

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

CITY OF NEWTON
Massachusetts

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: September 16, 2022

TO: All Members, City Council

FROM: Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Development
Katie Whewell, Chief Planner for Current Planning

SUBJECT: **Petition #254-22**, for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a retail marijuana establishment, to allow parking within the side setback, to waive perimeter screening requirements, to waive lighting requirements, to waive the 500 ft. buffer for an existing kindergarten, and to waive the 25% façade transparency requirement at 1185 Chestnut Street, Ward 5, Newton, on land known as Section 51 Block 45 Lot 09, containing approximately 17,091 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 6.10.3.D, 4.4.1, 5.1.8.A.1, 5.1.13, 5.1.9.A, 5.1.13, 5.1.10, 6.10.3.F.1, 6.10.3.F.15 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Petition #254-22 was placed on second call at the September 13th Land Use Committee hearing on the condition that the Petitioner provide the City with the information requested from the transportation peer reviewer including existing traffic counts, crash data, level of service analysis and more. The City has not received this information, understandably, due to the quick turnaround from the September 13th Land Use Committee hearing to the September 19th City Council meeting. Once the City received the information, the peer reviewer will review and provide the Planning Department with their professional opinion. The petitioner is aware of the information requested and understands the Council will not be able to vote at the September 19th City Council meeting.

Planning recommends the City Council hold this item to a future meeting date when Planning can confirm the peer review is complete. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.