Overview

The Central Square Advisory Committee is appointed by the City Manager to undertake all large project reviews of variances and special permits for activities within the Central Square Overlay District, and to monitor the progress of the Central Square Non-Zoning Recommendations of the 2013 K2C2 Study. This meeting will be held pursuant to the provisions outlined in Section 20.300 of the Zoning Ordinance. The committee meeting will be held virtually through Zoom. Members of the public may watch and participate in the hearing through Zoom.

When: May 25, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Central Square Advisory Committee

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Agenda

I. Introduction

II. Presentation/Discussion
   A. Community Planning Division (CDD) - Public Space Lab Update – The Community Planning Division is in the process of creating the Public Space Lab, an initiative to cultivate inclusive and participatory public spaces that support authentic community life, using a spirit of partnership and experimentation. With community support, The Lab will develop temporary spatial interventions in the City’s commercial squares and corridors for gathering, performing, playing, and relaxing, among other uses. This meeting will provide an update on the initiatives of the Public Space Lab and their relevance to Central Square

   B. 48 Pearl St - The owners at 48 Pearl Street propose to renovate the existing structure as follows:
      - Expand the existing connector between the main single-family row-house and garage towards Franklin street and increase its height to allow access to the basement, first floor, and garage from the connector structure.
      - Replace the existing head-house on the roof, which houses the access stair to the roof deck, with a new head-house in order to construct a safer access stair. No changes to the roof deck are proposed. The replacement head-house will be in a similar location as the existing one. The owners wish to keep the use of the structure as a single-family residence.
The following Special Permits are being sought.

- Expansion of connector within side yard setback per Section 20.304.4
- Replacement of head-house within side yard setback per Section 20.304.4
- Height of replacement head-house per Section 20.304.2
- Reduced open space per Section 20.304.4

III. Public Comment
   A. Public comment will be open following the presentation and comments from the CSAC.

IV. Adjournment