



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

Boston City Hall, Piemonte Room  
Boston, MA, 02201 (or note if held virtually via Zoom)

**OCTOBER 13, 2022**

**Commissioners Present:** *Nakeeda Burns, Sharon Cayley, Kirsten Hoffman, Helen Pillsbury*

**Commissioners Absent:** *None*

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

A full recording of the hearing is available at [Boston.gov/landmarks](https://www.boston.gov/landmarks).

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**4:03PM:** 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 or elected officials present.

Following this brief introduction, she called the first Design Review application.

**I. DESIGN REVIEW**

**APP # 23.0184 AB**

**TIME: 4:04 PM**

**ADDRESS: 1761 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE**

Applicant: Mario Fuentes

Proposed Work: Demolish and rebuild front stoop and rails

**Project Representatives:** Mario Fuentes

**Documents Presented:** Existing conditions photographs, drawings of proposed stoop

**Discussion Topics (brief):** Neighboring row house styles of their stoops, discussion on the original style, materials used, need for new rail height, use of granite for stoop base, color of materials, whether a variance is needed for code-compliance in a historic district.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment on this application.



**COMMISSIONER PILLSBURY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH PROVISOS. COMMISSIONER BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (Y: NB, SC, KH, HP) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: NONE).**

- *That the existing rails, posts and balusters will remain. These features are likely original to the structure and a character defining feature.*
- *The metal handrail on the stairs may be removed/replaced in kind. This should be a simple metal handrail, with no unnecessary design features. The handrail should have a maximum of (2) contact points where it will be installed into the surface of the stairs.*
- *The surface of the front stoop may be replaced with a stone that matches the cut, finish and color seen at 19 Wallingford Road. A sample should be submitted to staff for final approval.*

## **II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/ APPROVAL**

**APP # 23.0197 AB 39 SOUTH STREET:** At front, side & rear façades: cut 3/4" into the joints of the bricks and repoint in kind. Refinish lintels and sills as needed to match the existing.

**COMMISSIONER CAYLEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (Y: NB, SC, KH, HP) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: LIST NONE).**

## **III. ADVISORY REVIEW**

**APP # 23.0313 AB 145 SUTHERLAND STREET:** Enlarge window for egress. Replace all vinyl windows with true divided light windows

*The Commission reviewed the proposal favorably, citing the lack of window well, the lack of visibility from the street, and the need to only lower the window one or two courses of brick. They also noted that all of the windows, including the proposed window to be lowered would be restored with historically appropriate styles and dimensions, the existing windows are non-historic and inappropriate for the district. An application and review will be required to move this project forward.*

## **IV. RATIFICATION OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 HEARING MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONER PILLSBURY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED COMMISSIONER BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (Y: NB, SC, KH, HP) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: LIST NONE)**



**IV. STAFF UPDATES**

**V. Adjourn – 5:05 PM**

**COMMISSIONER BURNS MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING. COMMISSIONER CAYLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (Y: NB, SC, KH, HP) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: LIST NONE)**