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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139

BZA Application Form

BZA Number: 216107

General Information

The undersigned	hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:
Special Permit:	Variance:X Appeal:
PETITIONER: Ca	arlos H. Zucher C/O James Rissling
PETITIONER'S A	DDRESS: 64 Allston Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
LOCATION OF P	ROPERTY: <u>1103 Cambridge St , Cambridge, MA</u>
TYPE OF OCCUP on 2nd Floor	PANCY: Commercial on 1st Fl. & Res. ZONING DISTRICT: Business A Zone
REASON FOR PE	ETITION:
/Reconstruct build	ding/
DESCRIPTION	OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL:
To reconstruct the	ture is in poor condition and beyond its serviceability. building, the current zoning would not allow development of due to more restrictive dimensional requirements for the
SECTIONS OF Z	ONING ORDINANCE CITED:
Article: 5.000 Article: 6.000 Article: 8.000 Article: 10.000	Section: 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements). Section: 6.36 (Short-Term Bicycle Parking). Section: 8.22.3 (Non-Conforming Structure). Section: 10.30 (Variance).
	Original Signature(s): (Petitioner (s) / Owner) (Print Name)
	Address:

jim@Irdesignsinc.com

E-Mail Address:

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BZA APPLICATION FORM - OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

To be completed by OWNER, signed before a notary and returned to The Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

_{I /We} Carlos Henrique Zucher
(OWNER)
Address: 219 Pond St Winchester MA 01890
State that I/We own the property located at 1103 Cambridge St Cambridge MA,
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of Carlos Henrique Zucher
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date, Middlesex South
County Registry of Deeds at Book, Page; or
Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No
BookPage
SIGNATURE BY LAND OWNER OR AGENT* *Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of MIODIESEX
The above-name 4268 H ZUCHER. personally appeared before me,
this of Olc , 2022, and made bath that the above statement is true. Commonwell Commonwell

• If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by court order, recent deed, or inheritance, please include documentation.

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DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Present Use/Occupancy: Commercial on 1st Fl. & Res. on 2nd Floor **Applicant:** Carlos H. Zucher

Location: 1103 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA Zone: Business A Zone

Requested Use/Occupancy: Commercial on 1st Floor & Res. on 2nd & 3rd Floors Phone: 617 680-4595

		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	Ordinance Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		1845	2899	1,649 2,886	(max.)
LOT AREA:		1649	2899	1,649 2,886	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		1.12	1.55	1.76	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		1649	825	600	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	25	25	50	
	DEPTH	66	66	na	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	0	0	0	
	REAR	10'-11"	16'-2"	20	
	LEFT SIDE	7'-3"	6'-11"	0	
	RIGHT SIDE	0	0	0	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	24'-8"	32'-8	45	
	WIDTH	52'-0"	45'-9"	na	
	LENGTH	17'-6"	18'-0"	na	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		15	23	none/15	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		1	2	na	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		0	0	4-6	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		0	0	0	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		na	na	na	

Describe where applicable, other occupancies on the same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.:

none

- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
- 2. TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.
- 3. OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM **DIMENSION OF 15'.**

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A, SECTION 10.

A) A literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant for the following reasons:

The existing structure is in poor condition and beyond its serviceability. To reconstruct the building, the current zoning would not allow development of the existing uses due to more restrictive dimensional requirements for the residential use.

The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the following reasons:

New residential construction in a Bus A district, the district in which the site is located, is required to conform to Res C-2B dimensional requirements. The lot is narrower than allowed in Res C-2B and the new construction of the current and allowed uses will not conform to allowed front and side yard setbacks for residential use.

C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

1) Desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

The existing building includes ground floor commercial space with a residential floor above. The new construction is to be within the existing footprint and include the same uses while adding one additional floor of residential use.

Desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

The reconstructed mixed-use structure is similar to many of the buildings in the surrounding neighborhood and will continue the existing use of the building and site.

*If you have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with an attorney.

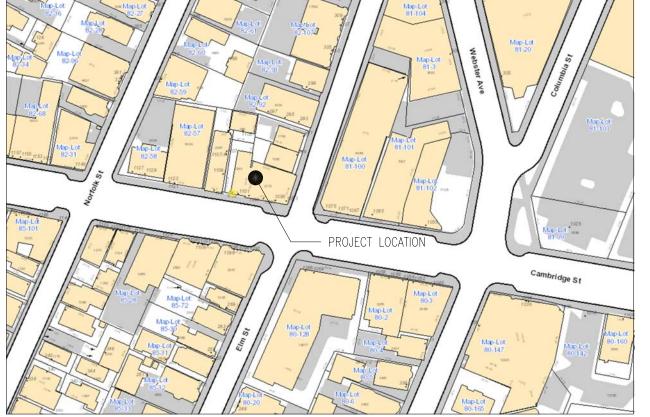
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1103 CAMBRIDGE STREET - SIDE



PROJECT LOCATION:

1103 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA ZONING DISTRICT BUSINESS A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT: 780 CMR (2021 IECC)

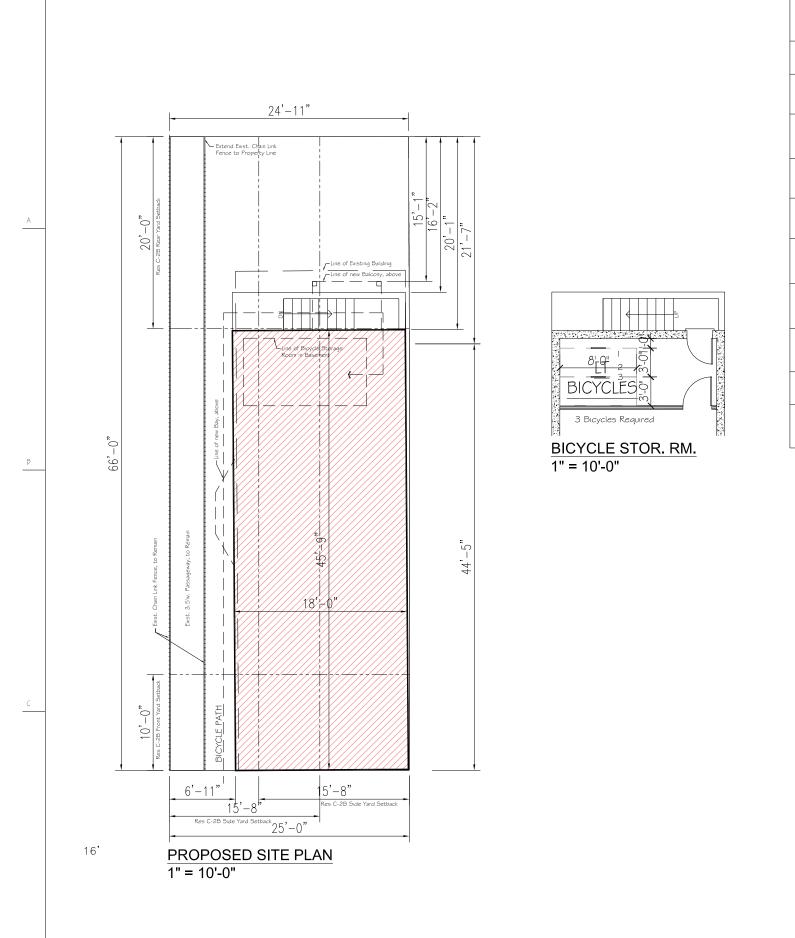
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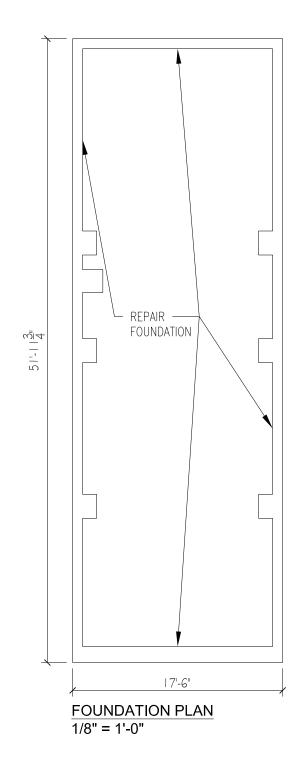


