



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 57 INMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE 02139

April 5, 1983

Case Number: PB #30
Premises: 149 Alewife Brook Parkway
Zoning District: Office-2; Parkway Overlay District
Petitioner: Aku-Aku Restaurant
Application Date: February 18, 1983
Public Hearing Date: March 15, 1983
Petition: Special Permit to vary the requirements of the Parkway Overlay District and a Variance to allow construction within the required Office-2 front yard setback.

Date of Planning Board Decision: April 5, 1983

The Petition

The applicant proposes to attach a 1250 square foot addition onto an existing restaurant facility by constructing the addition in the front yard required by both the Parkway Overlay District and by the the Office-2 District. The addition would also violate the Overlay District requirement that 30% of the front facade be transparent.

Documents

The following documents were submitted in support of the petition:

1. Special Permit Application, Certified complete on February 18, 1983.
2. Site plan for the Aku-Aku Restaurant; Medford Engineering and Survey, Scale 1"=20', Revision date February 8, 1983.
3. Proposed Addition for Aku-Aku Restaurant, Sheets 1A and 1; Michienzi Construction and Development Inc.; Scale 1/8" = 1'; Date: 8/23/82 and 4/29/82
4. Aku-Aku Restaurant, Sheet A-1 Michienzi Construction and Development Inc; Scale 1/8"= 1'; Revision Date: 3/30/83, submitted after the public hearing.
5. Plans and Sections numbered A-1 and S-1; Aku-Aku Restaurant; Michienzi Construction and Development Inc. scale 1/8"=1'; Date 4/5/83; Submitted to conform to decision.

Public Hearing

Mr. Jeffrey Katz, the applicant, described the intended addition indicating that upon completion the 50 foot area between the restaurant and the edge of Alewife Brook Parkway would be restored and maintained as sightly landscaped areas has been the case in the past.

Mr. Katz indicated that the requirement that 30% of the facade be transparent will be met with the submission of new drawings. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the petition.


Findings

1. The approximately 50 feet of landscaped area between the proposed addition and the edge of pavement on Alewife Brook Parkway, all within the right-of-way of the parkway, establishes in fact the circumstances intended in the Parkway Overlay District, to maintain a green area buffer between the highway and adjacent development.

Decision

Based on the above finding the Planning Board grants the requested special permit and variance with the condition that the front facade of the addition maintain at least 30% transparency as required in Section 11.643 of the Parkway Overlay District.

For the Planning Board


Arthur Parris
Chairman

A copy of this decision shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk. Appeals if any shall be made pursuant to Section 17, Chapter 40A, Massachusetts General Laws and shall be filed within twenty (20) days after the date of such filing in the Office of the City Clerk.

ATTEST: A true and correct copy of the decision filed with the Office of the City Clerk on 4/20/83 by Dorinda Barber, authorized representative of the Cambridge Planning Board. All plans referred to in the decision have likewise been filed with the City Clerk on such date.

Twenty (20) days have elapsed since the filing of this decision. No appeal has been filed.

Date _____
City Clerk, City of Cambridge