## Central Square Advisory Committee July 5, 2013 300 Massachusetts Avenue

The Central Square Advisory Committee review took place on June 27, 2013 at 5 p.m. at 38 Sidney Street.

Peter Calkins, of Forest City, presented the proposal for the mixed used office, research and development and ground floor retail for Millennium Pharmaceuticals, a current tenant at University Park.

The office, research and development uses will have entrances at Massachusetts Avenue and Green Street, providing employee access from both sides of the building. Ground floor retail spaces will have individual entrances on Massachusetts Avenue. The loading facilities will be accessed on Blanche Street, behind closed doors.

Trash disposal and management will be handled within the building for both the office and the retail uses.

Blanche Street will remain open to the public. It will be shared by the loading facilities for both buildings, vehicle access from Green Street to Massachusetts Avenue and enhanced to create a more welcoming pedestrian access to the existing supermarket at 55 Franklin Street.

The parking requirement for the building will be met with the existing parking garage at 55 Franklin Street. The building occupants will be part of the ongoing traffic monitoring for University Park.

The views of the building were discussed from various angles, with one committee member commenting that more detail on the windows and near the top of the Massachusetts Avenue façade would be welcomed.

Other comments covered issues about the existing level of service of the Number 1 MBTA bus, the relocation of bus stops, and the existing Red Line congestion. There were suggestions that the Green Street open space could be more welcoming with tables and chairs.

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