SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION 2018 APR -3 AMII: 29 TO THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL The undersigned hereby makes application for permit to erect and use, to alter and use, or to make such uses as may be hereinafter specified of a building or buildings at the location and for the purpose hereinafter specified under the provisions of Chapter 30 of the Revised Ordinances, 2015, as amended, or any other sections PLEASE REFERENCE SECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCES FROM WHICH RELIEF IS REQUESTED: Sec 6.3.14.B.2.* for a use special permit. Sec 7.3 for a special permit; Section 7.4 for site plan review. *and Sec 4.4.1 PETITION FOR: Special Permit/Site Plan Approval ☐ Extension of Non-conforming Use and/or Structure ☐ Site Plan Approval 180 Needham Street WARD STREET SECTION(S) 83 BLOCK(S) 28 ZONED MII-1 APPROXIMATE SQUARE FOOTAGE (of property) 8,960 sf TO BE USED FOR: To convert second floor from office use to use as school or other educational purpose, for-profit. CONSTRUCTION: Interior renovations only EXPLANATORY REMARKS: To allow the use of the second floor of the existing building for Empow Studios, a for-profit school or other educational purpose use and to amend Special Permit Board Orders #91-15 and 182-09(2). The undersigned agree to comply with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and rules of the Land Use Committee of the City Council in connection with this application. C P Needham Street LLC PETITIONER (PRINT) SIGNATURE 300 Third Avenue, Suite 2, Waltham, MA 02451 TELEPHONE 781-916-8600 Fmail kmccormack@crosspointassociates.com Frank G. Stearns **ATTORNEY** c/o Holland & Knight LLP, 10 St. James Avenue, Boston, MA 02116 ADDRESS Email frank, stearns@hklaw.com TELEPHONE 617-854-1406 Planning & Development PROPERTY OWNER C P Needham Street LLC Department Endorsement ADDRESS 300 Third Ave., Suite 2, Waltham, MA TELEPHONE 781-916-860@mail_kmccormack@crosspoint associates.com SIGNATURE OF OWNER CROSSPONT ASSOCIATES AVMORIZED AGIENT FOR

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March 30, 2018

Neil Cronin, Senior Planner City of Newton Newton City Hall, Room 202 1000 Commonwealth Ave. Newton Centre, MA 02459

RE: 180 Needham Street - Special Permit

Empow Studios Description and Traffic Management Plan

Dear Neil:

Crosspoint Associates, Inc. (Crosspoint) is in the process for filing for a Special Permit for change of use at 180 Needham Street for "educational for-profit". On Wednesday, February 28, 2018 we met with the Development Review Team (DRT) to discuss the project and proposed Tenant, **Empow Studios (Empow)**. The following information will help answer some of the questions asked at the meeting.

DESCRIPTION

Empow based in Lexington, MA is looking to open a second studio at 180 Needham Street, Newton in time for the 2018 Summer programming.

Empow will create a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Enrichment Center serving children in grade 1 through grade 8. The Center will be equipped with the latest tech gadgets to keep kids continuously thinking about what they can create next.

Empow believes in empowering girls in STEM Education. Only 19% of all bachelor's degrees in engineering and 18% in computer science were awarded to girls in 2014. Empow's mission is to change these trends and empower girls to design, make, and create amazing projects in design and coding. Empow's project-based curriculum will put girls' curiosity, creativity, and storytelling powers to the test!

Additional information may be found online at: https://empow.me



To provide an idea of the type of programs at the Newton location, the following is a list of the proposed offerings. Empow has designed their space to provide three (3) classrooms with 10-13 students per classroom taught by 1-2 teachers.

