

**ADVISORY DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION PROCEDURE
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

Staff Advisory Consultation: _____

Public Advisory Consultation: ____X____

1. Applicant: President and Fellows of Harvard College
2. Owner: President and Fellows of Harvard College
3. Area of Special Planning Concern: Harvard Square Overlay District
4. Location of Project: 15 Mount Auburn Street
5. Base Zoning District: Office 3
6. Type of Development: Construction of a new building with more than 2,000 square feet gross floor area, but does not require a Planning Board Advisory Consultation or a special permit from the Planning Board (Section 19.43.1).
7. Brief Description of the Project: Demolish an existing building and build a three-story building to house the Harvard University Native American Program.
8. Date Completed Materials Submitted: 5/29/2025
9. Date of Advisory Development Consultation session: 6/18/2025
10. Project Comments: The applicant has complied with the requirements of Section 19.40 of the Zoning Ordinance by participating in the Public Advisory Consultation with required materials. Based on the information provided, this project is subject to requirements under Article 22.000 in the zoning ordinance. This project is subject to requirements under Section 19.50 in the zoning ordinance. The Inspectional Services Department is responsible for all final determinations at the time of Building Permit issuance. Staff provided the following comments:
 - The proposal demonstrated general compliance with zoning requirements, consistency with area development guidelines and with the Citywide Urban Design Objectives.
 - The proposal got general approval from Harvard Square Advisory Committee and city staff with recommendations to consider the items noted below.
 - Target a higher Cool Score for Green Factor Standard.

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- Contact Department of Public Works to discuss compliance with Tree Protection Ordinance.
- Consider larger windows for the upper floors, particularly the second floor windows, which seem squat and horizontal when combined with the cladding treatment. Recommend use of low iron content ground floor glazing for higher visibility and low reflectance.
- Recommend including more natural, warmer-toned façade materials and avoiding stark color contrasts to better fit with the surrounding context. Selection of facade materials should consider maintenance practicability.
- Evaluate improving the open space focusing on the visual porosity into the backyard from the street, screening for mechanical/utility areas, additional plantings, and a bench with backrest along the streetscape frontage.