



November 20, 2007

Honorable Mayor James E. Doyle
Pawtucket City Hall
137 Roosevelt Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Dear Mayor Doyle:

The Steering Committee for the Pawtucket Alliance for Downtown Success (PADS) would like to thank you for attending the PADS-Lost Chord Music Festival Halloween party on October 26, 2007. We appreciate that you took time after attending the opening reception of the Rhode Island Antiques Mall to attend our event. It is encouraging that properties like Jabbour Electronics and The Grant are revitalized and now offer new retail opportunities and creative spaces for the residents of Pawtucket.

In the spirit of economic revitalization and open communication, we write inquire about the status of the Pawtucket/Central Falls Train Station and site. In particular we would like to know:

- When the current owner will begin the process of placing the property on the National Register of Historic Places, per Stipulation Five in the Settlement Agreement of July 3, 2007, and what timeline has been established for this process;
- When previous damage to the Train Station caused by the current owner will be repaired per Stipulation Two of the Settlement Agreement;
- When the building will be weatherproofed in accordance with Stipulation Three of the Agreement; and
- What actions the City has taken since completion of the VHB feasibility study to secure state and federal funding for a commuter rail stop at or near the site per Stipulation 6 of the Agreement.

We urge the City to make the above initiatives a priority for the site and not let five years pass before they are completed. We ask the questions about the condition of the building because we are now approaching the second winter season since demolition of the Train Station was initiated by the owner on December 6, 2006.

PADS also urges the City to take measures to insure that the repair work complies with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Historic Rehabilitation* so that the building retains the historic integrity required for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Failure to insure compliant repair work could possibly jeopardize eligibility for federal transportation funding and preservation tax credits.

We look forward to your response regarding the status of the above items contained in the July 3 Settlement Agreement. As is our practice with civic matters, we will post the PADS Steering Committee letter and your response on our website in order to keep interested residents and businesses apprised of the progress on the Pawtucket/Central Falls Train Station site.

Sincerely,

The PADS Steering Committee

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