



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 57 INMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE 02139

NOTICE OF DECISION

Case No.: PB#52, Major Amendment #2

Address: 5-23 Cambridge Parkway

Zoning District: Residence C-3A/PUD-2

Petitioner: Metricom, Inc., by Atlantic Western Consulting, 400 West Cummings Park, Suite 4050, Washington Street, Woburn, MA 01801

Owner: Charterhouse of Cambridge Trust, c/o Sonesta Hotels Corp., 200 Claredon Street, Boston, MA 02116

Date of Filing Final Decision: 12/12/85

Date of Minor Amendment #1: 4/3/90

Date of Major Amendment #1: 12/6/00⁹⁴

Date of Major Amendment #2 Application: 4/6/00

Date of Major Amendment #2 Public Hearing: 5/16/00

Date of Major Amendment #2 Decision: 5/16/00

Date of Filing Major Amendment #2: 6/19/00

Petition: Major amendment to allow the cellular antenna installation to the existing roof structure.

Documents Submitted: Special Permit application dated 4/6/00, complete with dimensional form, ownership certificate, photographs of existing conditions photo simulations of proposed conditions and antenna installation, dated 3/27/00, by Bay State Design, Antenna specifications pages 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 3-3, 4-3, Product Description, and letter to John Callahan, Engineering for

Royal Sonesta Hotel, from Christine Morrisey, of Atlantic Western dated 2/23/00.

Public Hearing: At the advertised public hearing held on May 16, 2000, Christina Morrisey of Atlantic Western Consulting, Inc. presented the application for the cellular antenna installation to the existing roof sign structure at the Sonesta Hotel. The Planning Board members discussed the application, the features of the application on the signs panels and the application being a Planning Board major amendment rather than a Board of Zoning Appeal Special Permit.

The Planning Board found that the Sonesta Hotel is in the PUD-2 District and the hotel has received PUD review by the Planning Board in the past for signage, a pool enclosure and a cellular antenna installation.

There were no written submissions or public testimonies either in support of or opposition to the application.

Findings: After a review of the materials submitted, the Planning Board made the following findings:

The extent of the visual impact of the various elements of the proposed facility has been minimized by mounting two of the three antenna arrays to the existing sign façade, and mounting the third array to a ballast stand in front of the sign façade. These installations will be finished in the same color as the sign façade. The array on the ballast will be facing the Charles River and will not be visible from the public way. The transmitting equipment will be housed in a box located between the existing sign facades. Therefore the Board finds that the requirements of Section 4.40, footnote 49 have been met.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Base on the above findings, the Planning Board Grants the requested Major Amendment, subject to installation based on the above referenced plans.

Decision: The Planning Board GRANTS the special permit use on the condition that the installation is in conformance with the submitted drawings. Voting to Grant the Major Amendment L. Brown, P. Winters, T. Anninger, B. Shaw, H. Russell, and K. Benjamin.

For the Planning Board,



Larissa Brown, Chair

A copy of this decision #52, Major Amendment #2, 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 above decision filed with the Office of the City Clerk on 6/19/00, by Elizabeth M. Paden, 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 the decision.
No appeal has been filed.

DATE:

City Clerk

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