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November 13, 2014

Dear Neighborhood Representative:

This office is in receipt of a copy of an application from Sherman 149 LLC requesting a new curb cut *at the premises numbered 149 Sherman Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts*. The City Council has directed that all curb cut petitions be submitted to the appropriate Neighborhood Associations for the locality where the curb cut would be made, so that the association may have an opportunity for review, prior to action by the City Council.

Please indicate by return mail your approval or disapproval of the petition within twenty-one days from the date of this letter. If the response is "disapproval" please state reasons. Be sure to sign the form and include a daytime phone number. I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope to facilitate your reply.

As soon as this office has received both the completed application and your neighborhood association response, I will place the petition on the agenda for the next City Council meeting. If I do not receive a response from your neighborhood organization by twenty-one days from the date of this letter, I will place the petition on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

If your neighborhood association cannot complete its review by twenty-one days from today, you may extend the reply time another seven days by requesting an extension by letter to me with a copy to the petitioner. However, I urge you to make every effort to complete your review as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Donna P. Lopez
City Clerk

Taylor Square Neighborhood Association – Fenton Hollander

hereby approve ^{*} disapprove of said driveway petition.

x subject to the considerations covered in the attached email
Comments: sent to the city arborist.

Signature of authorized association representative

Daytime telephone no.

cc: Petitioner



Fenton Hollander <watmus@gmail.com>

Street tree at 149 Sherman Street

1 message

Fenton Hollander <watmus@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 29, 2014 at 8:06 AM

To: dlefcourt@cambridgema.gov

My name is Fenton Hollander, and I currently serve as coordinator for the Taylor **Square** Neighborhood Association. As such, Cambridge Inspectional Services routinely sends us applications for curb cuts for comment.

On visiting the site, I found the one of the two street trees in front of the lot (the westernmost of the pair) was uncomfortably close to the proposed curb cut, and that, in my opinion, installation of the curb cut in the proposed location would likely damage or completely sever some of the roots of this tree, which could cause the disfigurement or death of the tree. The problem could likely be solved by moving the curb cut five feet eastward.

The two trees are well developed, about 25 feet tall with an 8 inch caliper and are a benefit to the neighborhood.. It would be wasteful to imperil such a tree, particularly when the alternate solution does not appear to cause any harm to the project.

I hope you can visit the site and let us know your reaction to the situation. Of particular interest are:

The genus and size of the trees

The date of their planting

Construction procedures that would help to preserve the tree

Thank you

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