

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**CITY OF NEWTON
Massachusetts**

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: January 19, 2018

TO: All Members, City Council

FROM: Neil Cronin, Senior Planner
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SUBJECT: Consistency Request Special Permits #147-79(2) and #147-79(3)
333 Nahanton Street (Jewish Community Center)

The petitioner has submitted a consistency request to construct a two-story, 4,352 square foot addition to the rear of the gymnasium at the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center which was originally constructed with the above-referenced special permits.

The petitioner references Condition #2 of Board Order #147-79(2) which allows the petitioner to “modify the perimeter outline of the new construction portion of the building plans submitted with this Petition provided, however that no such modification shall exceed 15’ in any direction and the total floor area shall not be increased by any such modification.” Additionally, the petitioner outlines how the addition will not detract from other conditions imposed by the special permits.

After review, the Planning Department believes the addition is in keeping with uses allowed by the special permits, and complies with the Development Limitations imposed. However, staff is of the opinion that the request is not consistent with the special permits because we believe the addition does not comply with the intent of the condition. Specifically, staff believes that condition pertains to the initial construction, not a subsequent addition.

Please feel free to call me if you have any further questions regarding this subject.

Thank you.

cc: Planning Department Files
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