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Application for Article 80 Small Project Review Boston Redevelopment Authority

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Architect: Pisani + Associates Architects

Legal Counsel: McDermott, Quilty & Miller, LLP

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> > March 10, 2014

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Brian Golden, Interim Director Boston Redevelopment Authority Boston City Hall One City Hall Square Boston, MA 02201

Re: ARTICLE 80 SMALL PROJECT REVIEW APPLICATION

70 Bremen Street

East Boston, Boston MA 02128

Dear Mr. Golden.

On behalf of 70 Bremen LLC, I am pleased to submit the enclosed application for Article 80 Small Project Review. We propose to build a five (5) story apartment building with thirty-four (34) residential units and one (1) ground floor commercial unit on the property located at 70 Bremen Street, East Boston. The project will incorporate the existing underutilized overflow parking lot of the former Rapino Funeral Home. Thirty (30) parking spaces for the building residents will be provided even though the project is within a five (5) minute walk to both the Maverick Square Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (the "MBTA") station, which provides access to points in downtown Boston and East Boston via the MBTA Blue Line and Bus Lines 114, 116, 117, and 120, and the Meridian Street MBTA bus stop, which services Bus Lines 114, 116, 117, and 120. Bicycle storage for thirty-four (34) bicycles will be provided.

Additionally, the project will provide five (5) units of affordable housing.

The proposed project will create much needed housing within the City and the East Boston neighborhood.

In order to adhere to the project's construction schedule, we are hopeful that the Article 80 Small Project Design Review can be successfully completed within the next fifty-five (55) days given the fact that there have been multiple meetings with and successful ongoing design review with the Boston Redevelopment Authority (the "BRA") staff and additional community meetings

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have been scheduled. We also look forward to meeting with you to receive and respond to comments from the BRA during that period.

We will be discussing the project with the BRA, local elected and appointed officials, abutters, neighbors, Neighborhood Groups, and other interested parties within the next several weeks.

We believe that the enclosed application should provide the BRA and other interested parties with a good understanding of the project and its proposed design. If there is any additional information that you feel may be required, please let me know and the project team will expedite its delivery.

Thank you for your consideration and, on behalf of 70 Bremen LLC, we look forward to working with you on this project.

Very truly yours,

Karen B. Simao, Esc

Enclosure

cc: Daniel Tauro, President 70 Bremen LLC

Anthony M. Pisani, A.I.A. NCARB

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

PROJECT TITLE: 70 Bremen Street

PROJECT LOCATION: 70 Bremen Street

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PROPOSED PROJECT:

The proposed Project, to be known as **70 Bremen Street**, will transform an existing 9,840 square foot overflow parking lot for the former Rapino Funeral Home, into a thirty-four (34) residential unit complex with one (1) ground floor commercial unit. Five (5) of the residential units will be designated affordable units.

The proposed 34 dwelling units will consist of twelve (12) two-bedroom units averaging approximately one thousand one hundred and twenty five (1,125) square feet; sixteen (16) one-bedroom units averaging six hundred and eighty (680) square feet, and six (6) studio units averaging six hundred and twenty-one (621) square feet. Additionally the project will provide Commercial Space on the ground floor which will be utilized by Logan Property Management Co. While the Project is within easy walking distance to the Maverick Square MBTA Station, the unit sizes are larger than the Minimum Square Footage Requirements for Downtown and Transit Oriented Developments as defined by BRA letter dated June 3, 2013 (copy attached).

The project provides thirty (30) off-street parking spaces and thirty-four (34) bicycle racks.

The project further recognizes the special conditions of East Boston life by providing accessibility for all dwelling units and the incorporation of "Sitting Porches" for the ground floor units.

The project requires Zoning Board of Appeal Relief.

The proposed new construction will respect the elevation of current and proposed nearby buildings, and will incorporate brick, metal panels and copper elements into the façade along with energy efficient "brise-soliel" sun screens.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PROJECT:

70 Bremen Street, East Boston MA 02128

Neighborhood District:

East Boston Neighborhood District – Article 53

Current zoning:

3F-2000

Current use:

Overflow Parking for former Rapino Funeral Home

Proposed use:

Multi-family Residential 34 Units (Forbidden use)

One (1) Commercial Unit for Retail/Professional Office

Space (Forbidden use)

Existing area:

9,840 SF

Proposed floor area:

29,700 SF (Excluding underground parking of approximately

6,500 SF)

