The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on December 8, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., conducted remotely (see below for directions) on a petition by Arvind Srinivasau, et. al. to create a new Section 20.95.5 “Additional Quadrangle Northwest District modifications” applicable in the existing Alewife Overlay District – Quadrangle Northwest (indicated as “AOD-1” on the Cambridge Zoning Map).

The proposed new section would allow, upon granting of a special permit from the Planning Board, increased building height to a maximum of 85 feet and exemption of certain building floor area from Gross Floor Area (GFA) calculations provided that certain conditions are met. The proposed new section also sets forth procedures for Master Plan Special Permit review and approval of developments involving the redevelopment of three (3) or more acres of land and the construction of three (3) or more new buildings. The stated intent of the new section is “To encourage landowners to create spaces suitable for light industrial tenants and other, consumer-facing tenants requiring increased floor-to-floor heights.”

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to statewide emergency orders limiting the size of public gatherings in response to COVID-19, this meeting will be held with remote participation and will be closed to in-person attendance. Members of the public can view the meeting online or on cable television within Cambridge, provide comments before the meeting in writing to planningboardcomment@cambridgema.gov, and attend virtually online or by telephone.

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A link to attend the meeting virtually will be posted in advance on the Meeting Agenda:
https://cambridgema.iqm2.com/citizens/default.aspx?

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