



## Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission

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Charles Davis and Angie Uyham  
5 Hodgdon Place  
Somerville, MA 02143

Re: ***Case MC-4017: 172 Hancock Street, Cambridge, Mass.***

Dear Mr. Davis and Ms. Uyham:

I am writing to follow up on the comments issued by the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission, which reviewed the above case at a public hearing on January 9, 2012, and to schedule an Architects Committee meeting on site as requested by the commission members.

The Commission accepted the direction of the proposal to relocate exterior mechanicals and replace the existing rear deck along the south elevation with a new enclosed mudroom. Suggestions from the Commission and factors that may require further consideration before the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness include:

- Minimizing the overall impact of the exterior mechanicals, with regard to adjacent neighbors and public views, through careful placement and landscape screening
- Studying the proposed rear addition in 3-D format, to better visualize some of the design details
- Playing with the placement of the front wall of the mudroom, either moving it distinctly forward or behind the south wall of the original house. Retaining the corner was discussed.
- Considering how the proposed height of the mudroom roof abuts trim elements of the main house. Lowering the roof height to align it with the window bay trim was discussed.

Architects Committee meetings are typically held at 8:00am on site. Please let me know your availability for the mornings of Feb. 13-16 and I will arrange the site visit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (617) 349-4686.

Best regards,

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Preservation Administrator

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