Summer Camps

o Days: Monday – Friday

o Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (full day)

o Dates: June 25 – August 31

- After-School Club (ASC)

o Days: Monday – Friday

 \circ Hours: 2:30 – 6:00 PM (partial day)

o Newton's Tuesday early release offers hours 12:30 – 2:30 PM

- Birthday Parties

o Days: Saturday & Sunday

o Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (2 hour periods)

NanoCamps

o Days: typically on NO SCHOOL days

o Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (full day)

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Site Access and Parking Management Plan (the "Plan"), will assure that all parents and caregivers are provided information materials to inform them ahead of their arrival to the property. As Property Manager with Crosspoint, Rebecca Finley will work with **Empow** to make sure these materials are provided and readily available.

In addition to parents transporting their children, **Empow** partners with Sheprd (<u>www.sheprd.us</u>) to coordinate transportation from K-12 facilities. This will result in even less trip generation.

There are two (2) access points off Needham Street as well as one (1) from Industrial Place (See Exhibit A). There are 27 parking spaces at the front between 180 & 188 Needham Street and an additional 92 parking spaces at the rear (See Exhibit B).

If customers of **Empow** enter the northern entrance and do not find a parking space in the front area, they will be instructed to proceed to the rear parking area. At no time will they

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be allowed to "live park" in the drive aisle between 180 & 188 Needham Street to drop-off/pick-up. If the front area parking spaces are filled on a regular basis, customers will likely elect to enter off of Industrial Place and proceed directly to the rear parking area.

Crosspoint Property Management and **Empow** on-site Staff will closely monitor access and parking as customers get accustomed to the new location. Reminders will be sent to **Empow** customers as needed on an ongoing basis. Crosspoint actively manages 180, 188 and 210 Needham Street as well as Newton Nexus across the street and has staff on-site daily managing trash and performing routine maintenance. Empow Staff will also come downstairs to receive the students at the scheduled time of arrival, providing a hands-on level of management.

If live parking is observed or complaints received from citizens, tenants or their customers, the license plate will be noted and vehicle asked to park. If the same vehicle is observed live parking multiple times, **Empow** will be notified to work directly with their customer to educate them on access and parking protocol.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly,

Email:

kmccormack@crosspointassociates.com

Phone:

781.916.8680

Very truly yours,

NEWTON TECHNOLOGY PARK, LLC

By its authorized agent,

CROSSPOINT ASSOCIATES, INC.

Kerry McCormack, Director of Development

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Frank Stearns, Attorney, Holland & Knight



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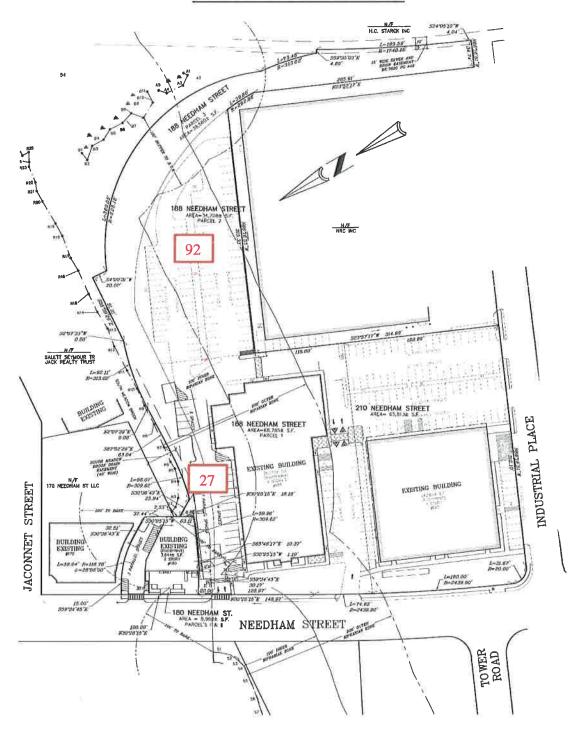
EXHIBIT A - ACCESS PLAN



