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To: City of Cambridge Planning Board
From: Central Square Advisory Committee
Date: 8/14/2019
Re: Dark Ride Media – 288 Green Street

The Central Square Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) was scheduled to meet on August 7, 2019 to review and comment on the Dark Ride Media, LLC (the “Applicant”) petition to convert a former below grade function hall, located at 288 Green Street, into a theatre and accessory cafe serving beer and wine. The Committee meets pursuant to the provisions outlined in Section 20.300 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance. Members are appointed by the City Manager to undertake all large project reviews of variances and special permits for activities within the Central Square Overlay District (the “District”), and to monitor the progress of the Central Square Non-Zoning Recommendations of the 2013 K2C2 Study (the “Study”).

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Unfortunately, the Committee was not able to review and comment on the petition on August 7th as planned. However, Committee members submitted comments electronically and spoke in favor of the proposal. A theatre on Green Street would be a great addition to Central Square by bringing in activity and foot traffic just around the corner from Mass Ave. One member advocated for loose seating, as opposed to fixed seating, so that the space could serve multiple uses, rather than limited to a traditional concert or theater venue. Ultimately, the proposed use is consistent with the goals the Study, specifically the expansion of retail and entertainment opportunities that celebrate and nurture the mix of eclectic businesses and cultural institutions.

submitted on behalf of the Committee,

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