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To: Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen

From: Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development
Eve Tapper, Chief Planner for Current Planning
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RE: Information for October 23, 2012 Working Session

DATE: September 19, 2012

CC: Petitioners
John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services

In response to questions raised at the Land Use Committee public hearings, previous working session meetings and/or staff technical reviews, the Planning Department is providing the following information for the upcoming working session. This information is supplemental to staff analysis previously provided at the public hearing/working session.

PETITION #210-12

97 Hillside Avenue

FAR for the addition of an attached garage.

This project had a public hearing on September 11, 2012. The residence is a classic 1880s Victorian with a detached garage that was built in the 1920s. The proposal is to replace the 1920's garage with a larger attached garage that is more able to accommodate today's vehicles. The garage will be oriented so that it is partially behind the front porch of the house, maintaining the dominance of the historic structure. Materials are in accordance with the Preservation Planner's recommendations and are consistent with the style of the late 19th Century structure. The project is supported by the nearest abutter at 333 Otis Street.

- The Planning Department generally supports projects that encourage the continued use and preservation of the City's housing stock while modifying it to meet the needs of today's families. This project meets this objective of the *2007 Comprehensive Plan* while still being consistent with and not in derogation of the size, scale, and design of other structures in the neighborhood.