

South End NRZ Zoom Minutes Feb 8th, 2022

Present: 28 Participants

Terry Adams opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

Representatives from the State Historic Preservation Office of Dept. of Economic & Community Development went over each item on the South End Historic Preservation Capital Grant application which is due No Later than March 1st, 2022. The representatives emphasized that there is no deficiency period so applications must be submitted by March 1st. Each applicant can request a maximum of \$10,000.00 with a 15% match of \$1,500.00. For those with a demonstrated hardship the match will be a flat fee of \$500.00. It was again emphasized that the eligible properties must be located within the South End National Register Historic District and occupied by the property owner.

Bill Hennessey of Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey Law firm gave a presentation of the proposed development for Heyman Properties that will be located on 3 front streets, Canal Street, Dock Street & John Street. The proposed development will include two eighteen story towers in a category 9 zone. The building will be primarily residential with 276-1 bedrooms, 61 2- bedrooms, 28 3-bedrooms and 31 studios. Most of the units will have balconies and the building will be designed to look like a bunch of buildings rather than just one single high rise. There will be an eatery at street level that will be open to the public along with two outside areas, one on canal street and the other area on the west side. The building will be marginally in a Fema Flood zone so it will have to be elevated. There will be 429 parking spaces with two garage entrances (the John street entrance will take you up to 4 levels of parking). Bill mentioned that they wanted to make this building best in class so the owner wants to create something of interest with class. The project has not gone to zoning but there were was positive feedback from the NRZ members that the proposed building looked v nice and it would bring a dramatic change to that area.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p

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