## Planning and Urban Development Department Planning Division



**Subject:** B-2b Design Review – 89 Anderson Street

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The project at 88 Preble Street was reviewed according to the *City of Portland Design Manual* standards by Caitlin Cameron, Urban Designer against *the B-2b Commercial Business Zones Standards* (Section (d) of the Design Manual).

## Design Review Comments:

## (d) B-2b Commercial Business Zones

Standard (1) a. Urban Street Wall – Met – Project is located on or near the property line and creates strong street walls on all street-facing facades. Fence and landscaping maintain the street wall.

Standard (1) b. Mixed Uses - Not applicable

Standard (1) c. Building Entrances – Met – Primary building entrance is oriented to the street.

Standard (1) d. Windows – Met – Ground floor street frontage has an adequate amount of fenestration and at a level that provides some views into the building while maintaining some privacy for the users. **Fenestration should meet the minimum transparency standard.** 

Standard (1) e. Façade Character – Met – Street-facing facades are oriented to and/or adjacent to public sidewalk. Fenestration is set higher than for a retail space in deference to ramp and desire for some privacy of users.

Standard (1) f. Building Design – Overall, the building design is compatible with the surrounding context in its scale, roof pitch, and fenestration. Although multi-story building design would be preferable here, one story is allowed by zoning and the applicant has designed a tall one-story that meets the datum line of the adjoining building.

Standard (1) g. Building Materials –Met – Material choices seem appropriate and in character with the surrounding context. It was suggested to applicant that the more durable concrete base be brought up higher on Preble Street.

Standard (1) h. Building Scale - Not applicable

Standard (1) i. Landscaping and Buffers – Met – Fence and landscaping proposed to screen yard, dumpster, and service area.