

Szk lut, Jay

From: Pizzi, John
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 9:21 AM
To: Szk lut, Jay
Cc: Frizzell, David; Davison, Angus; Penta, John
Subject: RE: ZBA and Acorn Park Drive

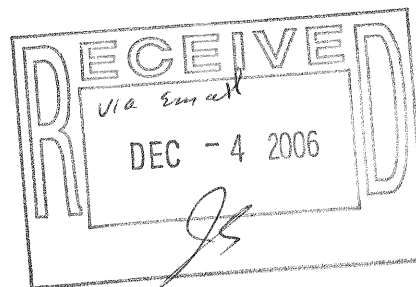
Hi Jay,

We did not specifically discuss flooding access concerns but did make it clear as to the access required. Anything that will hinder or prohibit access will need to be addressed. This concern was not mentioned in any of our site plan discussions but I would hope they realize that anything prohibiting access will be a concern.

If this flooding concern is minor and will not prohibit access to the building then no problem. However, we are not going to expect fire companies to operate under adverse flooding conditions even if access is not prohibited.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Szk lut, Jay
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2006 4:36 PM
To: Pizzi, John
Subject: FW: ZBA and Acorn Park Drive

Hi John,

Does the Fire Department have any comment on the concerns expressed below?

Thanks,
Jay

-----Original Message-----

From: Martha Moore [mailto:martha.moore@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2006 5:34 PM
To: Szk lut, Jay
Subject: ZBA and Acorn Park Drive

After reading the Braintree HAC decision, I wondered if the ZBA has thoroughly considered the safety of Acorn Park Drive in the event of another serious flood event. Is it possible that flooding could block access to the housing for emergency equipment, or is that very unlikely? Entry from the end near the T station would be difficult since the ramp is one way.

I asked Darrell King, who works in Discovery Park, about this and he sent me the following comment:

Acorn (Discovery) Park has an entry from both ends, though the far end (Bulfinch) exits only onto the ramp which goes to the Alewife T station. To get onto Route 2 West one must go a fair distance and turn around at a rotary (of sorts). There is

a low spot on the road (Acorn Park Drive) about half way between the Bulfinch buildings and O'Neill's site, and it does flood easily. All of the Bulfinch end floods easily; as seen in the 1996 photos, where some of it is under almost 3 feet of water. It is interesting to note that the Smithsonian parking lot seems to be at a slightly higher elevation (18-24"?) than the adjacent (old) Bulfinch parking lot.

Note that much of Alewife Station was under water in 1996, so being on the ramp there may not take one out.

Have the fire dept and police signed off on the latest iteration of the plans?

Thanks Jay. Happy Thanksgiving to you too!

Martha