

Jennifer Ross - 1200 Longfellow

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Dear Ms McBride,

In regards to the proposal to construct a new house on the triangular lot at what is called 1200 Longfellow, the Historic Boston Edison Association generally expects the Historic District Commission and its staff to make a decision that is compatible with the Department of Interior historic restoration standards and with the elements of design for the Boston Edison Historic District.

The Commission and its staff have expertise in these matters, while the lay people who are residents of Boston Edison have a much lower level of expertise. For that reason, we ask and we expect that HDC will use those standards in all of its decisions on matters within Boston Edison. We will support HDC in that policy and practice. Consistent application of the standards to all matters will treat everyone fairly by treating them all equally.

Consequently, for the proposed construction for 1200 Longfellow, we expect that any design approved by HDC will conform exactly or very closely with the standards and elements of design. We rely on the HDC to do so. By sticking firmly to the standards, the decision on this case will be fair to everyone who lives in the Boston Edison Historic District.

As an aside, the address of that triangular lot cannot be 1200 Longfellow, since it lies directly behind 1101 Chicago and the first house west across the Lodge Freeway is 1187 Longfellow. I doubt that this matters, but there it is.

Sincerely,

James Hamilton for the Zoning Committee
Historic Boston Edison Association

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