The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex, Second Floor, 344 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts on a petition by Suzanne P. Blier, et al., to amend Section 20.50 Harvard Square Overlay District and Harvard Square Historical Overlay District. The proposed changes would revise the composition of the Harvard Square Advisory Committee and the conduct of its meetings; allow retail uses as of right in certain areas, subject to restrictions; delete the payment requirement for the reduction of parking when the Gross Floor Area is the maximum allowed; increase the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for residential uses in the Business B district; allow increased FAR by Planning Board special permit; allow ground floor retail exemptions for 1,500 SF or less; limit the street frontage allowed for some uses; and allow Fast Order Food Establishments as of right, provided that they are not formula businesses.

Copies of the 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.