



City of Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh

FORT POINT CHANNEL LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Held virtually via Zoom

AUGUST 13, 2020

Commissioners Present: David Berarducci, Lynn Smiledge, Thomas Rodde **Commissioners Absent:** John Karoff, Susan Goganian, **Staff Present:** Mary Cirbus, Preservation Planner; Joseph Cornish, Director of Design Review

<u>6:04 PM</u> D. Berarducci called the public hearing to order.

I. ADVISORY REVIEW

22 BOSTON WHARF ROAD/ STILINGS STREET

Proposed work: Install public art

Haiden Hodgson and George Mallet were the project representatives. They explained the scope of work to Commissioners, which includes installing a sculptural "wave" piece along the Stilings Street parking garage façade consisting of aluminum composite material.

The Commissioners reviewed the proposal and asked several questions about the installation. They requested additional material for the formal review, including a sample of the material and photoshopped images to show the proposed installation. They also requested to see a mock-up.

The Commissioners noted that the installation should have a specific presence in the daytime and the evening.

There was no public comment.

44 FARNSWORTH STREET

Proposed work: Modify the ground level façade and construct a new entrance.

Bruce Clifford, Jennifer Peters, and Mike McGloin were the project representatives. They explained the proposed scope of work, which includes removing the existing building entrance and installing a new entrance as part of a lobby renovation. The building is historic but the ground level façade was modified in 1992 and displays postmodern details which is not in keeping with the district.

The Commission did not express concern at the removal of the existing entrance but suggested several revisions to the proposed design. They thought that the proposed granite material read too much like marble and suggested that the granite have a thermal or flamed finish to better harmonize with the material palette of district. The Commission suggested



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that the applicants look to Trillium as an example. The Commission also suggested altering the placement of the blade sign and other minor revisions to the design.

There was no public comment.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

APP # 21.0094 FPC <u>**33/41 FARNSWORTH STREET:**</u> At the Farnsworth Street façade, repoint masonry joints, repair precast cornice, recaulk windows, and select repainting.

T. Rodde motioned to approve the Administrative Review applications as submitted. L. Smiledge seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (Y: DB, LS, TR) (N: None) (Absent: JK, SG).

III. RATIFICATION OF 7/9/2020 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

T. Rodde motioned to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. L. Smiledge seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (Y: DB, LS, TR) (N: None) (Absent: JK, SG).

IV. STAFF UPDATES

There were no staff updates.

V. ADJOURN – 7:03 PM

L. Smiledge motioned to adjourn the hearing. T. Rodde seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (Y: DB, LS, TR) (N: JK, SG) (Absent: SG, TR).

