



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

Boston City Hall, Piemonte Room  
Boston, MA, 02201

**JULY 11, 2019**

**Commissioners Present:** David Berarducci, John Karoff, Lynn Smiledge, Thomas Rodde, Susan Goganian

**Staff Present:** Nicholas Armata, Senior Preservation Planner

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**6:01** Commissioner Berarducci called the public hearing to order.

**I. DESIGN**

**APP # 19.1418 FPC: 5 Necco Street**

**Applicant:** Peter Cavanaugh, General Electric

**Proposed Work:** Adjustments to the previously-approved windows, signage, landscaping and bridge

The applicant presented modifications to the previously-approved proposal, which included eliminating the installation of four new window openings at the west facade from the application; updating the location of the GE Monogram at the façade to an area between the first and second bays, and eliminating the words “General Electric” from the proposed signage; modifying the address lettering at the Necco Street façade (“5 Necco Street”); increasing the height of a concrete column base structural support underneath the bridge; modifying and shifting the fenestration pattern at the bridge to include three double windows at the center three bays and two half windows at the first and fifth bays. The applicant also presented modifications to the previously-approved landscaping, including replacing the bistro patio with hydroseed until a bistro tenant is identified and increasing the landscape area to surround the previously approved courtyard walkway.

Regarding the modifications to the signage at the west façade, the commission discussed whether the GE Monogram should remain in its originally approved space, as shifting the location would prevent GE from adding lettering in the future. It was later determined that the modified location was fine.



With regard to the modifications at the bridge, the commission discussed the higher concrete column and would like it to be painted or stained to match the metal support so that its appearance is less conspicuous. The applicant noted that they investigated making the column wider instead of higher, but it was not possible due to ADA requirements. The commission also discussed the proposed adjustment and shifts to the window fenestration and determined that the proposed modifications were acceptable.

Regarding the proposed change to the landscaping at the bistro patio, the commission questioned if the pavers would remain and the applicant confirmed they would.

During public comment, Sara McCammond of the Fort Point Channel Neighborhood Association asked for clarification as to the location of proposed “5 Necco Street” lettering. She also noted surprise that the GE logo was not centered on the west elevation. Lastly, she asked for clarification if the proposed patio space would remain a patio space and the applicant confirmed it would. Scott Lindberg commented on the importance of the architect that built these properties.

**S. Goganian motioned to approve the application. L. Smiledge seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 (DB, JK, LS, SG, and TR).**

**II. Ratification of Meeting Minutes from 06/13/2019.**

**S. Goganian motioned to approve the minutes. L. Smiledge seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 (DB, JK, LS, SG, and TR).**

**III. Staff Updates**

**IV. Adjourn – 6:22**

**S. Goganian motioned to adjourn the meeting. L. Smiledge seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 (DB, JK, LS, SG, and TR).**