Existing building height:

0'-0"

Proposed building height:

49'- 4'

Existing lot area:

9,840 SF

Number of proposed Units:

34 units (5 Affordable), 1 Commercial Retail Space

Usable Open Space:

2,762 SF consisting of open space and decks; 82 SF/unit

Off-street parking:

30 spaces

Bicycle storage

34 bicycle storage space

ZONING SUMMARY

DIMENSIONAL:	Required	Proposed
Maximum floor area ratio:	1.0	3.0
Maximum building height:	3 Stories / 35'	4 stories + parking =49'-8"
Minimum lot size:	2,000 SF	9,840 SF
Minimum lot area/DU:	1,000 SF	290 SF
Minimum usable open space/ DU:	300 SF	2,762 SF Space/decks 82SF/DU
Minimum lot width:	20'	123.00'
Minimum lot frontage:	20'	123.00°
Minimum front yard:	Align with	5' (aligned with Existing Abutters)
	Existing Abutters	,
Minimum side yard:	2'-6"	0' at grade 2'-6" above ground floor
Minimum rear yard:	30'	0' at grade 10'0" above ground floor
Off street parking:	58 (2.0/Unit)	
	4 (.7/Affordable Unit)	
	62 Total Spaces	30
Bicycle storage		34 bicycle storage spaces

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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TEAM

PROJECT:

70 Bremen Street East Boston MA

TEAM MEMBER

CONTACT

DEVELOPER:

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DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

February 24, 2014	Submit project to ISD for zoning review.
February 24, 2014	Receive letter of refusal from ISD, file appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals for zoning relief.
March 10, 2014	Submit Small Project Review Application to BRA
March – April 2014	Begin BRA Small Project Review and Neighborhood review process.
May 2014	ZBA grant required variances.
July 2014	Project permitting and begin construction.
April 2015	Complete construction.

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COMMUNITY BENEFITS / JOB GENERATION

70 Bremen Street project will create thirty-four (34) new dwelling units of which five (5) will be affordable units, in a neighborhood which is in need of additional housing. This project will provide off-street parking for thirty (30) vehicles.

Architecturally, this project will fill in the vacant land / over flow parking lot in the impressive streetscape of buildings making up this distinctive part of East Boston.

We estimate that this project will create over two-hundred and fifty (250) construction-related jobs.

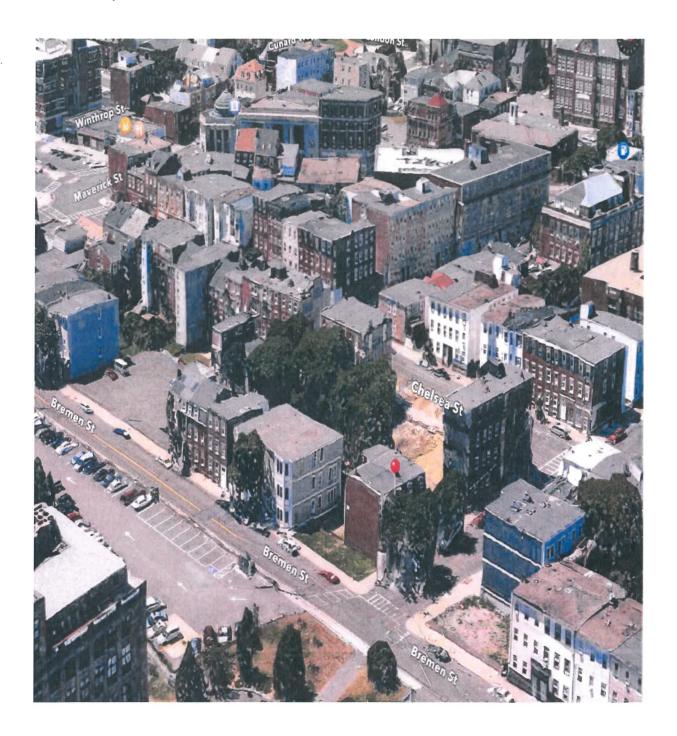
The project is currently budgeted to cost an estimated five and a half million (\$5,500,000.00) dollars.

