



STONYBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
jamaica plain, massachusetts

C/O 31 Plainfield St.
Jamaica Plain, Ma. 02130

Re: 3529 Washington St. project

October 28, 2011

Dear Harry,

We appreciate your willingness to continue a dialogue. However, it was apparent at our last meeting that significant impasses exist in our respective visions for future development along Washington Street. Thus, the community has expressed a disinterest in another meeting at this time.

To highlight just one impasse among many, at a recent SNA meeting we provided the community with the details of our last meeting with you and the development team. We heard back loud and clear that your proposed commercial parking layout and ratio are not in accord with the neighborhood's desires. Since June, the Stonybrook Neighborhood has consistently communicated its clear wish for an urban project that makes the greatest use of existing transportation infrastructure including walking, biking, bus and train use.

The strong neighborhood consensus at this juncture is that your current proposal is inconsistent with the Forest Hills Use and Design Guidelines and sets a poor precedent for future development of the corridor. Unfortunately, these impasses raise the negative stakes of the project to a level that the community feels is unacceptable. Please see our last letter dated September 27, 2011 for greater detail on the community's vision for the parcel.

Until there is accommodation on these issues and the project concept is modified to enhance and complement our urban environment, the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association cannot lend its support to the project.

If you would like to discuss the project further, we would suggest a conference call. We hope you understand our position.

Sincerely,

Carl Lowenberg and
Frederick Vetterlein
Co-Chairs for the SNA Steering Committee