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From: Carol O'Hare [cbo1066@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 4:02 PM
To: Cambridge City Council
Cc: Ranjit Singanayagam; 'Lopez, Donna'
Subject: Simple Suggestions (OK'd by ISD Comm'r.) to Clarify Curb-Cut Permit: 154-158 Magazine St. (@ Tufts St. curb)
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Benzan and City Councillors:

This large apartment/condo building at 154-158 Magazine St. is one away from our home. In my 11/23 email and at your Council meeting, I described the problems with the curb-cut permit records and plans that were presented for your review and approval. I hope this clarifies the record so that what's being approved is clear.

Today, I spoke with ISD Commissioner Singanayagam about this while he reviewed ISD's file. The Commissioner (whom I've Cc'd) confirmed that my suggestions below:

- (i) are necessary and appropriate to specify which of the 2 different curb-cut/parking plans ISD actually approved and
- (ii) will effectively confirm that the written commitments made by the applicant/property owner are conditions imposed by ISD in connection ISD's curb-cut approval.

Suggested City Council motion:

“The City Council approves Charles River Nominee Trust's curb-cut permit for the corner property at 154-158 Magazine St., with the curb to be located on Tufts, as shown on the plan entitled “Plot Plan, 154-158 Magazine Street, Cambridge, Mass., Scale 1” = 20’, dated Aug. 24, 2015, by AGH Engineering, filed with Cambridge Inspectional Service Department, subject to the following conditions:

The associate parking area, as shown on that plan, is only for the parking of a van or truck from time to time when needed to perform maintenance work at the 154-158 Magazine St. property. To assure that there will be no resident parking at any time, either a fence or plantings will separate the single parking space from the remainder of the lot.”

Thank you in advance for (I hope) concluding this matter after well over one year and clarifying the record.

Sincerely,

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172 Magazine St.

Cc: Donna Lopez, City Clerk. Please file this with the official record.

12/7/2015