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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE

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PROJECT NARRATIVE

Site Use During House Renewal

Harvard University received approval from the Commission in 2017 (Case 3817, July 6, 2017) to temporarily use the site at 27 Holyoke Place as a construction staging area with trailers to support Lowell House renovation. That approval will expire this August. Construction for the renovation of Lowell House is will be substantially completed at the end of May.

Due to the extremely dense urban development in and near Adams House, compounded by narrow streets and very limited access to the buildings, the project team now recognizes the need to request a time extension for use of one trailer throughout Adams House Renewal. The construction schedule for the renovation of Adams House will be broken into three phases of approximately 1 to 2 years each, starting with Phase 1 on May 30, 2019 running through Phase III completion at the close of summer 2023. This request is proposed as a temporary use and solution.

Holyoke Place Improvements

Aside from extended use of the trailers, the project team intends to make improvements to the remainder of the site and the curb. This work, proposed to begin this spring, is necessary because the roadway incurred damage from large construction vehicles during Lowell House renovation. The project will entail grinding down the Holyoke Place roadway to accept new asphalt overlay paving and re-grading the portion of the road adjacent to the Lowell House tower passage. As part of this work, a curb ramp with an ADA tactile strip will be installed off the rebuilt sidewalk to improve accessibility across Holyoke Place. The curb line along the eastwest portion of the road will be bumped in slightly north to enable emergency vehicles to make the sharp turn while allowing for the temporary parking of package delivery vehicles. The project team proposes to reinstall the original fence, made of granite post and wood rail, in its pre-renewal location with in-kind replacement of fence materials. This summer, the site perimeter fencing around the construction trailer is proposed to be relocated slightly northward. One trailer will remain, and the rest of the site will be re-graded and hydro seeded. This grassy area will be available to the public during Adams House renewal. Harvard has not determined the permanent use and aesthetics of this site following completion of Adams renewal.

ENCLOSED MATERIALS

Along with this narrative, this application includes the site plan approved by the Commission in 2017 and the proposed site plan under review.

27 Holyoke Place

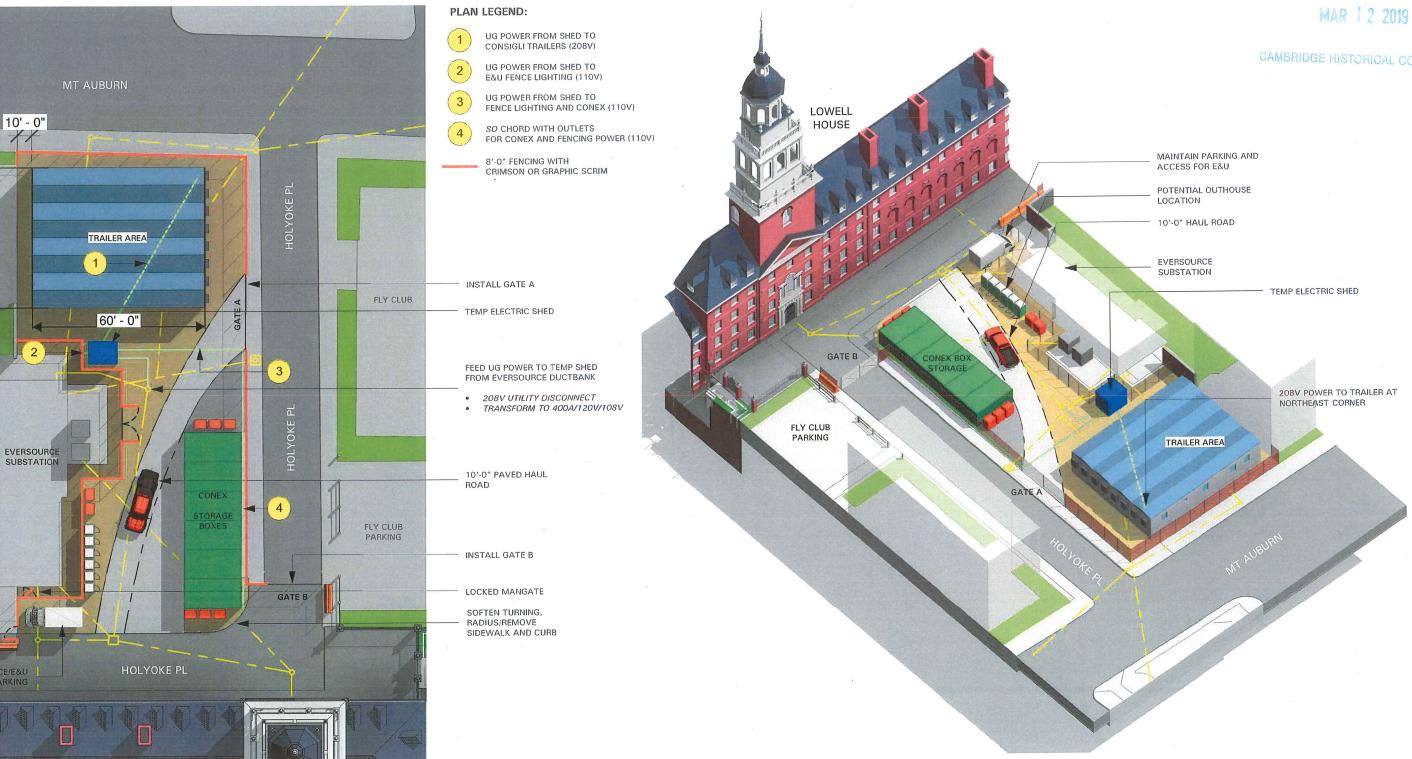
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