



APPROVED BY COMMISSION
MAY 22, 2025

**HIGHLAND PARK ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Held virtually via Zoom

MARCH 27, 2025

Commissioners Present: Angela Cook, Andrew Shelburne, Ernest Coston, Suleman Gajere, Angela Ward Hyatt

Commissioners Absent: Fadi Samaha, Celina Barrios-Millner

Staff Present: Joseph Cornish, Director of Design Review

Meeting minutes are meant to provide a broad overview of the hearing and not meant to serve as a transcript of discussions that are found in the hearing recording. A full recording of the hearing is available at:

<https://www.boston.gov/historic-district/highland-park-architectural-conservation-district>

6:00 PM: Acting Chair A. Shelburne 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 virtually via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. He also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. Diti Kohli of the Boston Globe was present.

Following this brief introduction he called the first Advisory Review application.

I. ADVISORY REVIEW

APP # 25.0687 HP

ADDRESS: 73 CEDAR STREET

Applicant: Sandra Woodward

Proposed Work: Renovation of existing building including altering existing roof and adding additional stories to existing side and rear additions.

Project Representatives: Sandra Woodward, Curt Mayers, and Roel Reyes



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Documents Presented: The Commissioners reviewed a presentation consisting of photos of existing conditions, plans, and drawings for the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: The Commissioners were in agreement that the existing Mansard roof be retained, and they suggested adding dormer windows. Commissioners also requested that the existing Oak tree, granite posts and walls be protected during any construction. It was also suggested that the applicant look at the building at 75 Cedar Street as an example for trim details.

Public Comment: Joan Seamster asked if the abutters to the property were notified about this project, and asked if reviews by other agencies will be required. Jon Ellerton submitted written comment opposing the removal of the Mansard roof.

II. RATIFICATION OF 10-24-2024 HEARING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER E. COSTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 10-24-2024 HEARING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER A. WARD HYATT SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-1 (Y: AS, EC, SG, AWH) (N: NONE) (ABS: AC).

III. STAFF UPDATES

J. Cornish reported that the job posting for the vacant preservation planner position has been posted. A. Shelburne requested that staff report on the following next month: past minutes, draft bylaws, district signage, and the status of commissioner appointments.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: 7:02 PM

COMMISSIONER E. COSTON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING. COMMISSIONER S. GAJERE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 5-0 (Y: AS, AC, EC, SG, AWH) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).