



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex, Second Floor, 344 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts on a Zoning Petition by Kristin Mahon, et al., to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Section 20.x00 Observatory Hill Village Overlay District. The new Overlay District would generally cover the existing Business A-1 District from the intersection of Concord and Huron Avenues and extend along Concord Avenue to the intersection of Concord Avenue and Walden Street, and is proposed to modify the underlying Business A-1 zoning provisions. The purpose of the overlay district is to (a) to protect and promote the existing retail, service and residential ecosystem, (b) to create a more harmonious and consistent village image for development in the district and adjacent areas, to encourage good building design and site development which enhances the pedestrian amenities in the district, (c) to ensure that changes in the district are compatible with the scale, character and close proximity of the abutting neighborhoods, (d) to encourage the retention of existing buildings of historic value and uses which serve the abutting neighborhoods, and (e) to discourage new development inappropriate in both scale and design.

20.x03 Applicability. The Observatory Hill Village Overlay District shall be an overlay district on the zoning map established by Section 3.20. Existing street addresses include 181-299 and 186-298 Concord Avenue, the northwest property line of 147 to 175 and 152 to 184 Huron Avenue, 21 to 25 Manassas Avenue, and 297 to 379 and 363 to 380 Walden Street.

Copies of the full petition are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts and at the Community Development Department, 344 Broadway, and online at www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/zoninganddevelopment/zoning/amendments.

Questions concerning the petition may be addressed to Liza Paden at 617/349-4647 or lpaden@cambridgema.gov.

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