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NEW BEDFORD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEMO: Action of the NBRA: Endorsement of the Waterfront Plan and Zoning Date: 4/29/2020

To: New Bedford Planning Board

This memo serves as a record of action taken by the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority (NBRA) regarding the Waterfront Redevelopment Plan and Zoning Project.

On Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 6PM, the NBRA held a virtual meeting, and received a presentation from Emily Innes of Harriman. The NBRA was charged with taking action on the Plan (only), however, the board received an overview of the proposed zoning changes associated with the plan. The NBRA voted to endorse the Waterfront Redevelopment Plan and entered the following language into the record:

"Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 121B and 760 CMR 12.02, the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority does hereby determine that the area within the boundaries of the New Bedford Waterfront Redevelopment Plan (Focus Area North and Focus Area South), dated March 2020, constitutes a decadent, substandard or blighted open area and that the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority does hereby approve the said New Bedford Waterfront Redevelopment Plan (Focus Areas North and Focus Area South) for consideration and approval by the appropriate municipal officers of the City of New Bedford, and by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development."

The motion being properly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved five 5 to zero (0).

Voting Body:
Paul Chasse, Chair – Yes
Carol Pimentel, Clerk – Yes
David Kennedy – Yes
Pete Selley – Yes
John Walsh – Yes

Next Steps

The following figure 1 depicts a visual representation of the approval process of the Waterfront Redevelopment Plan and Zoning.

FIGURE I

NBRA April 14 **Determination of Necessity**

Planning Board

May 13 Conformance with Master Plan **City Council**

September 10 or 24 Set Public Hearing Notify MassHistoric

Committee of the City Council

Late September/ Early October Review and Recommendation

City Council

October 8 or 22 Public Hearing and Vote

NBRA/City Solicitor Review

Submit to DHCD

DHCD Review (60 days)

DHCD Approval (may be conditional on MEPA)

Submit ENF to MEPA

Distribute to agencies

Notice in paper 30 days prior to *Environmental Monitor*

Comment Period

20 days from publication in Environmental Monitor

MEPA Approval

30 days from publication in *Environmental Monitor*