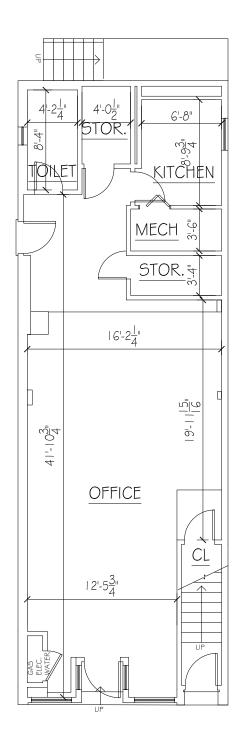
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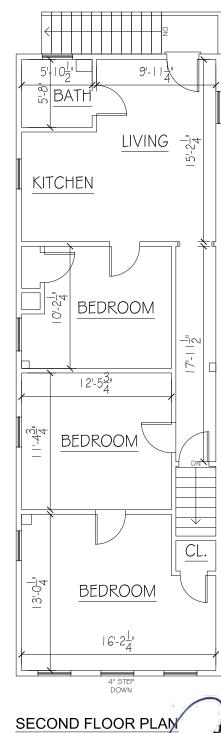
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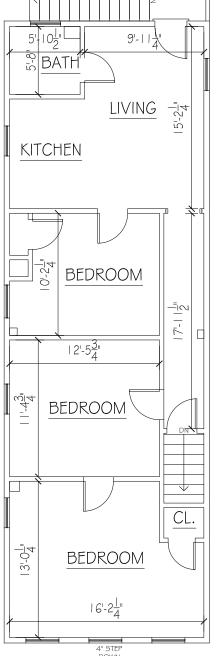




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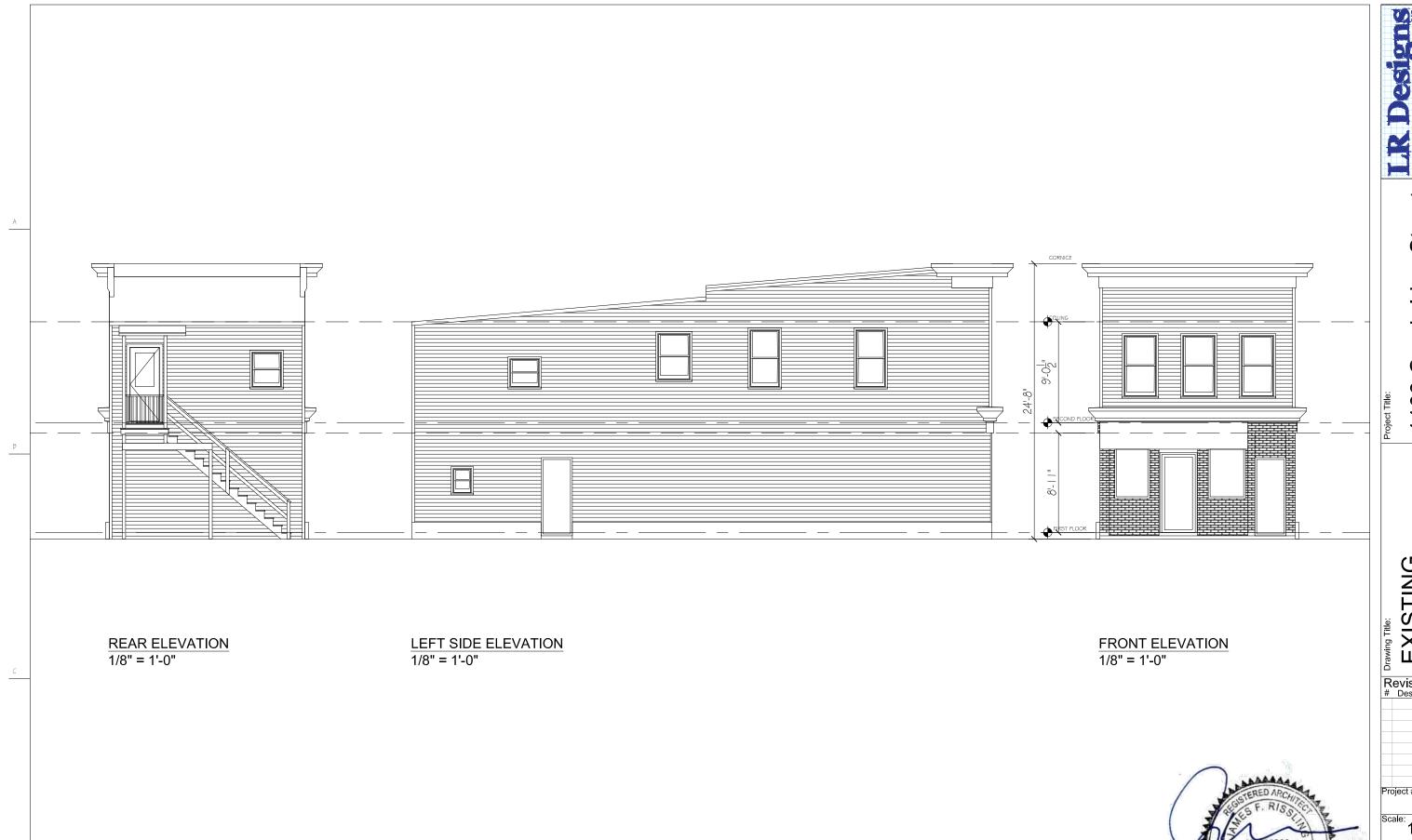
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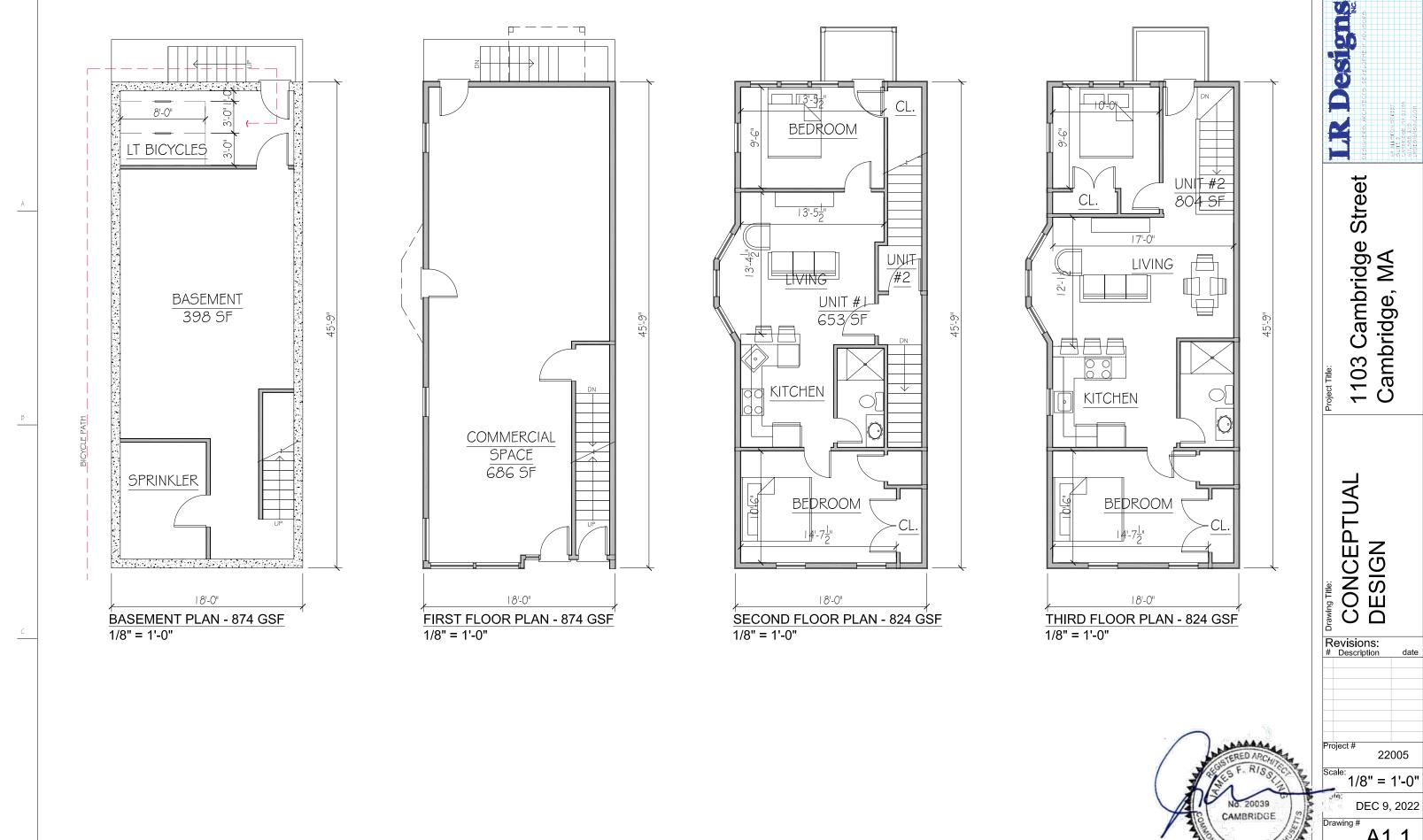
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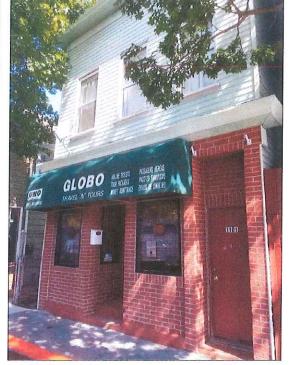
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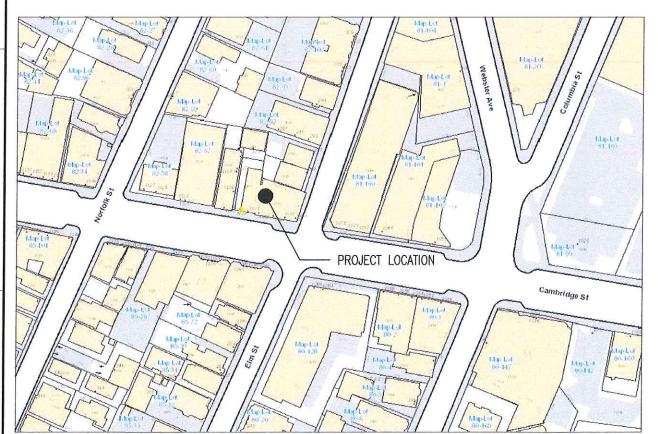








