

Harvard Square Advisory Committee

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Case: 51 Brattle Street

Applicant: Daniel Glissman, Esq, for T-Mobile Northeast, LLC

Proposal and Zoning Issues: The Petitioner, T-Mobile Northeast, LLC, seeks to modify the existing wireless communications installation by replacing the existing antennas and adding three. All the equipment will be painted to match the existing façade mounts.

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Summary: Daniel Glissman of Prince Lobel representing T-Mobile, presented the case for the modification of the existing installation and the addition of 3 antenna. He discussed the need to upgrade the existing six installations and to add three new installations to match the existing ones to meet the current communication service demands. The new installations will be located in the middle of the existing two on each of the penthouse facades.

Committee discussed the antenna and the degree of visibility in the neighborhood. The members acknowledged the need for the antennas and focused on the design of the installation. They suggested that all the antennas be the same size, and painted or finished to match the existing finish.

HSAC comments:

Members of the Advisory Committee expressed no objections to the proposed antenna replacement and addition. The Committee did suggest that the antenna be finished to match the façade and that all associated wiring be installed to be as close to the building as possible. All antennas should be of uniform height, width and depth, equally spaced to prevent a scattered appearance of the installation. All antenna should be installed low enough to not interrupt the roofline of the façade.

Overall the committee members find the proposal to be consistent with the goals of the Overlay District.

Committee Members in Attendance: John DiGiovanni, Kari Kuelzer, Frank Kramer, Allison Crosbie, William Barry, Lauren Curry, Matt Simitis, Alexandra Offiong, and Maximilian Frank.

Respectfully Submitted for the Committee,



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