

November 2, 2004

Zoning Board of Appeals
Inspectional Services Department
1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 5th floor
Boston, MA 02118
Attention: William Good

RE: Removal of the proviso on the zoning variance at 10-22 Northampton Street

Dear Mr. Good,

The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association was please to meet with property owner John Corey on October 26th, 2004 to discuss his appeal to the zoning board to have the proviso limiting use of 10-22 Northampton Street as a parking lot until June 2005 removed. It is our understanding that lifting the proviso would allow this property to be used as a parking lot in perpetuity. Mr. Corey heard WSANA members voice dissatisfaction in the current appearance of the property and safety concerns that the parking lot was becoming a haven for transients.

Because this highly valuable property stands in a desirable location that is undergoing a resurgence in development, WSANA members feel that this property has great potential for future development and should not stand as a parking lot indefinitely. 14 of 17 WSANA members voted to oppose Mr. Corey's proposal of removing the proviso. Instead, WSANA members recommend that the current proviso be extended for no more than 5 years.

WSANA members also voted in favor of requesting that 10-22 Northampton Street participate in the mayor's snow emergency removal program, as a gesture of good faith to the neighborhood.

Thank you,

Susan Hunt Stevens, President
Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association