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		REQUIRED QUANTITIES	OF LONG-TERM BICYCLE	PARKING §6.107 - SCHE	DULES 6.107.2
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N1	OFFICES: AGENCIES	0.3 / 1,000 SF	0.6 (1.0)	0	CONVERT NON-RESIDENTIAL LONG-TERM BICYCLE PARKING INTO NON-RESIDENTIAL SHORT-TERM BICYCLE PARKING, PER §6.107.5a
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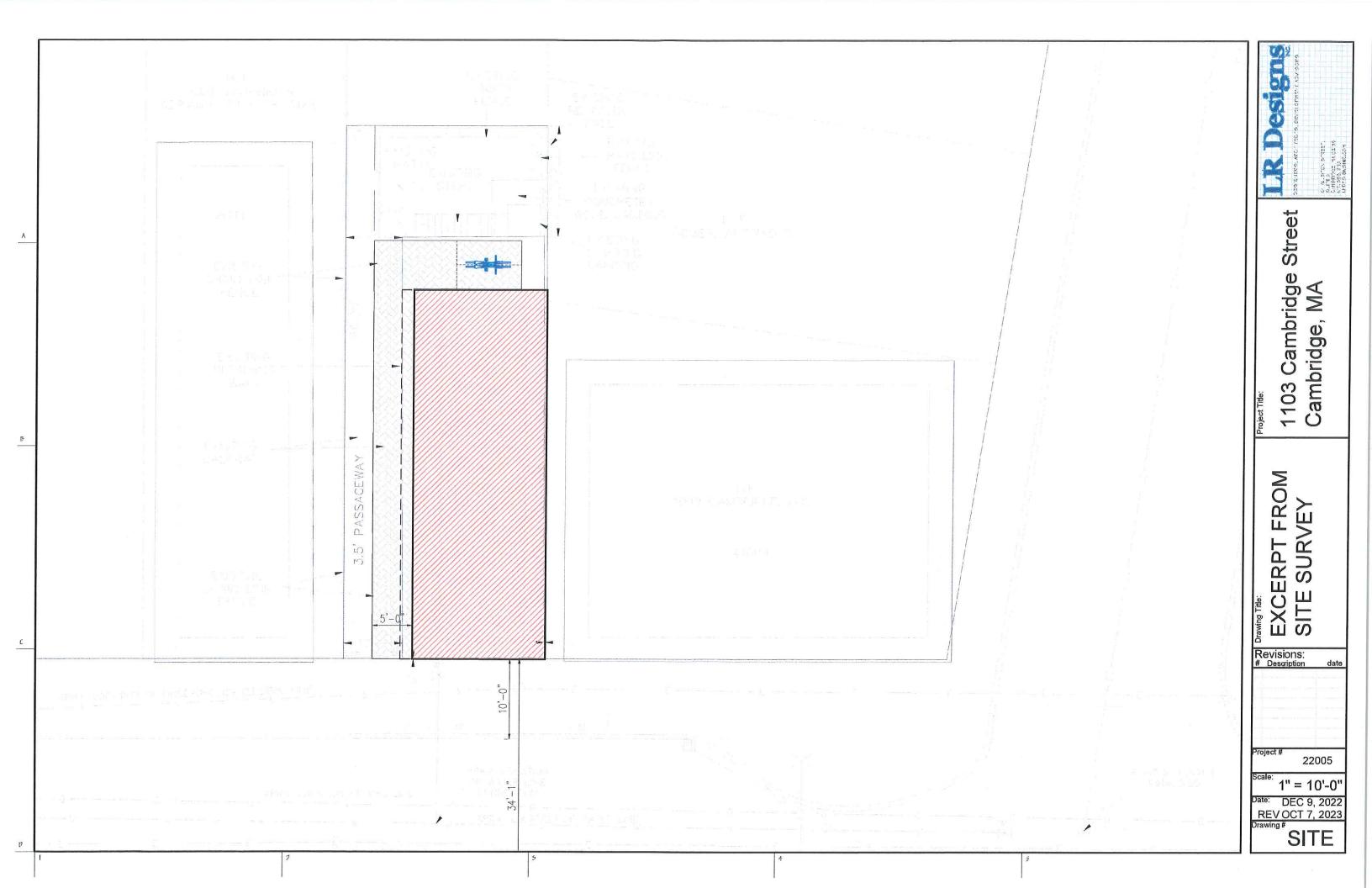
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R2	MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS (2 UNITS)	0.1 / 1.0 / DWELLING UNIT	0.2	0	SHORT-TERM BICYCLE PARKING PROVIDED THROUGH PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION, PER §6.104.2b
N3	OFFICES: AGENCIES	0.5 / 1,000 SF	1.0	0	SHORT-TERM BICYCLE PARKING PROVIDED THROUGH PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION, PER §6.104.2b
