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Community Development Department

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To: Board of Zoning Appeal
From: Harvard Square Advisory Committee
Date: November 20, 2024

SANDRA CLARKE
Chief of Admin/Operations

Re: **1350 Mass Ave (AT&T) – Positive Recommendation**

MELISSA PETERS
Chief of Planning Strategy

Overview

The Harvard Square Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) met on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 to discuss a special permit application by the President and Fellows of Harvard College for AT&T to modify an existing wireless communications installation at 1350 Massachusetts Avenue. The meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.50 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance in advance of the applicant’s hearing for a special permit from the Board of Zoning Appeal (BZA). Committee members present were Allison Crosbie, Kari Kuelzer, Alexandra Offiong, Matthew Simitis, and Nicola Williams. Absent was John DiGiovanni. After discussion, Matthew Simitis moved and Nicola Williams seconded the motion to forward a report to the BZA with a positive recommendation. Five (5) members present voting in favor and none (0) against.

Proposal Description

The Applicant (AT&T) is proposing modifications requiring a BZA Special Permit. The modifications include replacing two (2) existing antennas with two (2) new antennas in nearly the same location, replacing six (6) remote radio heads with ten (10) remote radio heads in nearly the same location, replacing certain cabling with new cables, adding diplexers, and removing and replacing certain equipment in AT&T's existing rooftop equipment shelter.

Public Comments

No public comment.

Recommendation

Members of the Committee were supportive of the applicant’s proposal and had no additional comments on the design or layout.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

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