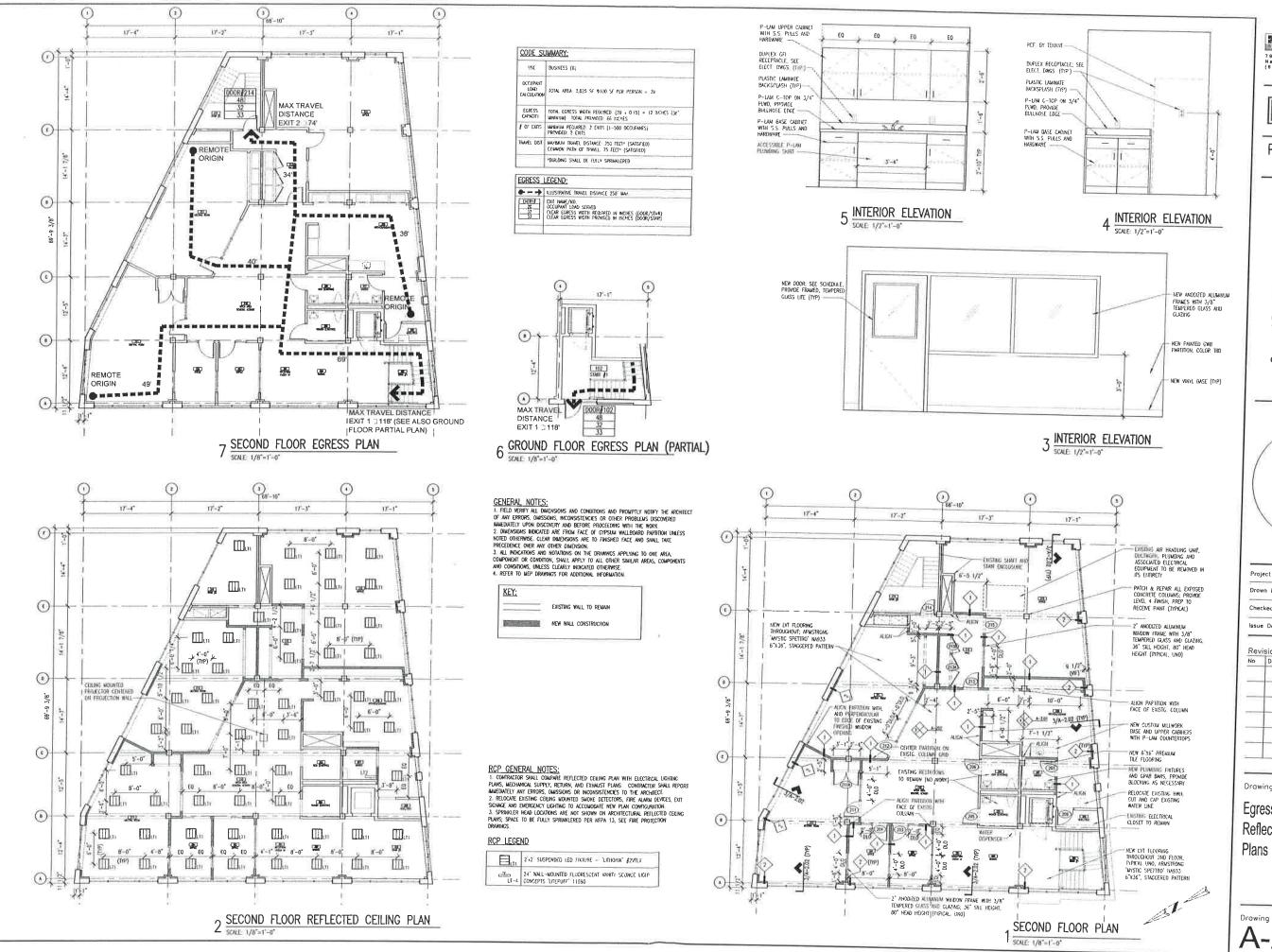


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EXHIBIT B - PARKING PLAN



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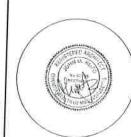


Permit Package

Second Floor Tenant Fit-Out

180 Needham Street

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