the City’s Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO) to learn about the project.



When: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6pm

Where: On Zoom (<https://tinyurl.com/2p8rtcwn>), or (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 870 4765 9683, Code: 839662

Summary of first AHO Community Meeting

On February 10, 2022, the CHA held its first Cambridge-wide meeting for 116 Norfolk. CHA presented the history of the property, site and neighborhood context, and proposed program and site plan. Feedback included a desire for increased social services onsite; more detail on the proposed parking plan, landscape plan and building materials; and an increased buffer between the proposed addition and neighbors.

A recording and slides can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/4zcbauu3>



The Modernization of 116 Norfolk will preserve the historic architecture of the main convent building, the four-story wing facing Norfolk, and replace the three-story East Wing with a new addition over the existing parking lot on Suffolk Street. The porch will be partially preserved.

Questions or comments?

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