

ACTION SHEET

**DEMOLITION REVIEW COMMITTEE
PORTSMOUTH, NH**

**EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE**

6:30 P.M.

January 23, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Moreau, Chairman; Robert Marsilia, Chief Building Inspector; Barbara Ward, Portsmouth Historical Society Representative; John Wyckoff, Historic District Commission Representative; Nicholas Cracknell, Planning Director Designee

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Sullivan, City Attorney

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MEETING TO DISCUSS: 98 SUMMER STREET (a.k.a. 125 Austin Street)

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 19, 2018

*It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote (5-0) to **approve** the minutes as presented.*

II. PRESENTATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Commission heard a presentation by Michael De La Cruz of 64 Austin Street. The presentation covered the following topics:

- History of Building and Community
- Church Goals Related to the Property
- Community Goal: Historic Preservation
- The Demolition/Parking Lot Plan
- Parking
- The Church as Landlord and “Best Practices”
- Building Repurposing Options: (A-G)
- Conclusions

No formal action was taken by the Committee.

III. RESPONSE FROM THE APPLICANT

Applicant, Attorney Peter Loughlin, noted the Church would examine the presentation while reaching a decision.

No formal action was taken by the Committee.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission heard from one member of the public in regards to the presentation of alternatives.

No formal action was taken by the Committee.

V. DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

After due deliberation, the Committee voted unanimously (**5-0**) that the request be delayed for the maximum (90) ninety days under the Demolition Ordinance with the following **stipulations:**

1. Prior to the demolition, the applicant shall provide a written and pictorial record of the buildings history and architectural features to be accepted by the Portsmouth Planning Department, Portsmouth Advocates, and the Portsmouth Athenaeum. The report shall be prepared by an architectural historian certified under state law and include a narrative accompanied by photographs, drawings, maps, and copies of original documents. In addition, the applicant shall allow the Portsmouth Advocates access to assist in the recording of the historic aspects of the property.

2. The Committee recommends using an interpretive sign either on the property or in the City's right-of-way.

3. The applicant agrees to salvage any architecturally significant elements that would be a benefit to the Parish and wider community.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:18 p.m., it was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote (5-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Izak Gilbo
Planning Department Administrative Clerk