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From: Tom Stohlman [<mailto:tstohlman@comcast.net>]
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Subject: Re: channing curb cut

Hi Minka,

No, but they have written to MANA (The Mount Auburn Neighborhood Association) and received a reply that MANA doesn't express opinions for or against curb cuts, but rather asks that neighbors be consulted as required by the curb cut process. I know this because I am a member of the Board of Directors and am copied such correspondence. As I said in my letter to the City Council: "I am not speaking on behalf of MANA, but as an immediate abutter."

In other news, they have removed some of their "private parking" signs from their two off-street parking spaces on the private road (Channing Circle). There is a more discreet sign marked "Private" on the fence at the parking spaces. They continue to park there.

Although I have effectively submitted an abutter form with my letter to the City Council, as far as I know, there are still two abutters who have not. (15 Channing across the public street, and 14 Channing across the private street).

Of the four abutters who will be directly effected (either adjacent to or directly across from the curb cut (4-6 Channing Circle, 18 Channing Street, 19 Channing Street, and 17 Channing Street), three are opposed and for the same reasons:

1) 1 or more on-street spaces will be eliminated by the curb cut in a very parking intensive street. This will give the petitioner an additional off-street space when they already have at least 2 off-street spaces available to them on the private road.

2) A major utility pole which serves the neighborhood is perilously close to the proposed curb cut.

The abutter who supports the petition (4-6 Channing Circle) has actually benefitted from work done on the private road, along with the petitioner. With this work, an off-street parking space on the petitioners' property was converted into a garden/patio and their parking moved to the private road. In addition, 4-6 Channing Circle now looks out at their own car and a landscaped area, instead of other people's cars.

The good news is that the petitioner is capable of accommodating at least one neighbor(4-6 Channing Circle), but as far as I know they have not reached out again to the three others(17,18,19 Channing) to address our concerns.

I have B'ccd my neighbors at 17 & 18 Channing and the President of MANA. You are welcome to share this correspondence, I consider it part of the public record.

Thank You,

Tom