

SPAULDING & SLYE

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April 20, 1999

Via Hand and Fax

Paul Dietrich, Chairman
Planning Board
City of Cambridge
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Interim Planning Overlay Special Permit (#143)
770-797 Memorial Drive / 385 Putnam Avenue

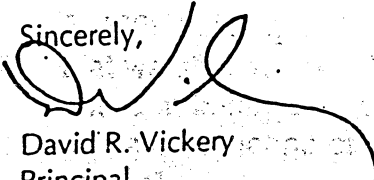
Dear Planning Board Members:

On behalf of 784 Memorial Drive LLC, we respectfully request the Planning Board postpone its decision on our application for an Interim Planning Overlay Special Permit (# 143) for a development at 770-797 Memorial Drive / 385 Putnam Avenue. We request an extension of the expiration of the statutory time limit from May 31, 1999 to June 30, 1999.

The reason for this request is that we have clearly heard the concerns expressed by our neighbors, the planning board staff, and the planning board. We believe there may be alternative means of access and egress from this parcel from Memorial Drive that will have little or no impact on any abutting residential streets. This postponement will allow sufficient time for us to explore these alternatives with our neighbors and the city.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and would be glad to answer any questions it may raise.

Sincerely,


David R. Vickery
Principal

cc: Ralph M. Norwood
Robert M. Dickey
Beth Rubenstein
Sue Clippinger

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To: the Honorable, the City Councillors
From: Cambridgeport Neighborhood Initiative (CNI)
For: City Council Meeting May 17, 1999
Subject: Response to 784 Memorial Drive LLC/Spaulding & Slye stated wish to meet with neighbors to explore alternatives to reduce traffic impacts on neighborhood streets.

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Below is a copy of a letter sent to 784 Memorial Drive LLC/Spaulding & Slye in response to their April 20, 1999 letter to the Planning Board requesting an extension of the statutory time limit on their IPOP Special Permit application to June 30, 1999. This Special Permit is required before the proponent can apply to the City for building permits for 245,000 sq. ft. of additional office tower construction. (See attached copy of letter from David Vickery to Paul Dietrich, Chairman, Planning Board.)

May 12, 1999

David R. Vickery, Principal
Spaulding & Slye, Colliers International
255 State Street
Boston MA 02109

Dear Mr. Vickery:

We have received a copy of your April 20, 1999 letter to the Cambridge Planning Board from its staff, in which you request an extension of the statutory time limit expiration to June 30, 1999, for a Special Permit for 784 Memorial Drive LLC. This Special Permit is required by the City before 784 Memorial Drive LLC can apply for building permits for office towers totalling 245,000 sq. ft., that will be source of the parking demand for the proposed 577-car garage.

In it, your reason for the request is "...we have clearly heard the concerns expressed by our neighbors, the planning board staff, and the planning board."

You asked for additional time to explore "alternative means of access and egress" onto and from Memorial Drive for this proposed project, with the aim of avoiding traffic impacts on neighborhood streets. You express a desire to explore these alternatives with your neighbors.

To this end, we invite you to meet with us and to share your redesigned garage plans, including entrances and exits. Please contact us by phone and mail as soon as possible, so that we can set up a meeting in the neighborhood at a mutually convenient time.

Very truly yours,

[signed]

Elie Yarden, Co-Chair

Stash Horowitz, Co-Chair

Cambridgeport Neighborhood Initiative (CNI)

Address:

c/o Elie Yarden, 143 Pleasant Street, Unit 2A Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 491-5350

cc: The Honorable, the City Council

Robert Healy, City Manager

Susan Clippinger, Director of Traffic, Parking & Transportation

Barry Pell, Rizzo Associates

Steve Kaiser, Traffic Consultant, Cambridgeport Neighborhood Initiative (CNI)

Paul Dietrich, Chair, Planning Board

Carolyn Mieth, Vice Chair, Planning Board

Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development

Attachment:

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Consent Communication #9

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A communication was received from the CNI, regarding 784 Memorial Drive LLC/Spaulding & Slye property, requesting a meeting with neighbors to explore alternatives to reduce traffic impacts on neighborhood streets.

In City Council May 17, 1999

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