	CONVERTED RESIDENTIAL LONG-TERM SPACES		2	2	COVERED BICYCLE PARKING PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTIAL SHORT-TERM BICYCLE SPACES PER §6.107.5b
	CONVERTED NON-RESIDENTIAL LONG-TERM SPACES		1	0	SHORT-TERM BICYCLE PARKING PROVIDED THROUGH PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION, PER §6.104.2b
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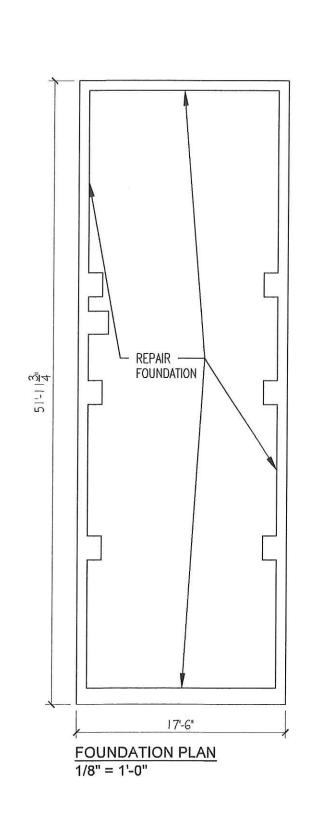
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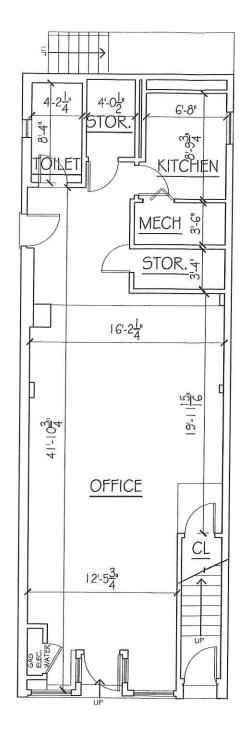
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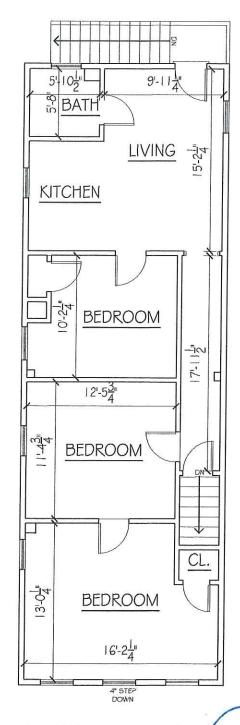
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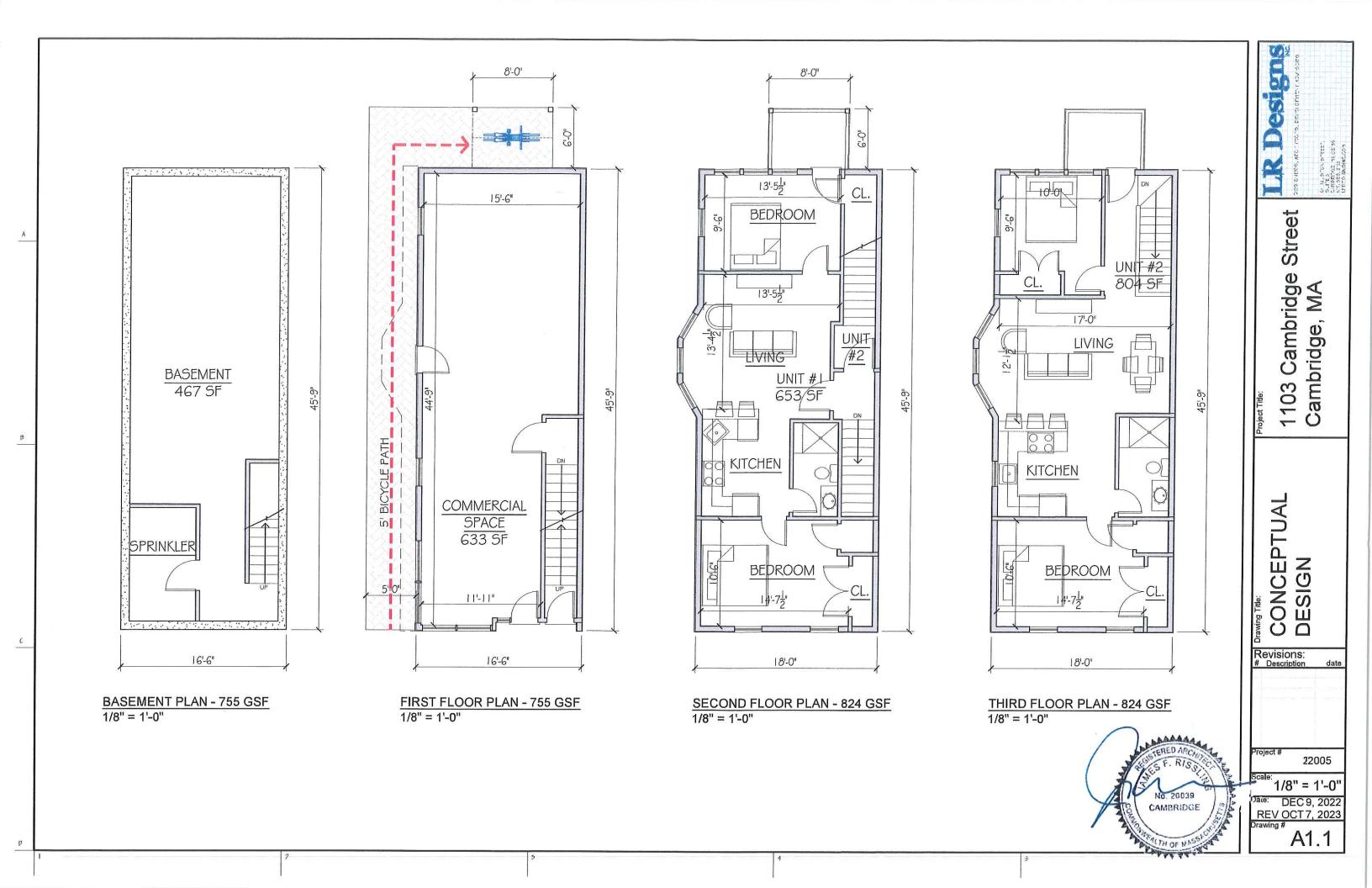
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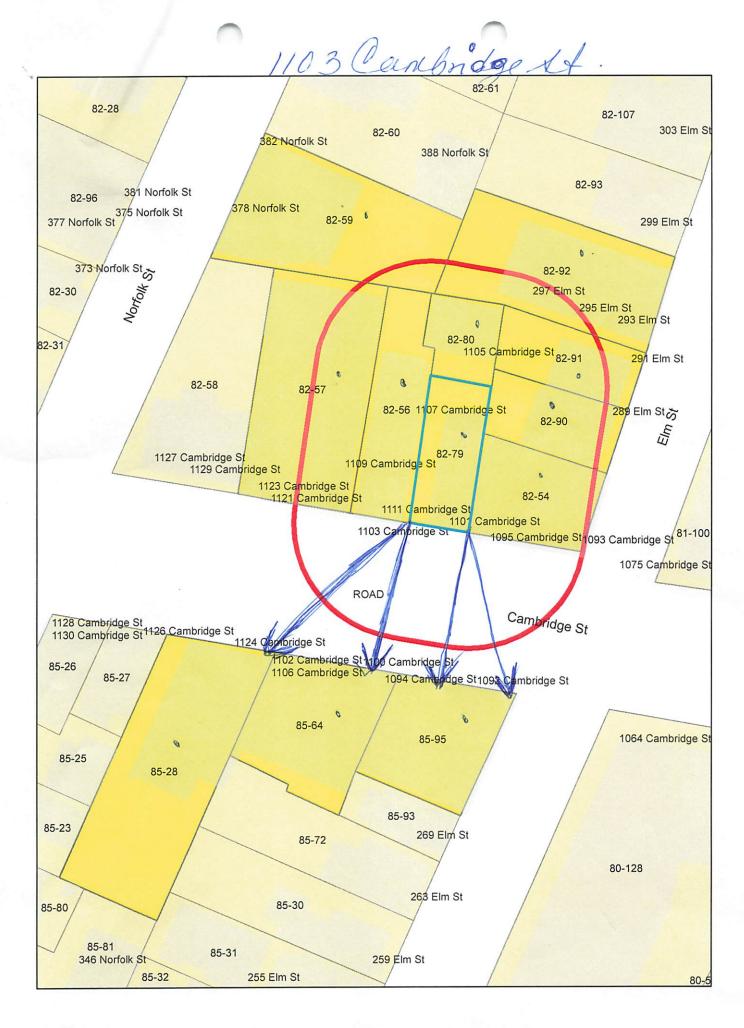
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CILLO, ANTONIO & ADRIANA CILLO,
TR. OF THE CAMBRIDGE STREET REALTY TRUST.
34 ARBORFIELD RD
ROSLINDALE, MA 02131

