



Harvard Square Advisory Committee City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Meeting Agenda

May 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Webinar

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Application materials and general information about the Harvard Square Advisory Committee can be found on the following webpage:

<https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/zoninganddevelopment/advcomms/harvardadvcomm>.

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Project Review and Discussion

- BZA Formula Business Special Permit Application – 1 Brattle Square (Chip City)
The Applicant is proposing a formula business quick service food establishment in an approximately 715 square foot retail space on the ground floor of the 1 Brattle Square building in Harvard Square. The business is expected to sell baked goods, as well as ice cream and beverages. Fast Order/Quick-Service Food Establishments in the Harvard Square Overlay District require a special permit from the Board of Zoning Appeal (BZA) if they are considered a Formula Business. Chip City is a nationwide chain with approximately 38 locations that qualifies as a Formula Business. In considering applications for Special Permits for Fast Order or Quick-Service Food Establishments, the BZA shall find that in addition to other criteria specified in Zoning [Section 10.40](#), that the requirements of [Section 11.31\(a\)-\(g\)](#) are also met. HSAC will review the application and prepare a recommendation to be submitted to the BZA.
- BZA Variance and Special Permit Application – 9, 11A, and 11B Mount Auburn Street
The Applicant proposes to renovate the existing buildings, constructing a third-floor rear addition to 9-11A Mt. Auburn Street and constructing two third-floor dormers to 11B Mt. Auburn Street, and removing a connecting structure and mechanical lift between the structures, as well as other exterior renovations to the structures. Renovations will preserve the Mt. Auburn Street facing facades. Use of the property (currently offices) will be reestablished as residential.

The Applicant is expected to submit to the Board of Zoning Appeal (BZA) for both variances and special permits. BZA variances and special permits within the Harvard Square Overlay District require review by HSAC. HSAC will prepare a recommendation to be submitted to the BZA.

General Business

- Committee Member Updates
Hold for members of HSAC to share relevant information about Harvard Square.



Adjourn

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