



CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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January 12, 2017.

Mr. Louis DePasquale, City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

re: L-122: 101 Rogers Street, (Foundry Building)

Dear Louie,

On January 5, 2017, the Cambridge Historical Commission voted to initiate a landmark designation study for the Foundry Building at 101 Rogers Street, under Chapter 2.78, Article III of the City Code. During the twelve-month study period, which extends through January 5, 2018, the property will be treated as though it were already a designated landmark. During this time, any publicly-visible exterior alterations must receive a Certificate of Appropriateness, Nonapplicability, or Hardship from the Commission before a building permit may be issued.

As a practical matter, the Commission's action was precipitated by talk of demolition of the building. The study will have no effect whatsoever on programming or planning for the Foundry Building. Nothing is frozen; applications to alter the building may be made at any time. Once there's a consensus on a new use for the building, the CHC will be interested in supporting whatever appropriate changes are necessary to allow the building to fulfill its potential.

The Commission will prepare a recommendation on a permanent designation to the Council within a year. If designated by vote of the City Council, landmark status would allow the Commission to permanently protect the historic character of the building and its setting. The designation would not regulate use or interior alterations.

I'm available anytime to talk about CHC jurisdiction and about the implications of any particular course of action.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Sullivan
Executive Director

cc: ✓ Tom Evans, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority
Ranjit Singanayagam, Inspectional Services Commissioner
Donna Lopez, City Clerk, please file