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82-59 SHOTLAND, MARC & KUNJAL SHAH 382 NORFOLK ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

85-64 1100 CAMBRIDGE ST LLC 228 PARK AVE S PMB 35567 NEW YORK , NY 10003-1502

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82-92 RODRIGUES, ROSA, TRS MARIA & ERIC D. LUIS 11 GRANT ST SOMERVILLE, MA 02145

82-54 CAMBRIDGE 168 LLC 470 MIDDLE ST BRAINTREE, MA 02184

85-28 GORE STREET PROPERTIES LLC 1124 CAMBRIDGE ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139



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Board of Zoning Appeals Massachusetts Ave Cambridge, MA 02139

Members of the Board:

I am writing on behalf of the East Cambridge Business Association (ECBA) to offer our support for the application by 1103 Cambridge Street. This project will replace the existing structure with a new 3 story building with 2 residential units while preserving the first-floor commercial unit.

Projects such as this are in line with what we hope to see along the commercial corridor. It increases the residential capacity while paying attention to the importance of continuous commercial activity along the business corridor. This also seems to be in line with the city's goals.

Please consider granting all variances that will allow this to be a successful project. Cambridge Street has many small parcels that make projects like this especially difficult for average property owners. In recent years we have seen additional requirements placed on new construction that we believe is targeted towards larger property owners but impacts our smaller properties in unintended ways. Please keep this in mind when reviewing these variance requests. We should celebrate long time owners seeking to improve their parcels in this manner.

Thank you for taking this into consideration, we hope you find favor with this application.

Sincerely,

Jason Alves

Executive Director

East Cambridge Business Association



City of Cambridge

Massachusetts

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA. (617) 349-6100

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POSTING NOTICE - PICK UP SHEET

The undersigned picked up the notice board for the Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing.

Name: 916	Print) (Print)	Date:	08/30/23
Address:	Cambridge St.		•
Case No. <u>67A</u> -	216107	8	
Hearing Date:	9/14/23	¥	

Thank you, Bza Members



City of Cambridge

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL 7023 SEP 18 AM 11: 17

831 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, OMAICE OF THE CITY CLERK (617) 349-6100 CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Board of Zoning Appeal Waiver Form

The Board of Zoning Appeal 831 Mass Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Case # BZA - 216/07.

Address:	<u> </u>
□ Owner, □ Petitioner, or □ Representative:	lances Kissling
	(Print Name)
hereby waives the required time limits for holding a	public hearing as required by
Section 9 or Section 15 of the Zoning Act of the Comn	monwealth of Massachusetts,
Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A. The \Box Ov	wner, □ Petitioner, or □
Representative further hereby waives the Petitioner'	-
Decision by the Board of Zoning Appeal on the above	
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federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act (
§1455(a), or any other relevant state or federal regul	lation or law.

Signature

Pacheco, Maria

From: Shulman, Adam

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 3:00 PM

To: Pacheco, Maria

Cc: Choephel, Tenzin; Joseph, Swaathi; Messplay, Daniel; Seiderman, Cara; Ratay, Olivia;

Natola, Stephen; Singanayagam, Ranjit

Subject: Upcoming BZA Case #216107 RE: September 14, 2023 BZA Agenda

Attachments: Short-Term Bicycle Parking Contribution Form.pdf

Hi Maria,

Please forward this email to the BZA for BZA case# 216107

8:00 P.M. CASE NO. BZA-216107

1103 CAMBRIDGE STREET

Business A Zone

CARLOS H. ZUCHER - C/O JAMES RISSLING

<u>Variance:</u> To demolish existing mixed-use building and reconstruct building to be commercial on the 1st floor and residential on 2nd floor and to add a 2nd dwelling unit on the 3rd floor that sits within the setbacks. Also, reduction of short-term bike parking requirement for commercial use. Art. 5.000, Sec. 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).

Art. 8.000, Sec. 8.22.3 (Non-Conforming Structure). Art. 6.000, Sec. 6.36 (Short-Term Bicycle Parking). Art. 10.000, Sec. 10.30 (Variance).

