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## Goddard House puts Jamaica Plain property on market; seeks buyers



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The Goddard House nursing home property along South Huntington Avenue in Jamaica Plain was put up for sale this week.

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The board of the nonprofit that owns the property will give priority to offers that would spare the 86-year-old building in some fashion, according to Diana Pisciotta, a spokeswoman for the board.

“We have let the real estate community know that we would be eager for proposals that really share our belief that the building itself is a valuable asset,” she said by phone Tuesday. “Our understanding is that the building itself has quite a bit of potential for adaptive reuse.”


The spokeswoman said the board expects it will be several weeks or longer before bids on the property are submitted. After bids come in, the board will review them.

She said no asking price or timetable have been set. The property was put on

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The [Jamaica Plain Gazette](#) first reported this week that the sale.

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The building at 201 S. Huntington Ave. housed what was a nursing home until it **shut down in September**.

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The two-acre property is located along a stretch of South Huntington Avenue where recent property sales, construction and major developments have stirred controversy in JP and nearby Mission Hill.

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Most opposition to the projects has come from Jamaica Plain; most support has come from residents of Mission Hill.

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Because of that debate, the city's redevelopment authority launched an **ongoing study** of the South Huntington Avenue area.

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Officials at the authority have said they do not want to approve the development proposals.

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The study aims to focus on development issues including affordability, transportation, parking, historic preservation, access to green space, and the height, density, setbacks and uses. Officials have said,

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Huntington to demolish a 98-year-old special educatio  
construct a residential building with about 196 units ar  
spaces. The Home for Little Wanderers, which operate  
Children's Center on that a 3.5-acre property, recently  
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In December, the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council  
the city's Zoning Board of Appeals and the project's dev  
overturn the board's approval of the plans. The lawsuit  
stages of the court process.

City regulators are reviewing another housing proposa  
Huntington, that would clear a 1.1-acre wooded lot for  
building, with a parking garage and retail.

Many have anticipated that the Goddard House proper  
on South Huntington to see significant change.

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