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PROJECT SITE
70 Bremen Street

East Boston MA 02128

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PROJECT DRAWINGS 70 Bremen Street

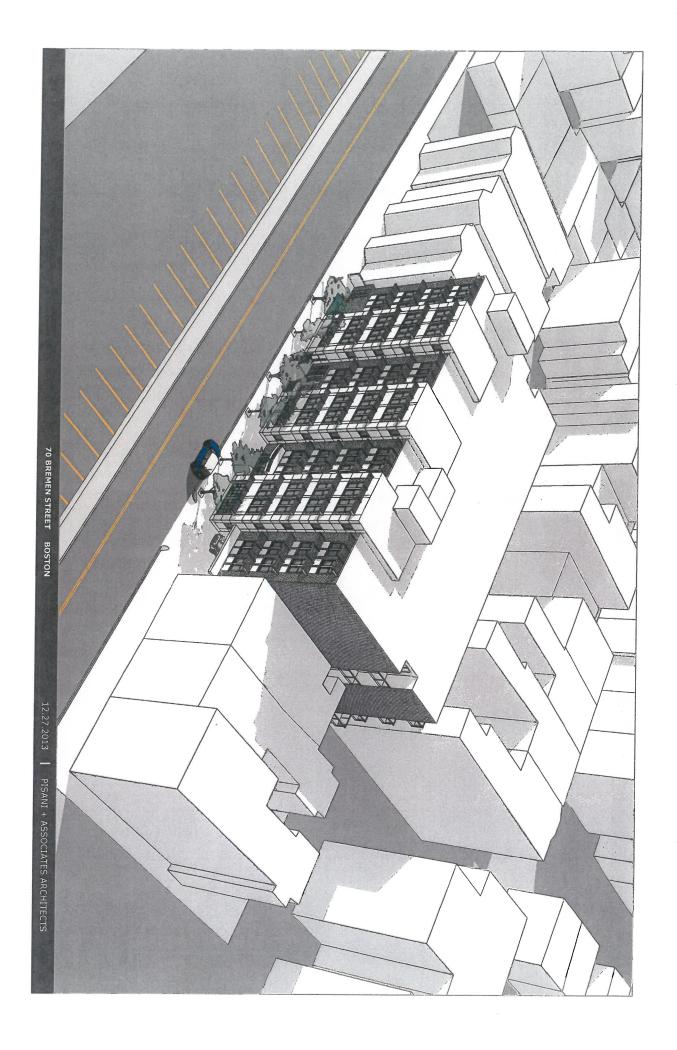
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ANTICIPATED PERMITS

Pursuant to the requirements of Small Project Review under Article 80 of the Boston Zoning Code, the Proposed Project shall undergo further public comment and community process. Prior to submitting this Article 80 Application, the project team visited the matter of this Proposed Project with local elected and appointed officials. This application includes the input received in the preliminary outreach process with interested parties.

The table below lists the public permits and approvals that are anticipated to be required for the project.

