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Liza Paden  
Cambridge Community Development  
344 Broadway  
Cambridge MA 02139

**Re: Planning Board Case No. 304**  
**1718-1720 Massachusetts Avenue**

Dear Ms. Paden,

As you are aware, over the past six months the applicant in the above-captioned matter has engaged in a series of meetings with his architect and members of the Massachusetts Avenue Improvements Committee regarding his proposal to construct a multi-family dwelling on the surface parking lot at 1718-1720 Massachusetts Avenue. The proposed building complies with the dimensional requirements of the zoning district but a Special Permit is being sought to allow for a reduction in the required amount of parking.

In the past two weeks, neighbors who were unaware of the applicants outreach efforts have requested that he seek a continuance of the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday September 1. In order to accommodate that request and to allow for more public dialogue with interested neighbors, the applicant is requesting that the hearing on this matter be continued until the Planning Board's meeting of October 9.

If you require any additional information in order to accommodate this request, please let me know. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Very truly yours,

  
James J. Rafferty