

MEMORANDUM

MAY 16, 2012

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 THE SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
BOSTON COLLEGE 2150 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE RESIDENCE
HALL PROJECT

SUMMARY: This Memorandum requests authorization for the Secretary to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing on June 13, 2013 at 5:45 p.m., or a date and time to be determined by the Director, to consider the Boston College 2150 Commonwealth Avenue Residence Hall Project.

INTRODUCTION

The Trustees of Boston College ("Proponent") have filed an Institutional Master Plan Notification Form for Amendment and Renewal ("IMP/NF") for the 2009 Boston College Institutional Master Plan. The purpose of this filing is (1) to seek an amendment to the 2009 Boston College Institutional Master Plan ("the IMP") to reflect de minimus dimensional changes to the 2150 Commonwealth Avenue Proposed Institutional Project and (2) to seek a renewal of the IMP as required by Article 51, Allston-Brighton Neighborhood District zoning of the Boston Zoning Code ("Code").

The Proponent has also filed a Project Notification Form ("PNF") for the 2150 Commonwealth Avenue Residence Hall ("Proposed Project") to be located at 2150 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

The Proposed Project will include a student residence building which will house 484 students in a mixture of 4-bed and 6-bed apartments and will be up to 80 feet in height. The program for the 245,000 gross square foot, 6-story building also includes 2 adult-in-residence apartments, common areas, outdoor spaces, and a new home for the Boston College Health Services Department. The Proposed Project includes demolition of the existing building on the site and the creation of 22 exterior parking spaces. The Proposed Project will be located on a parcel of land consisting of approximately 146,575 square feet of land area.

ARTICLE 80 REVIEW

The Proponent is seeking issuance of a Scoping Determination by the BRA pursuant to Section 80D-5 of the Code. The BRA in the Scoping Determination for the IMPNF may waive further review pursuant to Section 80D-5.2(e), if, after reviewing public comments, the BRA finds that that there are no new Proposed Institutional Projects, there are no changes to the projects in the IMP other than de minimus dimensional changes, and there are no significantly greater impacts than originally projected in the IMP.

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

The IMP Amendment and Proposed Project have been reviewed and discussed at community meetings and with the BRA-appointed 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 Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 5:45 p.m., or a date and time to be determined by the Director, to consider the Boston College 2150 Commonwealth Avenue Residence Hall, pursuant to Section 80B of the Boston Zoning Code.