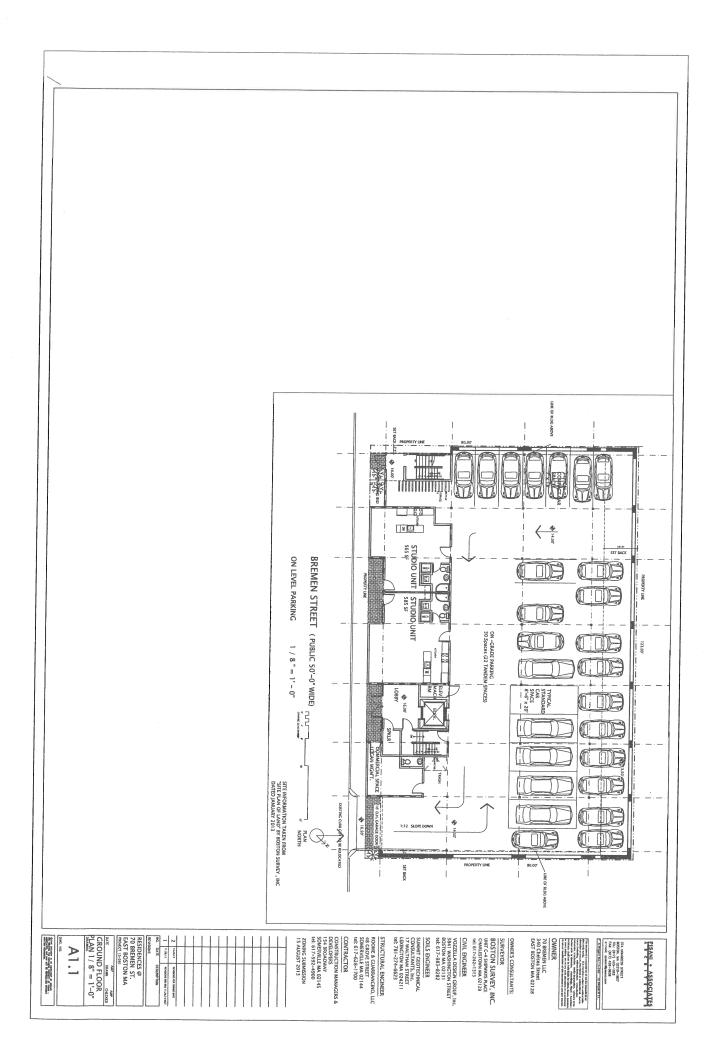
Anticipated Permits and Approvals

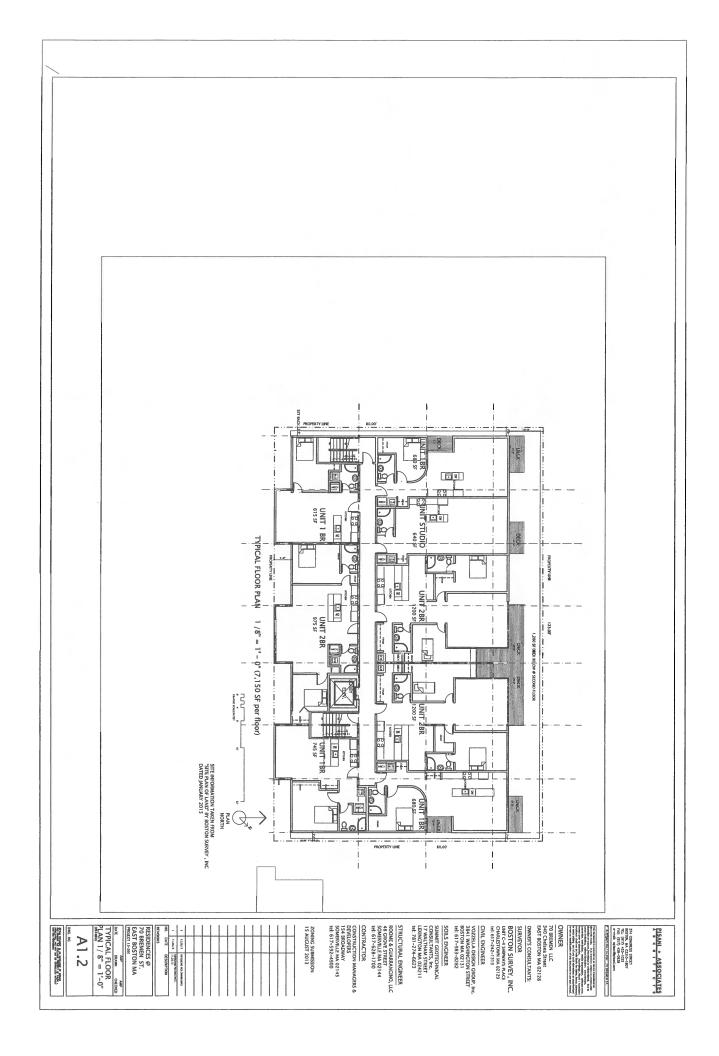
AGENCY		APPROVAL	
City	Boston Redevelopment Authority	•	Article 80 Small Project Review Application
	Boston Transportation Department	*	Construction Management Plan (if required)
	Boston Water and Sewer Commission	*	Site Plan approval for water and sewer connections
	Public Improvement Commission	•	Specific repair plan approval & Earth Retention Plan
	Zoning Board of Appeals	•	Variances & Conditional Use
	Public Works Department	•	Curb Cut Permit

