



City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu

BAY VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Held virtually via Zoom

May 9, 2023

Commissioners Present:	Stephen Dunwell, Thomas Hotaling, Anne Kilguss, Ruth Knopf, and Kathleen McDermott
Commissioners Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Joseph Cornish, Director of Design Review

4:00 PM: Chair K. McDermott 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. Following this brief introduction K. McDermott called the first agenda item.

I. Advisory Review

16 Piedmont Street: Construct rooftop addition, headhouse and deck.

Project Representative: Bennie Ber was the project representative.

The Commissioners reviewed a presentation consisting of photos of existing conditions and plans for the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the visibility of the headhouse and deck, and suggested using a roof hatch instead of a headhouse. They also discussed matching the setback and cladding of the rooftop addition at the neighboring building, and relating the addition to the symmetry of the building's façade.

Public Comment: Steve Burdick of 18 Piedmont Street commented that the setback and cladding should match that found at 18 Piedmont Street.

II. REVIEW OF REVISED REGULATORY STANDARDS – Staff circulated the latest draft of the regulatory standards to the commissioners for discussion at a business meeting that will be scheduled prior to the 6-13-2023 public hearing.

III. RATIFICATION OF 4/12/2023 MEETING MINUTES

K. McDermott motioned to approve the Hearing Minutes as submitted. A. Kilguss seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 (Y: SD, TH, AK, RK, KM) (N: None) (Abstentions: None).

IV. Staff Updates: Staff reported that commissioner appointments have been prioritized to address commissions that are having problems scheduling hearings due to a lack of quorum. It is anticipated that new Bay Village Commissioners will be appointed by September 2023.

V. Adjourn – 4:49PM

K. McDermott motioned to adjourn the hearing. R. Knopf seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 (Y: SD, TH, AK, RK, KM) (N: None) (Abstentions: None).