

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 57 INMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE 02139

MINOR AMENDMENT #2

Case No.: PB #84

Premises: 4-6 Arrow Street, 1136 Massachusetts Avenue, 13-15, 17, and
19 Mount Auburn Street

Zoning District: Office 3/Harvard Square Overlay District

Petitioner: Gunwyn/Cambridge Arcade Limited Partnership

Date of Planning Board Decision: March 7, 1989

Date of filing the Decision: March 15, 1989

Date of Major Amendment: May 16, 1989

Date of Minor Amendment #1: July 16, 1991

Date of Minor Amendment #2: February 4, 1992

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DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED

1. Communication from Peter E. Madsen, President, the Gunwyn Company, dated January 28, 1992 to Liza Malenfant, Community Development Department requesting that the Planning Board extend the Special Permit.

DISCUSSION

At the February 4, 1992 regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Board, the Petitioner, Peter Madsen, presented the continuing chronology of events that have prevented the start of construction before the expiration of the special permit. This includes the difficulty of the disposal of contaminated soil from the site in a State approved manner during the winter months.

Board member Hugh Russell pointed out that the current development proposal, as approved, had not changed. Board member Carolyn Mieth asked that the petitioner make a modest effort to improve the condition and appearance of the site using inexpensive means. Mr. Madsen said that the management company would be moving into the abutting building and would be instructed to work with the Community Development Department staff to make such improvements and maintain them until soil disposal started. He said that this spring the 400

daffodil bulbs previously planted in the yard of the abutting building should help to improve the appearance of the site.

Mr. Madsen requested a one year extension of the special permit to which Mr. Russell pointed out that a two year extension would be more appropriate given the time necessary to meet the State requirements for proper soil removal, the continuing acceptability of the approved project, and the desirability of permitting approved projects to proceed to construction.

DECISION

The Board voted to GRANT Minor Amendment #2, an extension for two years, to March 15, 1994 with the condition that some modest and inexpensive site improvements be made to the existing lot.

Voting to approve the Minor Amendment #2 were Board Members Hugh Russell, Paul Dietrich, Alfred Cohn, and Carolyn Mieth.

For the Planning Board,

Paul Dietrich (Am)

Paul Dietrich, Chairman