

MEMORANDUM

DECEMBER 5, 2013

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND
PETER MEADE, DIRECTOR

FROM: LINDA KOWALCKY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL SECTOR
MANAGEMENT
GERALD AUTLER, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER/PLANNER

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RUTH MULAN CHU
CHAO CENTER AT HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL

SUMMARY: This Memorandum requests authorization for the Secretary to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing at a date and time to be determined by the Director to consider the Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Center at Harvard Business School as a Development Impact Project within the Harvard University Institutional Master Plan.

INTRODUCTION

Harvard University (the “Proponent” or the “Harvard”) is seeking approval of the Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Center at Harvard Business School (“Chao Center” or “Proposed Project”) as a Development Impact Project.

The Chao Center is an Executive Education building of approximately 75,000 gross square feet proposed on the Harvard Business School campus in Boston. The prominent use in the Project is a dining facility for Harvard Business School’s Executive Education program. The building will also include classroom space, offices for staff, function rooms, and a kitchen. Improvements to outdoor space to support courtyard seating will also be included in the Proposed Project. There will be no new parking associated with the Proposed Project.

The Applicant is seeking the issuance of a Scoping Determination by the BRA pursuant to Section 80B-5 of the Boston Zoning Code (the “Code”). The BRA in the Scoping Determination for such PNF may waive further review pursuant to Section 80B-5.3(d) of the Code, if, after reviewing public comments, the BRA finds that the Project Notification Form submitted for the Proposed Project adequately describes the Proposed Project's impacts.

A scoping session was held on November 19, 2013 with public agencies and the Proposed Project has been discussed at multiple meetings of the Harvard-Allston Task Force.

An appropriate vote follows:

VOTED: That the Secretary be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise a Public Hearing before the Boston Redevelopment Authority on at a date and time to be determined by the Director to consider the Ruth Mulan Chu Chao Center at Harvard Business School as a Development Impact Project pursuant to Section 80B of the Boston Zoning Code.