Dear BZA members:

Please note that if the proponent can demonstrate why they are unable to provide short-term bicycle parking on their property, they should be paying into the short-term parking fund – see the references below. The option to pay into the fund under hardship circumstances was created specifically for situations like this (there should be no situation where the requirement is simply waived).

https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Transportation/gettingaroundcambridge/bikesincambridge/Parking

Requirements for Development Projects

The City of Cambridge has required bicycle parking as part of new development since 1981. Bicycle parking requirements in the Zoning Ordinance were last updated in 2013. Zoning requirements address both short- and long-term bicycle parking.

See Zoning Ordinance Section 6.100 - Bicycle Parking

In cases where short-term bicycle parking is required but cannot be located on-site, the owner can comply by contributing to a Public Bicycle Parking Fund.

- Download Bicycle Parking Fund Contribution Form
- See how Public Bicycle Parking Contribution is calculated

Contact CDD Zoning and Development Staff with questions about zoning requirements.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION FOR BICYCLE PARKING IN LIEU OF PRIVATE PROPERTY BICYCLE PARKING

Form updated November 17, 2014

Community Development Department

City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02139

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
Zoning Ordinance Section 6.104.2 b "Short-Term Bicycle Parking Public Contribution"

Project Address:	
Special Permit Case Number (if applicable): Property Owner Name and Address:	Planning Board / BZA (circle one)
Applicant Name:	
Contact Phone/Email:	
Size of Project by Land Use (or attach dimen	sional form):
Land Use	Size (Gross Floor Area or Units)
Total number of short-term bicycle parking of the control of the c	spaces required per Cambridge Zoning
Number of short-term bicycle parking spaces Ordnance Section 6.104.2 a:	s provided on-site per Cambridge Zoning
Number of short-term bicycle parking space	s requested for "Public Contribution": (A)
Round (A) above up to nearest even number, parking racks needed: (B)	, then divide by 2 to get the number of bicycle

Multiply (B) above by \$800 ¹ to get total contribution required: \$
Make Check Payable to: "City of Cambridge," and provide to the city when submitting this form. Please keep a copy of your cancelled check in your records for future verification.
Explain why the number of short-term bicycle parking spaces being requested above cannot be reasonably provided on the lot (please attach copy of site plan):

The cost of installing a bicycle rack has been set by the City of Cambridge as of March 1, 2014 to be \$800 per rack, to be periodically reviewed and updated.

SIGNATURES

Applicant

	Signature, Authorized Representative
	Certifications from Relevant Departments
Т	raffic, Parking and Transportation Department
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Date	Signature, Authorized TPTD Staff
Additional staff cor	mments, conditions, limitations:
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1 2 (8:15 p.m.)Sitting Members: Jim Monteverde, Steven Ng, Carol Agate, 3 Virginia Keesler, and Daniel Fernando 4 5 Hidalgo JIM MONTEVERDE: The next case is 216107 -- 1103 6 Cambridge Street. This is a variance. Does someone want to 7 speak on the matter? 8 JAMES RISSLING: Oh. Good evening. I'm sorry, I 9 was being joined and I missed the last portion of the 10 11 introduction. JIM MONTEVERDE: Well, we're here for case 216107 12 13 -- 1103 Cambridge Street. JAMES RISSLING: Great. Thank you. Thank you. 14 My name is James Rissling. I'm the architect. 15 And so, this project is the demolition of an 16 17 existing two-story wood frame structure that dates from approximately the 1870s. It's been a store and poolhall 18 commercial structure. It currently has offices on the first 19 floor and a single residence on the second floor. 20 Our intent is to demolish this building and 21 replace it with a building of a similar footprint with 22

commercial space on the first floor and two residential units on second and third floors.

The building is currently a nonconforming structure. And when we apply the requirements for the Residential Use, we need some relief for those setbacks. And we're also seeking -- well, we understand now that there's a path out of the short-term bicycle parking which we could not accommodate on our site. The site is rather small, and the building takes up -- you know, most of it.

So I don't know if -- I thought that the slides were -- are there slides of the building?

JIM MONTEVERDE: Yep. Do you want us to walk through the slides?

JAMES RISSLING: Great. Thank you. So in the top corner you see the present day or a year or two ago, 1103

Cambridge Street, the front and side elevation. The opposite side elevation is tied up against the next building going to the corner.

And then next slide, please?

This is our Zoning Table. And so, we show that we are actually including our rear setback a little bit, although it's still nonconforming from the required 20' from

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10'11" to 16'2". 1 And we are increasing our left side -- we're 2 increasing into the left side setback by 4" just so that the 3 building is a nominal size, rather than this odd size that 4 is presently 17'8". 5 Next slide, please? 6 JIM MONTEVERDE: Before you leave this slide, can 7 you just talk about the bicycle storage on that diagram? 8 JAMES RISSLING: Yes. 9 JIM MONTEVERDE: And then talk to us about the --10 what's in the advertisement asking for a reduction in the 11 short-term bike parking? 12 JAMES RISSLING: Yes. Can I have the previous 13 slide, then? 14 So the rear of the lot is accessed presently and 15 will continue to be accessed by an area by a path that is 16 approximately 3' wide. And that's -- as I said, that's the 17 18 existing condition as well. So long-term bicycles would be brought down that 19 path to an areaway to a bicycle room in the basement. 20 we are required to provide three bicycle spaces for long-21

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term.

JIM MONTEVERDE: And what's the short-term 1 2 requirement? JAMES RISSLING: Well, the short-term requirement 3 would be I believe it's two spaces, one for the commercial 4 space and then we can appoint to calculations for the 5 residential, so I assume that rounds up to one. So we'd be 6 7 looking for two spaces. JIM MONTEVERDE: And what's the issue with 8 9 providing those two spaces? JAMES RISSLING: I guess we didn't see that we had 10 the space to provide them in the -- sort of in the public 11 The building directly abuts the back of the sidewalk 12 realm. 13 with the right of way. And our -- so there's two paths over on the left-14 hand side there. One goes to the house in the rear. 15 there's a fence between these paths. And then one path --16 and that's existing -- and then there's a path that goes to 17 18 the rear of this building. JIM MONTEVERDE: Okay. I'm sorry, I interrupted 19 20 your presentation. JAMES RISSLING: Oh no, oh no. So I just thought 21 maybe we would look at the elevations of the structure,

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unless there were more questions about the zoning in detail. So I guess a few slides up, the next slide is existing floor plans, which show the foundation, first floor and second-floor apartment and their existing conditions.

If I can have the next slide, please? These are the scaled drawings of the existing building -- front, side and rear elevation.

And the next slide, please?

These are our proposed plans. So there's the basement plan on the left with the bicycle parking in a common area, then basement which would be used most likely by the commercial space, a dedicated sprinkler room.

The commercial space, which is approximately 874 gross square feet, and then two apartments on the second and third floor. Two two-bedroom apartments.

And then the next slide would show the elevations, what we're proposing.

So it's a traditional storefront and then basically two stories of residential. And then a cornice, similar to what is on the building presently, but at the third floor level in this case.

And then along the side there's a side bay that

brings a little more light to the units. And then at the rear some, you know, small rear porches for the dwelling units.

And then I believe that's it.

JIM MONTEVERDE: Okay, thank you. Any comments from members of the Board?

CAROL AGATE: I'm not clear why there is no place for the bicycles. I notice the bay window comes out, so is there a space on that side under the window, or can the building just go back another foot or so?

