



# CENTRAL SQUARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## REGULAR MEETING

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Tuesday, January 26, 2021

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Virtual meeting held via Zoom

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### Overview

The Central Square Advisory Committee is appointed by the City Manager to undertake all large project reviews of variances and special permits for activities within the [Central Square Overlay District](#), and to monitor the progress of the Central Square Non-Zoning Recommendations of the 2013 K2C2 Study. This meeting will be held pursuant to the provisions outlined in Section 20.300 of the Zoning Ordinance.

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When: Jan 26, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Central Square Advisory Committee

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### Agenda

#### I. Introduction

#### II. Presentation/Discussion

- A. **Cambridge Public Space/Public Life Study (Central Square study area)** – In 2019, CDD staff and interns studied pedestrian behavior and conditions of the built environment in Central, Harvard, Kendall, and Porter squares, in an effort to learn how various spaces are used and to uncover patterns of activity and what conditions may contribute to a vibrant and active pedestrian realm. CDD staff will present findings from Central Square and will facilitate a discussion of their possible implications for Central Square.
- B. **Central Square Parking Lots** - In 2020, amidst public health and economic crises, the Central Square BID created Starlight Square, a community destination for art and performance, healing, learning, dining, and commerce on Lot 5 in Central Square. Converting a place for cars into a place for people is not a new idea. It has been considered and proposed in City of Cambridge planning documents, including K2C2 and the Red Ribbon Commission. We believe it is the time to act on these recommendations and invest in transforming underutilized space to serve community and ensure the future of our cultural and commercial district.

#### III. Public Comment

- A. Public comment will be open following each presentation and comments from the CSAC.

#### IV. Adjournment