

The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Second Floor Meeting Room, at City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts on a zoning petition by Lesley University to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge to extend the Business C District along the centerline of Massachusetts Avenue for 160 feet in a southerly direction from its current location at the centerline of Roseland Street and its intersection with the centerline of Massachusetts Avenue, to the northerly sideline of Frost Terrace so as to encompass all of the land in Assessor's Map Block 153, Lots 1 and 18 and the adjacent portions of Roseland Street and Massachusetts Avenue abutting those lots; to amend the Zoning Map to create a new Lesley Porter Overlay District encompassing portions of the Business C district in Porter Square in the vicinity of Massachusetts Avenue, Mt. Vernon Street, and Roseland Street; and to amend the Zoning Ordinance to create a new Section 20.200 - Lesley Porter Overlay District to augment the existing zoning regulations to allow for the establishment of an art district, enhance the ground floor retail uses and to encourage retention of historic buildings in the Porter Square area. The Lesley Porter Overlay District would allow a Floor Area Ratio of 2.5 for all educational uses by Planning Board Special Permit; allow waiver of the existing height and setbacks for historic structures; and allow the parking and loading requirements to be waived by Planning Board Special Permit.

This petition has been refiled for a second hearing due to the time expiring on the first filing; it has some modifications to the area of the proposed overlay district as originally proposed during the first consideration of the petition.

Copies of this petition are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts and at the Community Development Department, 238 Broadway. Questions concerning the petition may be addressed to Liza Paden at 617 349 4647 or [lpaden@cambridgema.gov](mailto:lpaden@cambridgema.gov).