



**Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission
Public Hearing Minutes**

Boston City Hall, Piemonte Room
Boston, MA, 02201

April 11, 2019

Commissioners Present: *David Berarducci, John Karoff, Thomas Rodde*

Staff Present: *Nicholas Armata, Senior Preservation Planner*

6:22 Commissioner Berarducci called the public hearing to order.

I. DESIGN REVIEW

APP # 19.946 FPC 12 THOMSON PLACE

Applicant: Chris Staal; Forcepoint Federal LLC

Proposed Work: At front canopy, install signage.

The applicant provided the details for the proposal, which consists of replacing the former RUETERS sign with a FORCEPOINT sign. The sign is to be affixed on the front canopy and have a backlit halo-like sign. The lighting source will not be visible from any vantage point.

The Commissioners saw no issues on the proposal but did ask for the applicant to elaborate on the setup of the lighting source.

In conclusion, the Commission voted to approve the application as submitted

J. KAROFF motioned to APPROVE the application, T. RODDE seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (DB, JK, and TR).



APP # 19.992 FPC 374 Congress Street

Applicant: Bill Whitlock; Pink Taco

Proposed Work: At business entrance, install canopy and signage. Install patio area pavers, planters, lighting, and dining furniture.

The applicant provided the details to the dining patio being proposed for the space adjacent to 374 Congress Street facing Boston Wharf Road. Originally, the applicant had proposed an enclosed dining area but later decided on a more simplified design. The current proposal consists of simple brick pavers installed on the entire surface and planters lining the peripherals lining the street/sidewalk. The main entrance facing Boston Wharf Road will have a simplified awning made of metal I-Beams and a covered roof. The patio furniture will be simple with pink umbrellas with the restaurant logo on the sides. The entire space will be strung with colored string lights affixed to the façade on one side and several metal poles on the street side.

The Commissioners recommended several changes to the design. First there was a consensus that the metal poles that the string lights were affixed to should be simple I-beams. These string lights would remain up throughout the year. The umbrellas on the patio should be black with a small pink logo in order to tone down the color and incorporate better with the neighborhood aesthetic. The planters should have the logo removed, and a planting plan would be required for the final approval.

In conclusion, the Commission voted to approve the application with the provisos that the logos on the planters are removed, the planting plan is to be submitted to staff for final review and the umbrellas are to be black with a pink logo.

T. RODDE motioned to APPROVE the application, J. KAROFF seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (DB, JK, TR).



II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL:

APP # 19.943 FPC 345 A Street: At street level facing A Street, install small concrete pad over the existing gravel area.

J. KAROFF motioned to **APPROVE** the administrative items, **T. RODDE** seconded the motion. The vote was **3-0 (DB, JK, TR)**.

III. RATIFICATION OF MEETING MINUTES FROM 03/14/2019

T. RODDE motioned to **APPROVE** the minutes, **J. KAROFF** seconded the motion. The vote was **3-0 (DB, JK, TR)**.

IV. Staff Updates

V. Adjourn – 6:55 pm

T. RODDE motioned to adjourn the hearing. **J KAROFF** seconded the motion. The vote was **3-0 (DB, JK, TR,)**.