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Mr. Paul McCann
Acting Director
Boston Redevelopment Authority
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201-1007

Re: Institutional Master Plan--The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University
REVISED AUGUST 3, 2007

Dear Mr. McCann:

The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University is transmitting to the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) the enclosed thirty (30) copies of the October 4, 2006 Institutional Master Plan document, as revised on August 3, 2007 (as so revised, the "IMP").

The submission of this revised IMP is made to incorporate the project modifications and commitments made by Harvard in response to the extensive public and City agency review since the Institutional Master Plan was filed in October, 2006. These commitments include Harvard's agreement to impose specific and very long-term (approximately 875 years) development restrictions on a 6.4-acre portion of the Harvard-owned Weld Hill Parcel to be set forth in a recorded declaration of development restrictions.

In addition, the IMP includes updated information describing:

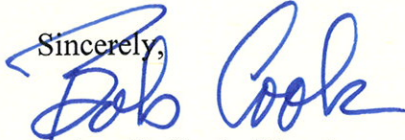
- minor design and site plan changes to the proposed Weld Hill Research and Administration Building (the "Proposed Project") that have occurred over the course of design development and as a result of ongoing consultation with the community and various City of Boston regulatory agencies/commissions, including the relocation of the emergency egress drive away from Weld Street, the addition of brick to the building exterior, a new pedestrian access point to the site from Walter Street (subject to Massachusetts Historical Commission approval), and new plans and figures reflecting the changes and updates;
- dates of additional public meetings that have occurred since October 2006;
- updated schedule and cost estimates for the Proposed Project.

An index noting all of the changes, by page and section, incorporated into the IMP as of August 3, 2007, is included at the beginning of the IMP document for reference.

The complete IMP is posted on the Arboretum's web site at www.arboretum.harvard.edu. Please note that we are also transmitting copies of the revision materials to the members of the Arnold Arboretum IMP Community Task Force, and to the various IMP public review locations.

Harvard looks forward to presenting the IMP at the upcoming BRA Board meeting on August 14, 2007.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Cook, Director
The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University

Enclosures

cc: Gerald Autler, BRA