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Honorable City Council
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20 July 2022

RE: Newton Center for Active Living – NewCAL, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville

SUBJECT: Affirmation of Site Plan Review and Approval

Honorable City Council:

On Wednesday, July 20, 2022, the Design Review Committee, DRC, met to discuss the Newton Center for Active Living, NewCAL, project. Specifically, the DRC discussed what impact, if any, the future acquisition of the parcel located at 47 Walnut Place would have on the proposed site plans, building floor plans, and architectural schematics dated June 15, 2022, as submitted by Bargmann, Hendrie + Archetype Architects (BH+A) on behalf of the Public Buildings Department and Senior Services Department for the above referenced project. The DRC reviewed the potential future opportunities that the parcel located at 47 Walnut Place may have on the site, and we voted unanimously to continue to support the proposed site plan, building floor plans, and architectural schematics dated June 15th, 2022, as submitted by Bargmann, Hendrie + Archetype Architects (BH+A) on behalf of the Public Buildings Department and Senior Services Department for the above referenced project.

The DRC will continue to review the design as it evolves in the design development phase. During this phase we will ensure that the design evolves in a way that considers the future benefit and opportunities of the additional parcel.

We look forward to working with the community, the Public Buildings and Senior Services Departments, and the City Council on the potential future opportunities that this additional land will create.

Sincerely,

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CC: Joshua R. Morse, Commissioner of Public Buildings
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operations Officer