



**FORT POINT CHANNEL LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Held virtually via Zoom

August 11, 2022

Commissioners Present: *David Berarducci, Thomas Rodde, Lynn Smiledge, and Susan Goganian*

Commissioners Absent: *John Karoff*

Staff Present: *Gabriela Amore, Preservation Planner; Kira Torrieri, Preservation Assistant*

A full recording of the hearing is available at: <https://www.boston.gov/historic-district/fort-point-channel-landmark-district>

There were no members of the press present.

6:01 PM: Chair D. Berarducci 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 via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. He also briefly explained how to participate in this online hearing. He then called the design review hearing to order.

I. DESIGN REVIEW HEARING

APP # 22.1421 FPC

ADDRESS: 25 THOMSON PLACE

Applicant: Bernard Lebow

Proposed work: Install one 11' x 25' black aluminum plaque below existing plaque into the mortar joints.

Project Representatives: Bernard Lebow was the project representative.

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the size of the proposed plaque.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.



L. Smiledge motioned to approve the application as submitted. S. Goganian seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (Y: DB, LS, SG) (N: None) (Abs: None)

APP # 23.0035 FPC

ADDRESS: 372 CONGRESS STREET

Applicant: Andrew Lafuente

Proposed work: Using existing metal frame replace fabric and painted signage of valance and awnings.

The applicant failed to appear.

COMMISSIONER T. RODDE JOINED THE HEARING.

APP # 23.0079 FPC

ADDRESS: 300 A STREET

Applicant: Gabriel Zavala

Proposed work: Paint various existing front façade features.

Project Representatives: Gabriel Zavala was the project representatives.

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the durability of the proposed paint and the appropriateness of the proposed color.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

T. Rodde motioned to approve the application as submitted. L. Smiledge seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, LS, SG, TR) (N: None) (Abs: None)

APP # 22.1262 FPC

ADDRESS: 303 CONGRESS STREET

Applicant: Dorothy Deak

Proposed work: Installation of sunshade.

Project Representatives: Dorothy Deak and Jeffrey Brown were the project representatives.



Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the visibility of the proposed sunshade, specifically from the Boston Children’s Museum.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

T. Rodde motioned to continue the application. S. Goganian seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, LS, SG, TR) (N: None) (Abs: None)

- Applicant must provide rendering showing the full mass of the proposed sunshade with views from all sides.
- Structure to be moved one bay to the right (from Dorchester Ave. perspective)

APP # 23.0025 FPC

ADDRESS: HARBORWALK ADJACENT TO 5 NECCO STREET

Applicant: ARE_MA Region 74, LLC

Proposed work: Install Chapter 91 Interpretive sign on the Harborwalk consisting of a 2’ x 4’ graphic featuring historic images sitting on a 4’ high black powder coated base to be attached to an existing deck platform.

Project Representatives: Eileen Malvesti was the project representative.

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the relevant ADA guidelines.

Public Comment: Tom Ready of the FPC Neighborhood Association asked if the graphic would address the need for Chinese representation in the neighborhood.

T. Rodde motioned to approve the application as submitted. D. Berarducci seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, LS, SG, TR) (N: None) (Abs: None)

II. RATIFICATION OF 7/14/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

L. Smiledge motioned to approve the 7/14/2022 hearing minutes. S. Goganian seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, LS, SG, TR) (N: None) (Abs: None)

III. ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 PM



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T. Rodde motioned to adjourn the hearing. L. Smiledge seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, LS, SG, TR) (N: None) (Abs: None)