



ABERDEEN ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION

Public Hearing Minutes

Boston City Hall, Piemonte Room
Boston, MA, 02201

August 13, 2020

Commissioners Present: Nakeeda Burns, John Bligh, Helen Pillsbury, Kirsten Hoffman,
Sharon Cayley

Staff Present: Nicholas Armata, Senior Preservation Planner

4:00 P.M. Commissioner Burns called the public hearing to order.

I. VIOLATION

APP # 21.0093 AB 19 Wallingford Road

Applicant: John Lydon

Proposed Work: Ratification of unapproved work at front façade of property that includes, landscaping, window widening, window wells and hand rails.

The applicant explained how the project got to where it was without the approval from the Commission. The project was approved by the ZBA for an additional unit of living at the basement level. In order to make the space legal, a second means of egress was required. The basement windows were widened in order to do so. Additionally, a hand rail was required for the front steps. The yard was also dug up for landscaping that was also not approved.

There was no public comment for this project.

The Commission discussed the details of the project, and were concerned with the new egress space because it was altering the profile of the row house in a block that is made of identical row houses. The Commission stated that one of the characteristics of the block is that the townhouses are all similar in design. There were some properties that had modifications but they occurred prior to the district being formed. The Commissioner discussed the hand rail and decided that it was suitable enough because it did not detract from the architecture of the structure AND there was little evidence to show what the front stoop looked like.



In conclusion, the application was approved with the following provisos:

- That the basement windows are returned to their original condition
- That the rail is approved as submitted
- That the landscaping is approved as submitted.

N. Burns motioned to approve the application, H. Pillsbury seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 (NB, JB, HP, KH, SC).

II. Ratification of Meeting Minutes from 7/9/2020

Staff did not have the meeting minutes prepared in time for this meeting, thus no vote was taken.

III. Advisory Review

An advisory review was held for 1789 Commonwealth Avenue to discuss a potential redevelopment plan. No vote was taken.

An advisory review was held for 124 Lanark Road roofing materials to discuss options for repairing the roof. No vote was taken.

IV. Staff Updates

V. Adjourn – 5:38 PM.

S. Cayley motioned to adjourn the hearing. N. Burns seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 (NB, JB, HP, KH, SC).