



Harvard Square Advisory Committee City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Meeting Agenda

July 17, 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>.

For more information, please contact Mason Wells, Associate Zoning Planner with the Cambridge Community Development Department, at 617-349-9794 or mwells@cambridgema.gov.

Project Review and Discussion

- BZA Formula Business Special Permit Application – 5 JFK Street (SoBol)

The Applicant is proposing a formula business quick service food establishment in an approximately 776 square foot retail space on the ground floor of 5 JFK Street (the Abbot building) in Harvard Square. SoBol is a fast casual restaurant selling smoothie bowls. The Applicant is expected to take over the space occupied by Tiger Sugar, a bubble tea and boba store. 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. SoBol is a nationwide franchise chain with approximately 68 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.

General Business

- Committee Appointment Process Update
August 12, 2024 is the deadline for applications to serve on the Harvard Square Advisory Committee. Full details are available online at:
<https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/News/2024/7/harvardsquareadvisorycommitteevacancies>
- Committee Member Updates
Hold for members of HSAC to share relevant information about Harvard Square.

Adjourn

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