



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex, Second Floor, 344 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts on a petition by Joseph T. Maguire on behalf of the Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge by creating a new overlay zoning district entitled Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District in the area of the existing Grand Junction Railroad Right of Way between Cambridge Street and Binney Street, and to amend Article 20.000 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by creating a Section 20.1000 Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District.

The stated purpose of the Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District would be to promote the development of a public pathway along the Grand Junction railroad right-of-way in connection with high quality development consistent with development along the Binney Street corridor.

The provisions of Section 20.1000, which would be subject to special permit approval by the Planning Board, would require the conveyance to the City by fee or easement of a strip of land along the Grand Junction rail corridor to be used for a public pathway, and would allow development on other identified parcels of land referred to as 303 and 345 Binney Street for uses otherwise allowed in the base Industry A-1 district, with a maximum building height of 105 feet along Binney Street and 60 feet in the Transition Zone, a maximum floor area ratio of 2.5 multiplied by the area of the industrially zoned portion of the development parcel and 1.25 multiplied by the area of the balance of the development parcel, and provisions related to gross floor area exemptions, setbacks, parking, and other matters.

This Petition has been revised from the November 2018 petition, the key changes include lower height, creation of a transition zone and decrease in project density.

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.

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