



City of Boston
Environment



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Mayor Kim Janey

**ABERDEEN ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Boston City Hall, Piemonte Room
Boston, MA, 02201

MAY 13, 2021

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: *Nakeeda Burns, Helen Pillsbury, Sharon Cayley, Kirsten Hoffman*

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: *John Bligh*

STAFF PRESENT: Nicholas Armata, Senior Preservation Planner.

I. VIOLATION

4:00 PM *Commissioner Burns called the public hearing to order. She explained that, pursuant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, that the public hearing was being conducted virtually via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. She also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. There were no members of the press present.*

Following this brief introduction she called the first design application.

APP # 21.0930 AB 156 STRATHMORE ROAD

Applicant: Francisco Triana

Proposed Work: Ratification of violation of deconstruction of staircase without AACDC or building department approval.

Project Representatives: *Francisco Triana, Neil Redlener*

Documents Presented: *Existing conditions photographs, plans for project, cut sheets for surface materials, original condition photos (prior to the work)*

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Discussion Topics (brief):

- Existing conditions
- Need for work
- Materials used
- Planting details
- HVAC Condenser location
- Green space removed
- Stairway kick plate

Public Comment: None

COMMISSIONER PILLSBURY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH PROVISOS, COMMISSIONER CAYLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (NB, SC, KH, and HP).

PROVISOS:

- That the driveway is pushed back to the area just before the “bump out” of the home. The materials used are approved.
- That there will be footpaths in the original dimensions at the rear of the structure where one existed prior and one leading to the front door from both the sidewalk and the driveway. The remaining space must be grass or landscaped.
- That the HVAC equipment will be hidden from view with plantings and that a planting plan for the property is submitted to staff for final approval.
- That the stairs and current plantings are approved as submitted.
- That a fascia board is installed at the front stairs that matches the color of the structures trim or siding; applicant’s choice.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL: In order to expedite the review process, the commission has delegated the approval of certain work items, such as those involving ordinary maintenance and repair, restoration or replacement, or which otherwise have a minimal impact on a building’s appearance, to commission staff pending ratification at its monthly public hearing. **Having been identified as meeting these eligibility criteria and all applicable guidelines, the following applications will be approved at this hearing:**

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► Applicants whose projects are listed under this heading **NEED NOT APPEAR** at the hearing. Following the hearing, you will be issued a Determination Sheet to present at the Inspectional Services Department (1010 Massachusetts Avenue) as proof of project approval when applying for permits. ISD personnel will send an electronic copy of your building-permit application to the commission staff for review. (To avoid potential confusion, the text of your building-permit application should be consistent with the project description given below.) Commission staff will accordingly authorize the execution of the work, attaching any applicable provisos, reflecting the relevant guidelines and precedents. electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness; this will be valid for one year from the date of the hearing. The applicant is required to notify the commission of any project changes; failure to do so may affect the status of the approval. If you have any questions not addressed by the above information, please contact staff at 617.635.3850 or aberdeenacdc@boston.gov. Thank you.

► **PLEASE NOTE THAT FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF THE DETERMINATION SHEET NO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE APPLICATIONS LISTED BELOW.**

APP # 21.0931 AB 1680-1682 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

Applicant: Catherine Macalpine

Proposed Work: Joint repointing in kind; replace deteriorated sills and lintels in kind. Repaint black metal rails. Install chimney caps.

COMMISSIONER CAYLEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION, COMMISSIONER BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (NB, SC, KH, and HP).

III. RATIFICATION OF 4/8/2021 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER BURNS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES, COMMISSIONER CAYLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (NB, SC, KH, and HP).

IV. STAFF UPDATES

V. ADJOURN – 5:10 PM

COMMISSIONER BURNS MOTIONED TO ADJORN THE HEARING. COMMISSIONER CAYLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (NB, SC, KH, and HP).