

Harvard Square Advisory Committee

c/o Cambridge Community Development Department

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Case: 31 Church Street

Applicant: Charles River Remedies LLC

Proposal and Zoning Issues: Planning Board special permit application for a Retail Dispensary pursuant to Section 11.800 as a Minority Business.

Harvard Square Advisory Committee: May 6, 2019

Summary: Sean Hope, Cia Samura and Leah Samura presented the elevations, floor plans and business operation plan for a retail marijuana establishment, outlining their classification as Economic Empowerment Applicants with priority State licensing.

The existing sign band will be used, new business name is to be determined and a projecting sign will be installed. The Church Street windows will be screened so no product is visible as required by the State regulations. The hours of operation will be from 10 am to 10 pm 6 or 7 days a week. Sunday hours are being considered. A reservation beeper system will control and prevent potential customers from lining up along the street. Pre-ordering will be available. Live-monitoring security will be in place to prevent diversion of product and provide accountability. Overall capacity of the space is 42, of which 8 will be staff.

HSAC comments: The committee discussed and reviewed the deliveries and loading zone. A great deal of discussion centered on possible window treatments that would provide activity along the sidewalk while meeting the state prohibition of showing the product. Overall, the committee supports an active display that focuses on community activism that is dynamic and has an engaging public appeal.

A motion was made and seconded to support the application for the special permit for retail sales of marijuana with suggested conditions; to be open as many hours as possible, to emphasize the T accessibility, and to provide an active store front. The committee is greatly interested in seeing the ongoing idea development for the store front. All members in attendance voted in support.

Committee Members in Attendance: Kari Kuelzer, Alexandra Offiong, Frank Kramer, John DiGiovanni, Matt Simitis, Lauren Curry and Gladys Gifford.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,



Liza Paden, Community Development Department