



BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL DISTRICT COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Held virtually via Zoom

March 16, 2023

Commissioners Present: Arian Allen, Edward Fleck, Annette Given, Mark Kiefer, Alice Richmond, Wen Wen

Commissioners Absent: Ralph Jackson, Curtis Kemeny

Staff Present: Nicholas Armata, Senior Preservation Planner; Kira Torrieri, Preservation Assistant

Members of the press present: Dan Murphy, Beacon Hill Times, announced his presence

A full recording of the hearing is available at:

<https://www.boston.gov/historic-district/south-end-landmark-district>

5:02 PM: Chair M. Kiefer called the public hearing to order. He 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. He also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing.

Following this brief introduction He called the first design review application.

I. VIOLATIONS

VIO # 23.0231 BH

TIME 5:06 PM

ADDRESS: 87 BEACON STREET

Applicant: Daniel Settelmayer

Proposed work: Ratification of the unapproved intercom system.

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: Aileen Benson, resident, and Don Mills, architect, were the project representatives.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: The Commissioners reviewed a presentation consisting of photos of existing conditions, plans, and details for the proposed work.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: The Commissioners discussed the appropriateness of the proposed hinged cover, similar units approved on other properties

PUBLIC COMMENT: Holland Ward, Beacon Hill Civic Association, supported ratification of the violation.



COMMISSIONER M KIEFER MOTIONED TO RATIFY THE VIOLATION AND APPROVE THE APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER A. ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 6-0 (YES: AA, MK, EF, AG, AR, WW) (NO: NONE) (ABSTAIN/ABSENT: RJ CK).

VIO # 23.0629 BH

TIME 5:18 PM

ADDRESS: 6 LOUISBURG SQUARE

Applicant: Sandra Jahnes; Ruhl Jahnes Architects

Proposed work: Ratification of the unapproved EV charging port cover.

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: Sandra Jahnes and William Ruhl were the project representatives.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: The Commissioners reviewed a presentation consisting of photos of existing conditions, plans, and details for the proposed work.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: The Commissioners discussed the dimensions and appearance of the charging port cover, what was approved versus what was installed, other area examples on Louisburg Square. They encouraged the applicant to find a smaller option.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Holland Ward, BHAC, supported ratification of the violation due to the minimal visibility of the installation. Robert Whitney, neighbor, opposed the application and encouraged a less visible design.

COMMISSIONER M KIEFER MOTIONED TO CONTINUE THE APPLICATION FOR ONE MONTH WITH THE REQUEST THAT THE APPLICANT RESEARCH OTHER POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS AS DETAILED BELOW. COMMISSIONER A. ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 6-0 (YES: AA, MK, EF, AG, AR, WW) (NO: NONE) (ABSTAIN/ABSENT: RJ CK).

- *That the applicant research other possible solutions for a cover that is more appropriate for the district.*
- *That the applicant researches whether the dimensional parameters can be met as previously approved from the original application.*

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

TIME: 6:20 PM

APP # 23.0663 BH 39 BRIMMER STREET: Install coastal 8000 storm windows with clear glass in dark bronze finish on one window on level one and two windows on level three of front facade.

APP # 23.0683 BH 141 CHARLES STREET: At front facade, level two, replace six, non-original, 1 over 1, double hung, wood windows with six, 1 over 1, double hung, wood windows. A black spacer bar between the two panes of glass.

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APP # 23.0608 BH 57 HANCOCK STREET: Restore existing windows. Repair/replace damaged sills and brickmould in kind as needed.

APP # 23.0595 BH 32 MYRTLE STREET: Repair and replace elements of fire escape. Repaint to match existing. Reposition second level supports to match historic profile. Repair masonry as needed.

APP # 23.0684 BH 34 MYRTLE STREET: Spot repoint facade. Mortar type and tooling to match historic.

APP # 23.0627 BH 106 MYRTLE STREET: Repair brick arches at two windows on 3rd and 4th floors. Reuse existing brick, mortar to match existing historic tooling and mixture.

APP # 23.0656 BH 58 TEMPLE STREET: Repair wood, scrape and repaint bay in kind.

COMMISSIONER A ALLEN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ITEMS AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER W WEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 6-0 (YES: AA, MK, EF, AG, AR, WW) (NO: NONE) (ABSTAIN: RJ, CK,*).

- **Commissioner A Richmond recused herself from application # 23.0663 BH 39 Brimmer Street.*
- **Commissioner A Given recused herself from application # 23.0683 BH 141 Charles Street.*

III. RATIFICATION OF FEBRUARY 16 2023 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES TIME 6:22 PM

COMMISSIONER E. FLECK MOTIONED TO RATIFY THE FEBRUARY HEARING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 5-0-1 (YES: AA, MK, EF, AG, AR) (NO: NONE) (ABSTAIN/ABSENT: WW, RJ, CK).

IV. ADJOURNMENT: 6:26 PM

COMMISSIONER M KIEFER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING. COMMISSIONER A. ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 6-0 (YES: AA, MK, EF, AG, AR, WW) (NO: NONE) (ABSTAIN/ABSENT: RJ CK).