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STAFF MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: January 16, 2020
DATE: January 8, 2020
TO: Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission
FROM: Barbara Kurze, Senior Preservation Planner
SUBJECT: **Additional Review Information**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the members of the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission (Chestnut Hill HDC) with information about the significance of the properties being reviewed and the application process, which may be useful in the review and decision-making process of Chestnut Hill HDC. Additional information may be presented at the meeting that the Chestnut Hill HDC can take into consideration when discussing a Local Historic District Review application.

Dear Chestnut Hill HDC Members,

The following is additional information for the Local Historic District Review applications that you should have received in your meeting packet.

Applications

46 Chestnut Hill Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The Postwar Traditional house was built by Benjamin S. Sheinwald for Alfred and Sylvia Sheinwald. Alfred Sheinwald worked as a wholesale leather salesman in Boston. The house was approved for renovations and additions, and grading changes and hardscaping were also approved.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The owners want to amend the previously approved plans to include the exterior light fixtures.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Maps
Aerial view
Photographs
Plans
Elevations

Product specifications
Renderings

292 Hammond Street, Boston College – Certificate of Appropriateness (Violation)

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The 1906 English Revival house was designed by Chapman and Frazer for Henry W. Harris who is listed as a naval architect in the 1910 U.S. Federal Census. He lived in the house with his wife Mabel, sons Henry, Jr., Morgan and William, and servants Julia Devany, Christine Macleod, Margaret Smith, Elizabeth Snow and Mary Whirty. Chapman and Frazer designed many buildings in the area, but only a few were designed in the English Revival style. 326 Hammond Street is the other example in the district.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Boston College seeks approval for the as-built front entry railing which was changed to meet code requirements. The as-built conditions do not match the designs approved by the Commission.

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

Architectural Access Board information
As-built plan
As-built elevation
As-built details
Photographs

Administrative Discussion

Minutes: The draft October, November and December minutes have been included for your review.

Hammond Street fences: Continue the discussion on prioritizing the violations and next steps, including letters to owners and coordinating with Inspectional Services.