

Bay Village Historic District Commission
Public Hearing Minutes
Boston City Hall, Room 709
Boston, Massachusetts, 02201

June 11, 2019

Commissioners Present: Stephen Dunwell, Anne Kilguss, Ruth Knopf and Kathleen McDermott.

Commissioners Absent: Thomas Hotaling and Richard Yeager.

Staff Present: Joseph Cornish

4:00 PM Commissioner McDermott called the public hearing to order.

Design Review

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Marginal Road – Between Arlington Street and Fayette Street (Josiah Quincy Upper School 152 Arlington Street)
Proposed Work: Replace existing City-owned light pole with a 6-sided metal pole painted to match the concrete color of the existing pole with metal cabinet base and small cell wireless antenna system at top of pole.

Representative: Michael Giaimo

Mr. Giaimo presented photos of existing conditions and plans for proposed work. Staff summarized the Boston Landmarks Commission's preference for light pole replacement with small cell wireless antenna systems to be located outside historic district boundaries. When this is not possible, locations at large intersections are preferred rather than mid-block locations that will interrupt the setting of the streetscape. Locations that block views of significant buildings should also be avoided.

The Commission asked if other locations had been explored, specifically the two light poles located nearby that are outside the boundary of the district (one on the Arlington Street overpass and one on the Tremont Street overpass). Mr. Giaimo explained that these two poles are located on the Mass Pike right of way and cannot be replaced.

There was no public comment.

In conclusion the Commission voted to approve the application as presented citing that the proposed location is on the edge of the district, and will not adversely visually alter the historic setting of the district.

Commissioner McDermott initiated the motion and Commissioner Dunwell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

Review and Ratification of 5/14/2019 Public Hearing Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented. R. Knopf initiated the motion and S. Dunwell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (SD, AK, RK, KM)

Staff Updates

Staff reported that Commissioner McDermott contacted the president of the Bay Village Neighborhood Association to schedule a meeting with staff to discuss next steps for moving forward with the revised guidelines. The meeting will take place on June 25, 2019.

4:15 PM Commissioner McDermott adjourned the public hearing.