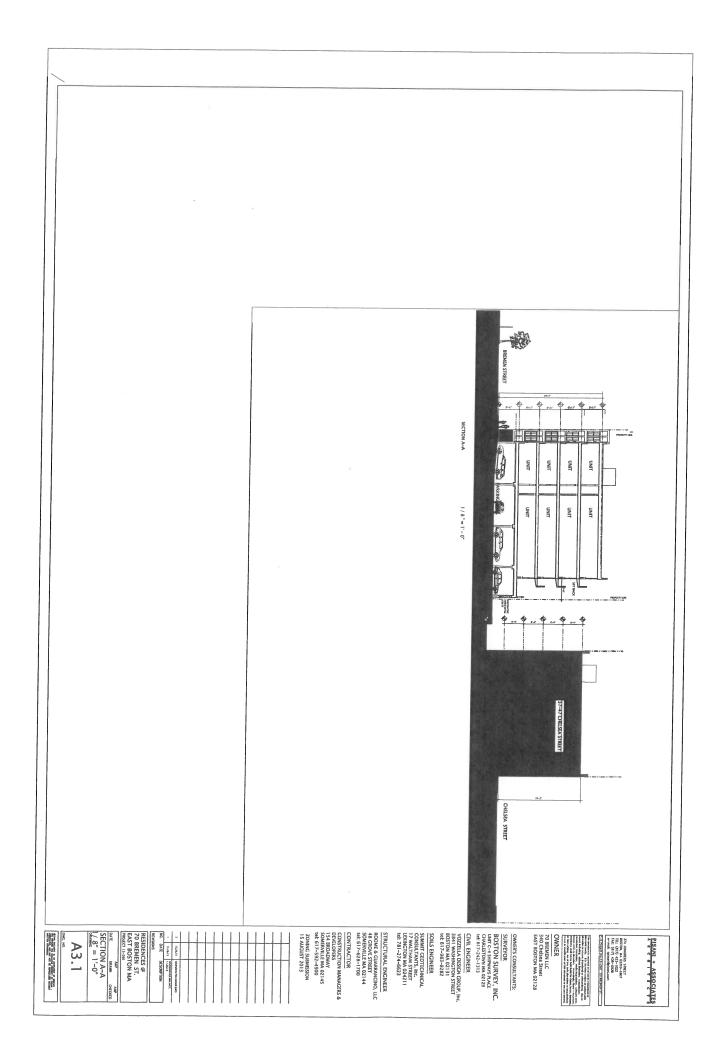
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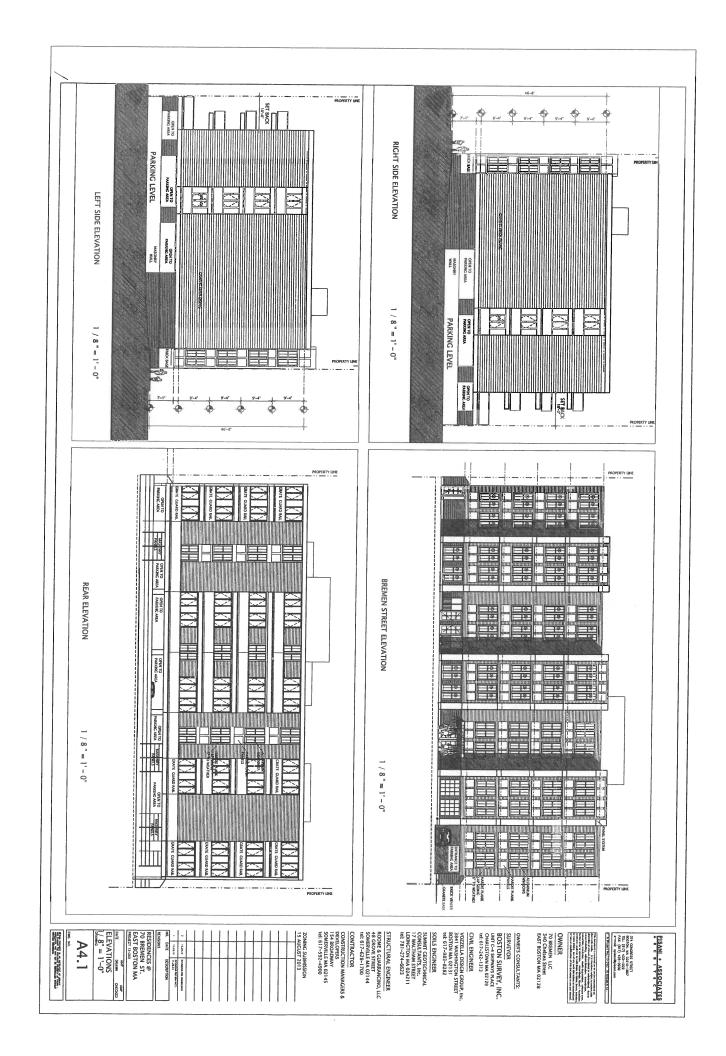
APPENDIX A

Architectural Plans and Elevations









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APPENDIX B

Permitting Application and Appeals

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This form must be completed and signed by the owner-of-record, their attorney and/or authorized agent. If form is not signed by property owner, please attach a signed letter of authorization designating the authorized agent.





