



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

# PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

November 17, 2015

RE: Coolidge Place Land Disposition

Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends in favor of the proposed disposition.

To the Honorable, the City Council,

The Planning Board recommends that the land disposition proceed in accordance with the terms outlined in the City Manager's November 12, 2015 report, the attached Request for Proposals and the winning proposal submitted by Normandy Real Estate Partners and Twining Properties.

The Planning Board held a public hearing on November 17, 2015 and reviewed the submitted City Manager's report and heard public comment. The Planning Board finds the materials adequately summarize the considerations with regard to the land disposition.

The Board believes that the disposition as proposed will provide benefits to the city including: two alternate pedestrian connections to the municipal parking lot instead of the current one, including one that connects to Jill Brown-Rhone park; a cash payment of \$325,000; contributing to public drain and sewer improvements; and alterations to easements over the municipal parking lot site. The proposed disposition will also result in a more rational use of land by resolving the bifurcation of the Normandy/Twining property, which will result in a better pattern of development regardless of what is ultimately developed on the site.

Respectfully submitted for the Planning Board,

H Theodore Cohen

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