

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Planning Department MEMORANDUM

TO: Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM: Planning Staff

DATE: 10 March 2008

SUBJECT: 16 Butler Drive / 100 Temple Street Revision Request – ZBA 2003-07-R-0208

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Applicant Somerville Community Corporation, Owner The St. Polycarp Redevelopment LLC, and Agent Kristin Blum seek a revision to Special Permit ZBA 2007-03. The revision is to add 3 parking spaces to have the required amount of parking to satisfy condition four of the original special permit. The revision is also to gain approval for the parking for 100 Temple Street to be on the separate lot at 8 Butler Drive (SZO §9.13.d). The location of the parking in these lots has not changed from the original approval. The Applicant has already received approval for shared parking of these lots (SZO §9.13.e) but as a technicality the Applicant seeks approval for parking on a separate lot.

The present application seeks to:

- 1. Gain approval for the parking for 100 Temple Street to be on the separate lot at 8 Butler Drive (SZO §9.13.d).
- 2. Satisfy condition 4 of the March 21, 2007 ZBA decision by adding three parallel parking spaces adjacent to Building F.

The revisions are shown on the plans and letter to the ZBA stamped in to the OSPCD on April 1, 2008. Notices have been mailed to abutters and the case advertised in the newspaper.

Staff of Planning and Traffic and Parking have reviewed the revision proposal and are in favor of the changes. We understand that the Applicant is under financial pressure to get their project underway and they need approval of this phasing plan to do so.

II. RECOMMENDATION

Based on the preceding, Planning Staff finds that the changes are consistent with the original special permit and recommends approval. The original conditions attached to the Special Permit would still apply.