



HIGHLAND PARK ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Held virtually via Zoom

JUNE 25, 2026

APPROVED BY COMMISSION
September 24, 2026

Commissioners Present: Angela Cook, Ernest Coston, and Andrew Shelburne.

Commissioners Absent: Suleman Gajere and Angela Ward Hyatt

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.

Following this brief introduction he called the first agenda item:

I. RATIFICATION OF THE 4/23/2026 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER E. COSTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 4/23/2026 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER A. SHELburne SECONDED THAT MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0 (Y: AC, EC, AS) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).

II. DESIGN REVIEW

APP # 26.0977 HP

ADDRESS: 67 LAMBERT AVENUE

Applicant: Cam Raufi

Proposed Work: Removal of three trees.

Project Representative: Cam Raufi

Documents Presented: A site plan and photos of the existing trees were presented along with an assessment of the condition of the trees by an arborist.



Discussion Topics: The Commissioners were in support of the removal of the dead trees and discussed planting replacement trees. Commissioners suggested that the applicant might find suggestions for appropriate native species replacement trees from the Arnold Arboretum, Mount Auburn Cemetery, or Weston Nurseries. The applicant asked about the Commission's 4-23-2026 decision regarding the restoration of the stone wall and granite post at the driveway, and if the Commission would be willing to discuss restoration of the stone wall at the adjacent city-owned land instead. Staff explained that this could not be discussed at this hearing, and directed the applicant to meet with staff after the hearing to discuss this issue.

Public Comment: David Black spoke in support of removing the dead trees from the property.

COMMISSIONER A. SHELburne MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH PROVISOS. COMMISSIONER E. COSTON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0 (Y: AC, EC, AS) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).

- **APPROVAL OF THE REMOVAL OF THREE TREES AS PRESENTED IN THE PRESENTATION AND MANDATE THE PLANTING OF THREE NEW NATIVE TREES FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN THE STUDY REPORT.**

III. UPDATE ON DRAFT BYLAWS

J. Cornish reported that staff is meeting with the Law Department on 7-9-2026 to review the latest draft.

IV. STAFF UPDATES

Staff reported that Celina Barrios-Millner and Fadi Samaha are no longer members of the Boston Landmarks Commission or Highland Park ACDC. Two candidates have been sent to the Mayor's Office to replace Ernest Coston and Suleman Gajere. Once those are finalized nominations will be sought for the positions of Angela Cook and Andrew Shelburne.

V. ADJOURNMENT: 6:38 PM

COMMISSIONER A. SHELburne MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING. COMMISSIONER A. COOK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0 (Y: AC, EC, AS) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).