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From: Central Square Advisory Committee

Date: August 29, 2022

Re: 18 Pleasant Street

Overview

The Central Square Advisory Committee (the "Committee") met on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 to discuss the Large Project Review Application for 18 Pleasant Street.

Committee members present were Melisa Greene, Tahir Kapoor, Esther Hanig, and Robert Winters. After discussion, the Committee decided to forward a report with a positive recommendation.

Proposal Description

The applicant proposes to construct a four-story, multifamily residential building with six dwelling units at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Franklin Street, near Western Avenue. The proposed development will include long-term and short-term bicycle parking as well as three off-street parking spaces. The off-street parking spaces are below grade; the building is slightly elevated to accommodate this. This project is an "as of right" development; however, the applicant is required to conduct an advisory review based on Section 19.40 of the Zoning Ordinance. The applicant does not require approval from the Planning Board or the Board of Zoning Appeal.

Committee Comments

Members of the committee were generally supportive of the project. They felt that the scale of the project was respectful of the neighborhood, and they didn't have issues with the underground parking. There were comments on the amount of trash and recycling bins that would be necessary in the driveway. Committee members asked if there was a way to consolidate the number of cans needed.

Public Comments

There were no public comments on the 18 Pleasant Street project.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

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