



Eight Streets Neighborhood Association
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Mr. Robert Shortsleeve, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeal
1010 Massachusetts Ave, 4th floor
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To Whom it May Concern,

At the June 6, 2007 meeting of the Eight Streets Neighborhood Association, Peter Chin, co-owner of 18 Milford Street came to the neighborhood to gain support in attaining variances for outstanding renovations done back in 1981. The outstanding issues that he presented to us that require variances include: a roof deck with stair enclosure/headhouse, change occupancy from 3 to 4 (4 family with basement/garden apartment), 2 decks on back of building.

Mr. Chin presented plans from initial construction in 1981 along with lease documents from 1982 that show that this building has always had 4 units with the bottom unit being a basement/garden apartment. His plans also show that the decks on the back of the units are actually smaller than currently allowed and that the roof deck with roof enclosure is not visible from the street. Mr. Chin has reached out to abutters on either side of 18 Milford St and has gathered their support and is currently seeking to attain letters from other neighbors as well. Mr. Chin answered all neighborhood questions and explained that he wants to make sure the building has all proper paperwork and variances moving forward.

By a unanimous vote of the Eight Streets Neighborhood Association members that were in attendance, the association voted to support Mr. Chin seeking variances for: a roof deck with stair enclosure/headhouse, changing occupancy from 3 to 4 (4 family with basement/garden apartment), and having 2 decks on back of building.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns on this subject.

Thank you.

Yours,

Heather Slaby
Secretary
Eight Streets Neighborhood Association

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CC: Meghan Haggerty, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Neighborhood Coordinator for the South End & Bay Village, Room 708, One City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA 02201
CC: Bill Linahan, District 2 City Councillor for the South End at Boston City Hall