



ABERDEEN ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION

Public Hearing Minutes

Boston City Hall, Piemonte Room
Boston, MA, 02201

January 9, 2020

Commissioners Present: Lisa Keegan Parcell, Helen Pillsbury, Sharon Cayley

Staff Present: Nicholas Armata, Senior Preservation Planner

4:00 PM Commissioner Keegan Parcell called the public hearing to order.

I. DESIGN

APP # 20.682 AB: Corey Road & Williston Road

Applicant: Michael Giaimo; Cellco

Proposed Work: replace existing light pole with identical pole, add a cellphone antenna.

APP # 20.681 AB: Commonwealth Avenue & Mount Hood Road

Applicant: Michael Giaimo; Cellco

Proposed Work: replace existing light pole with identical pole, add a cellphone antenna.

APP # 20.680 AB: Commonwealth Avenue & Southerland Road

Applicant: Michael Giaimo; Cellco

Proposed Work: replace existing light pole with identical pole, add a cellphone antenna.

All of the applications were reviewed together considering they were from the same applicant applying for the same work in three separate locations.

The applicant provided the details of the proposal which involved removing the existing light poles and installing new light poles with a lower level cabinet to store the mechanical equipment. Additionally, the light poles will include a DAS node at the top portion.

The Commissioner's questioned the need to install such equipment and asked what the process was to determine the style of the pole. The applicant indicated that there were pre-selected designs that Boston public works selected that were approvable throughout the city. Based on



the comments that were provided to staff, the Commission asked if it was possible to install the mechanical equipment on the side of the pole, rather than in the cabinet at the base. This was recommended by staff due to similar approvals in other Boston historic districts. The thought was that if the technology was to ever improve and the cell phone company would abandon the equipment the pole would be restored to its original design. The Commission agreed that the proposed light pole at Corey Road and Williston Road should have that design, but the other two applications should be approved as submitted.

There were no members of the public present for comment but one constituent submitted a letter in opposition citing the radiation coming from the DAS nodes would be harmful. The applicant responded to say that the DAS nodes comply with all state and federal regulations. Further, it is outside the purview of the Commission to regulate health concerns.

In conclusion, the applications were all approved.

- APP # 20.682 AB approved with provisos. The provisos being that the pole is installed without the cabinet. The mechanical equipment is to be installed at the upper level of the pole.
- APP # 20.680 AB, APP # 20.681 AB was approved as submitted.

Commissioner Keegan Parcell motioned to approve the applications, Commissioner Pillsbury seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (LP, HP, and SC).

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

APP # 20.682 AB 123-129 Sutherland Road: At front facade, repair and repaint ornamentation in kind, spot point brick as needed.

Commissioner Cayley motioned to approve the application with the provisos that the stone work is not repainted unless it was made from concrete. Commissioner Pillsbury seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (LP, HP, SC).



III. Ratification of Meeting Minutes from 08/08/2019

Commissioner Cayley motioned to approve the minutes, Commissioner Pillsbury seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (LP, HP, and SC).

IV. Staff Updates

V. Adjourn – 4:52 p.m.

Commissioner Keegan Parcell motioned to adjourn the hearing. Commissioner Cayley seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (LP, HP, and SC).