

MEMO

To: Cambridge Planning Board
From: Cambridge Pedestrian Committee
Date: September 24, 2020
Re: Special Permit PB-364, CambridgeSide 2.0

We have reviewed the proponent's proposal and would like to submit the following comments for consideration by the Planning Board.

- We appreciate the proponent's interest in enhancing civic life and activity around Canal Park. We were wondering whether the proponent had engaged with the Arts Council around their experiences when they used the space for the River Festival, in terms of understanding what was successful (or not), in order to make sure this new vision can be a success.
- We appreciate the intent to enliven the street edges and create human-scaled activities rather than blank facades, on all street edges.
 - As plans for First Street evolve, we would like to see greenery added, especially in the areas designated as "pocket parks."
 - We would like to see that there are truly engaging interfaces along First Street
 - We would like to see how Land Boulevard can be made more pedestrian friendly