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Mayor	Boston, Massachusetts. February 24 , 20 14
To the Board of Appeal in the Inspectional Services De	partment of the City of Boston:
The undersigned, being The Authoried Ag	gent Ownez(s) or authorized agent
of the lot at	1 Bast Boston / 3F-2000 ward district
hereby appeal(s) under St. 1956, c. 665, s. 8, to the Box	ard of Appeal in the Inspectional Services Department of the City
of Boston the action taken by the Inspectional Services	Commissioner as outlined in the attached refusal letter.
DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE REASON(S) FOR THIS The appeal seeks permission to erect a five (5) story multi retail/professional office space and thirty (30) interior part	-unit building with thirty-four (34) apartments with one (1) commercial un
STATE REASONS FOR THIS PROPOSAL Allowance of the within appeal will enable the Appellant bring new residents to the area and provide a new resident	to revitalize a currently unused location with a new residential building the ial building at the location.
PROVIDE REASONS WHY BOARD SHOULD GRANT Appellant submits that the Board should grant the requeste premises, replacing a currently unused lot. The proposed premises are unused site in the results of the proposed premises.	ed relief, as this appeal seeks to reasonably construct a new building at the project will help to accommodate the large demand for housing within the
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COMMENTS	
For these and other reasons more precisely enumerated at the public hearing before the Board, the Appellant respectfully requests the allowance of the within appeal.	OWNER 70 Bremen, LLC AUTHORIZED AGENT Rarey F. Simao, Esq.
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Thomas M. Menino Mayor

Boston Inspectional Services Planning and Zoning Division

Gary P. Moccia Inspector of buildings

Feb 24, 2014

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Zoning Refusal Letter

Jeff Drago

62B Commercial Wharf East

Boston, ma 02110

Re:

Application No.

Date Filed:

8/28/13

Location:

70 Bremen St.

ERT280574

Ward:

Purpose:

Erect a 5 story multi-unit building with 34 apartments with small shell for retail/professional office

space and 30 Interior parking spaces

YOUR APPLICATION REQUIRES RELIEF FROM THE BOARD OF APPEAL AS SAME WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE BOSTON ZONING CODE TO WIT: CHAPTER: 665, ACTS OF 1956 AS AMENDED:

ZONE: East Boston SUB-DISTRICT: 3f-2000

Article 53 Sec. 09	Dimensional Regulations in a Residential Sub-District	Insufficient additional lot area for #
Article 53 Sec. 08 Article 53 Sec. 08 Article 53 Sec. 09** Article 53 Sec. 12 Article 53 Sec. 9*** Article 53 Sec. 56 Article 53 Sec. 54 Article 53 Sec. 08 Article 53 Sec. 09 Article 53 Sec. 80E-2	Forbidden Use Forbidden Use Floor area ratio Height Excessive # of stories Exceeded Off-street parking/loading insufficient Screening and Buffering Forbidden Use Dimensional Regulations in a Residential Sub-District Maneuverability Small Project Review	of units proposed Professional office forbidden in Zone Retail Store forbidden in Zone FAR exceeded Height exceeded Proposed structure is over 3 stories Parking Insufficient Insufficient space MFR forbidden in a 3f zone Insufficient front yard Insufficient rear yard Insufficient open space Insufficient space Project consists of more than 15 Units

Note: This refusal letter is pertinent only to the City of Boston's Zoning ordinances and assumes no liabilities to any other jurisdictional departments or agency requirements. Pending the ZBA decision, all other building code review documents shall be required.

THIS DECISION MAY BE APPEALED TO THE BOARD OF APPEAL WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 665 OF THE ACTS OF 1956, AS AMENDED. APPLICATIONS NOT APPEALED WITHIN THAT TIME PERIOD WILL BE DEEMED ABANDONED. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL PROCESS. WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU READ THE ENCLOSED MATERIAL AND YOU MUST CONTACT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AT 617-635-3485 TO ENSURE THAT YOU TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE ANY REQUIRED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE BOARD OF APPEAL PROCESS FOR YOUR APPLICATION.

Francesco D'Amato

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