

Harvard Square Advisory Committee

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To: The Board of Zoning Appeal

From: The Harvard Square Advisory Committee

Re: Case #002991-2013 – 11 Dunster Street/Mike's Pastry

The Harvard Square Advisory Committee met on January 27, 2014 to review and comment on the pending Board of Zoning Appeal application for a Fast Order Food Establishment at 11 Dunster Street.

Lewis Eisenberg, attorney for Mike's Pastry explained the family run business and desire to locate a sales location in Harvard Square. All baking and preparation will be done at the Hanover Street location, with daily morning deliveries to Dunster Street between 7 and 7:30 am. The proposed shop hours will be from 8 am to 10 pm.

The retail space was previously occupied by a jewelry store. There will be 6 counter seats at the front of the shop with 4 to 6 employees working in this location. The majority of the business will be takeout, using the iconic white boxes tied with string for pastries.

The proposed signage will comply with the zoning requirements.

Trash storage and removal will comply with City requirements and be handled on the property.

Mr. Robert McGovern, of McDermott, Quilty & Miller, LLP, the attorney reviewed the zoning requirements and standards for the Fast Order Food Special Permit.

The construction is expected to start in April and to be completed in 2 months.

The Advisory Committee found the proposal to be consistent with retail patterns in Harvard Square and a positive addition. The Advisory Committee recommends the Board of Zoning Appeal grant the requested Special Permit.