JAMES RISSLING: If we can go back to the site plan on the previous sheet? Thank you.

So if we look to the left there, in the bottom left there's dimension of 6'11". And that's the distance of the building from the property line. However, there's a passage that takes up a little more than 3' that has access to the rear house. And it's not our intent to change that.'

So our access is approximately 3' along that left side of the building under that bay window you mention.

VIRGINIA KEESLER: That makes sense to me, I guess you would want it being aesthetically pleasing to keep the building aligned right with the -- you know, front of the

lot, in keeping with the building next to it. And also, 1 that people visiting the building on account of the 2 commercial use wouldn't, you know, want to go around back or 3 the side of the public realm. [Audio feedback from Virginia 4 Keesler's microphone] 5 Thank you. And also, in JAMES RISSLING: Yeah. 6 regards to the width of the building, the building is only 7 18' wide. So the -- you know, to provide access to the 8 apartments and have useable space, that dimension gets 9 gobbled up pretty quickly. 10 CAROL AGATE: How about the street side, the front 11 of the building? 12 13 JIM MONTEVERDE: Can --CAROL AGATE: -- gone back, making a little 14 shorter in the front? 15 JAMES RISSLING: We're holding the street line 16 right now with our abutting neighbors. So that would cause 17 the building to set back. 18 JIM MONTEVERDE: Carol, can I jump in and 19 reinforce your point about the short-term bike parking? 20 Since the application is for a variance, we cannot reduce 21 the short-term or any bike parking requirement under the 22

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Ordinance. That can only be done as a special permit. 1 So under your variance, you must provide that 2 bicycle parking. 3 I understand. There's a JAMES RISSLING: Okay. 4 piece of the Zoning that I was not aware of when we put this 5 together that has been brought into place, and that's the 6 notion of public contribution for short-term bike parking. 7 We believe we cannot reasonably provide short-term parking 8 on the lot. However, perhaps it can be provided on the 9 right-of-way in front of the building? 10 JIM MONTEVERDE: Yeah. Let me repeat. We cannot 11 take any action on that request, that part of your 12 application, because that can only be done as a special 13 permit, which is not what you've applied for. So we're in a 14 15 pickle. We can either proceed with the rest of your 16 variance and as a condition take no action on the short-term 17 bike parking in that you need to comply, you have to comply, 18 or you can continue the case --19 [JIM MONTEVERDE confers with ISD specialist] 20

JIM MONTEVERDE: What's actually the process, it

wouldn't be continued? You have to refile; you have to file

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for a variance and file for a special permit? 1 [Speaking away from microphone; ISD SPECIALIST: 2 side conversation] 3 JIM MONTEVERDE: So could we do that as a variance 4 5 as a continuance? ISD SPECIALIST: You have to refile. 6 So your only avenue, if JIM MONTEVERDE: Yeah. 7 you want to include the reduction in the short-term bike 8 parking or any other description of off-street parking or 9 bike parking needs to be done through a special permit. 10 And the advice we have from our ISD specialist is 11 you would have to refile and readvertise the variance 12 portion and the special permit portion. 13 So it seems like you have two --14 15 JAMES RISSLING: So --JIM MONTEVERDE: -- paths forward. We cannot act 16 on that under the variance. And we cannot introduce this as 17 a special permit item since it hasn't been advertised as 18 19 such. Sorry to tie you up with the bureaucracy, but we 20 are stuck. We cannot act on the case of the variance as 21 it's filed, unless we as a condition just remove any 22

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discussion of the short-term bike parking and just the conditions that you provide the -- all of the bike parking required under the Ordinance.

That's up to you.

Before I say any more about that, do you have room toward the back of the lot for the temporary -- for the short-term parking? What's back there that you don't want to encumber?

JAMES RISSLING: Um --

JIM MONTEVERDE: You know, to the -- on the drawing to the upper part of the --

JAMES RISSLING: I mean, I guess the notion was that the back of the building would be a private space for the building inhabitants, not a part of the public realm.

And so, introducing the short-term parking on such a small site with such a small building and then meeting the requirements for the public -- for the public spaces, it's very difficult to do.

And if I just, you know, look at some of the requirements, I don't have a 5' public path from the front of the building to the rear of the building to date. And reducing the building by two and a half feet to make that

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work would make the building an unusable dimension.
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              So I mean we're talking about two spaces -- two
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    bicycle spaces. However --
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: I understand. No, I understand.
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    And you're in a way preaching to the choir. We understand
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    your point, however.
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              JAMES RISSLING: And I have to say it wasn't very
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    clear to me that that would require a special permit. So I
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    am caught completely off-guard.
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Well, certainly apologize for
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    that.
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               JAMES RISSLING: I appreciate that.
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: But I'm seeking our advice from
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    our ISD specialist on what the process would be for you to
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              ISD SPECIALIST: [Inaudible; away from microphone]
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Yeah, can't come back for two
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    years.
              Sorry, we're scratching our heads about how you
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    would be able to come back --
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               JAMES RISSLING: I -- I -- I --
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: And there is a process. I'm just
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1 not --JAMES RISSLING: I do --2 JIM MONTEVERDE: And I know we've done it. 3 JAMES RISSLING: I do appreciate that. 4 JIM MONTEVERDE: And we don't want to trip you up 5 by suggesting you do something like withdrawal, which means 6 you can't come back for two years unless you change -- you 7 know, have substantial change. 8 So I just want to make sure we get the verbiage 9 right, but that you understand that we can't proceed with 10 this case as we have in the -- in our agenda because of that 11 any bike requirement to make any modification there has to 12 be done under a special permit, which is not the way this is 13 advertised. So you'd have to --14 JAMES RISSLING: Okay. Well, I mean --15 JIM MONTEVERDE: -- start this --16 JAMES RISSLING: -- the size of the lot, I mean 17 the zoning requires a lot like this to be 50' wide. 18 a 25' lot. I mean, that is a hardship. And I'm not -- I'm 19 increasing the use, but it's their allowed uses. 20 JIM MONTEVERDE: Maybe I'm not being clear. 21 can't even discuss whether it's relevant, whether it's not, 22

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whether there's a hardship, whether it's a --
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               JAMES RISSLING: Well, but I thought -- I thought
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: -- which frankly has nothing to
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    do with special permit, but --
               JAMES RISSLING: I thought you had said that you
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    can't discuss it as a variance, and a variance to reduce the
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    required short-term --
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               JIM MONTEVERDE: Yeah. We can't review it as
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    portion -- as a part of this variance. And that's the way
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     it's been advertised. So I'm looking for advice from my ISD
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    specialist.
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               [Indiscernible side conversation]
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: It's wrong. Sorry. One second.
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               [Indiscernible side conversation]
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Yep. Yep.
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              So what I can suggest is we vote to continue this
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    case, and that you -- we get an opinion from ISD on what
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    your next step would be to refile this as a variance and as
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    a special permit relating to the bike parking.
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              JAMES RISSLING: Okay. I think that's what we
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    need to do. So right now, we're not talking about the
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advertisement that shows Article 6, this is not for a
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     variance?
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               JAMES RISSLING: As it's advertised, but it's --
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     okay.
               JIM MONTEVERDE: I'm going to propose a motion to
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     continue the case.
              Let me make a motion, then, to continue this
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    matter -- oh, sorry.
               JAMES RISSLING: [Side conversation] Really?
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    have to go to public commentary and get a continuance?
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               JIM MONTEVERDE: All right. Before I go to a
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    motion to continue, is there anyone from the public who
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    wishes to speak? There is no correspondence in the file
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     from any member of the public. Is there anyone wishing to
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    make a public comment?
              STEPHEN NATOLA: Adriana Cillo.
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              ADRIANA CILLO: Hello. Can you hear me?
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Yes. Can you state your name for
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    us, please and offer your comment?
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              ADRIANA CILLO: Yep. Adriana Cillo, the next
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    door, 1111, the owner of that building. And the question I
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have -- actually that, I think he somewhat answered, because the house that's in the back, do they also own it? I'm not sure who owns it, if it's the same people that own the front. They're right next door to me.

