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Inspectional Services Department
Zoning Board of Appeal
1010 Massachusetts Ave, 4th floor
Boston, MA 02118

To Whom it May Concern,

At the September 5, 2007 meeting of the Eight Streets Neighborhood Association, Geno Ranaldi, new owner of 298 Shawmut Avenue came before the neighborhood seeking approval for several changes to the building. Mr. Ranaldi and one of his business partners, Mr. Mark Doherty, had come before Eight Streets in May to discuss some of the changes they wanted to make. At this meeting they came to us seeking a formal letter of support.

Mr. Ranaldi presented plans for the changes planned for 298 Shawmut Ave. There were many aesthetic changes in the presented plans, including rear decks, a rear dormer change, a roof deck, and a change in the rear fire escape structure. There were various visual changes proposed for the two street sides of the building, all of which would have to be approved by Landmarks. Mr. Ranaldi is also planning to make the building all residential, and have no commercial space in the building.

There were some general design questions from the membership. Mr. Ranaldi and Mr. Doherty answered all questions and there were no objections to the design as presented. Resident Timothy Cronin believed the two 2nd story false windows may have originally been constructed to be false. He will do some research and continue talks with Mr. Ranaldi and Landmarks.

Eight Streets voted to *not oppose* Mr. Ranaldi's plans for 298 Shawmut as presented.

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

Thank you.

Regards,

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: Boston Landmark Commission, c/o Environment Department, Room 805, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201