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Subject: Re: Boston Properties/MXD project - Planning Board PB#315, September 20, 2016

Dear Tom,

Thanks for having Boston Properties present on the evolving MXD development plan on September 14 at the East Cambridge Planning Team. As I mentioned to you at the meeting, our members have consistently expressed concern that the 1 MM SF up-zoning does not include enough Open Space to balance the increased density, and also feel that the community benefits package, beyond the affordable housing, needs enhancement. (The proposed improvements to the existing and small Broadway and Binney parks are nice, but minor compared to the scale of the development.)

To address both of these issues, we ask the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority and Boston Properties to revisit the concept of recreational facilities on the long roof of the garage building between Binney and Broadway. If this rooftop had recreational facilities, including perhaps an all season bubble (like the one at the West End apartments near Mass General), both project residents and community residents could use them. The community is in dire need of additional all-season recreational facilities, and this amenity would advance the goal of integrating the Kendall developments with the neighborhoods and their residents.

We ask the CRA, the Planning Board, CDD and Boston Properties to strongly consider such a proposal and community need and suggest how the MXD development might address them.

Many thanks,
Peter Crawley
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