And my concern is during construction, you know, where there's not much parking in the front. And right now, you know, there's a salon there and businesses and all that, with all the trucks, and this is going to go on, will that take all those spaces of the parking spaces?

JIM MONTEVERDE: That's really not a zoning matter that we can --

ADRIANNA CILLO: Well yeah, I guess --

JIM MONTEVERDE: -- reference. It's really a matter for the Building Department and for the Traffic and Parking Department. It's really nothing that can affect our discussion here this evening, unfortunately. I understand your point, and yes, it's a valid point.

ADRIANA CILLO: Yeah, it's right next door, you know. And where there's a fence, like he was saying there's a walkway that goes to the back.

JIM MONTEVERDE: Yep.

ADRIANNA CILLO: There's another walkway which

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leads to, you know, the apartment in the back - in my next
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    door, basically -- 1111.
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              And I was just curious how that's going to work,
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    you know, with the pathway and all that. That's --
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: I think I got that from your
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     initial question. And again, it's not -- it's a matter of
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    construction for the Building Department, and it's really
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    not a Zoning matter that we can --
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              ADRIANNA CILLO: Yeah.
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: -- discuss or assuage the
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    decision one way or the other.
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              ADRIANNA CILLO: Yeah.
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Did you have anything else beside
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    the construction activity?
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              ADRIANNA CILLO: How tall is this building going
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    to be? I mean, I'm just curious, you know, because of the
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     lighting and all. How high is it?
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              JAMES RISSLING: It's 32', which is 8' higher than
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              ADRIANNA CILLO: Than what it is now?
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              JAMES RISSLING: -- than the front, yes.
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              ADRIANNA CILLO: Yeah. Yeah.
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JAMES RISSLING: The tall -- the existing has a
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    tall second story.
              ADRIANNA CILLO: Oh, okay. Just a tall --
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Okay. I'm going to ask you to
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     complete your comments, please. Do you have anything else
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    you want to raise?
              ADRIANNA CILLO: No. I guess it's hard to see it.
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     I couldn't get on it, I can't see it, the plans exactly.
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    Maybe I will take a ride in Cambridge, and maybe I can see
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     it -- you know, in person, the plans. Because I can't
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    actually see them --
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Okay.
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              ADRIANNA CILLO: -- on my own.
              JIM MONTEVERDE: Yep. They'll be available at the
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     Inspectional Services Department.
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              ADRIANNA CILLO: Okay.
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Thank you for your comment.
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              ADRIANNA CILLO: Thank you.
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Is there anyone else? No hands
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    are being raised. I will close public commentary.
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    going to make a motion to continue this.
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              JAMES RISSLING: Mr. Chair, I'm sorry. If we
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agree to provide the short-term parking in the back, can we 1 work through the narrow passageway, or is that not even part 2 of the discussion of the variance? 3 Because there would be other dimensional concerns 4 providing that, but we would be willing to provide the 5 public parking in the rear of the building. 6 JIM MONTEVERDE: If they take away the request, we 7 basically delete the request for Article 6 relief? Can we 8 9 ISD SPECIALIST: [Indiscernible; away from 10 11 microphone] JIM MONTEVERDE: Sorry? Can't do that. 12 Yeah, we can't change that since it's been 13 advertised with the Request for Relief from the 6.23, which 14 15 is the bike parking. So I'm going to make a motion to continue. That's 16 our only path forward. We have a date? 17 JAMES RISSLING: Okay, thank you. 18 JIM MONTEVERDE: Do we have a date? October 9? 19 October 12 or October 26? Do you have a 20 21 preference? JAMES RISSLING: I would take the twelfth, please. 22

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JIM MONTEVERDE: October 12? Members of the Board
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     who are present, does that work for you all? Steven?
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              STEVEN NG: That date works.
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Carol?
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              CAROL AGATE: I -- can you give me a minute,
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    please? I have to check.
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Yep.
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              CAROL AGATE: Pretty sure it's okay.
              JIM MONTEVERDE: Yep. And Dan -- I'll just move
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              DANIEL HIDALGO: Yeah. It's fine with me.
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Virginia?
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              VIRGINIA KEESLER: Yeah, it works for me.
              JIM MONTEVERDE: I'm sorry, say that again?
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              VIRGINIA KEESLER: Yes. That works for me.
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Ooh, the echo is vicious. Okay.
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    Carol?
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              CAROL AGATE: Yes. Yes.
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              JIM MONTEVERDE: Okay. So let me make a motion to
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    continue this matter to October 12, 2023, on the condition
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    that the petitioner change the posting sign to reflect the
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    new date of October 12, 2023, and the time is 6:00 p.m.
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Also, in furtherance that the petitioner sign a 1 waiver of time to the statutory requirement for a hearing. 2 Said waiver can be obtained from Maria Pacheco or Olivia 3 Ratay at Inspectional Services Department. 4 I ask that you sign it and return it to us by a 5 week from this coming Monday. Failure to do so will de 6 7 facto cause this Board to give an adverse ruling on this 8 particular case. Also, that if there are any new submittals changes 9 to the drawings, that those would be in the file by 5:00 10 p.m. on the Monday prior to October 12, 2023 hearing. 11 And I also note that if there are any changes to 12 the dimensional form and potentially any supporting 13 statement, they also be changed and submitted along with the 14 15 new documents. On this motion, then, to continue the matter until 16 17 October 12, 2023, Virginia? VIRGINIA KEESLER: In favor. 18 19 JIM MONTEVERDE: Carol? 20 CAROL AGATE: In favor. 21 JIM MONTEVERDE: Dan?

DANIEL HIDALGO: In favor.

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JIM MONTEVERDE:
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               STEVEN NG: In favor.
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               JIM MONTEVERDE: And Jim Monteverde in favor.
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               [All vote YES]
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               JIM MONTEVERDE: The matter is continued.
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     come in to the Inspectional Services Department and ask for
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     the Zoning expert to help you phrase this correctly so we
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     can get this done in October.
               JAMES RISSLING: Thank you. Absolutely.
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               JIM MONTEVERDE: Yep.
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               JAMES RISSLING: Thank you. Goodnight.
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               JIM MONTEVERDE: Goodnight. Virginia, you have
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     the most amazing echo when you were talking.
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               CAROL AGATE: Oh, good. It's not my --
               JIM MONTEVERDE: It's like a funhouse.
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               CAROL AGATE: I thought maybe it was my Internet
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     problem.
               JIM MONTEVERDE: No, no, no.
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               VIRGINIA KEESLER: And I don't know the reason for
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    that.
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               JIM MONTEVERDE: You must be on two devices, are
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     you? You're on your phone and your computer or something?
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All right. Well, I'll ask you to raise one hand for a yes and two -- no.