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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: New Bedford City Council

FROM: Anne Louro, Preservation Planner

DATE: July 15, 2020

RE: **BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW**
680 Rockdale Ave (Map 44, Lot 314)
Circa 1921, concrete block masonry and wood frame garage structure.

In accordance with the requirements of the New Bedford City Code, Article XI, Section 2-157 Demolition of Buildings, the Preservation Planner, designated to act on behalf of the New Bedford Historical Commission, has examined the structure located at the above-captioned site in order to determine its historical significance and whether it is in the public interest to preserve such structure.

Having reviewed the application for demolition I offer the following findings and recommendation in this matter to the New Bedford City Council:

- The structure is located in the Buttonwood Park National Register Historic District.
- The structure is of no notable historic significance either recorded or found with the existing condition of the structure.
- The structure suffered significant fire damage in 2019.

In light of these findings, the Preservation Planner has determined that the garage structure at 680 Rockdale Avenue is neither a Historically Significant nor a Preferably Preserved Structure.

cc: Emanuel Andrade, Contractor
Department of Inspectional Services
New Bedford Historical Commission



680 Rockdale Ave. rear garage structure

