

Aberdeen Architectural Conservation District Commission

Public Hearing Minutes

Boston City Hall, Room 801

Boston, MA, 02201

February 08, 2018

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

Commissioners Not Present: Molly Kentala,

Staff Present: Eric Hill, Preservation Planner

4:02 PM L. Parcell called the public hearing to order.

DESIGN REVIEW

1912 Beacon Street (18.842 AB): Amendment to previously approved signage and awnings.

Representative: Nik Shah, Fast Signs.

The Applicant presented the existing conditions and renderings of the proposed signage and awnings. The Commission asked the applicant why the owner was changing the design all of a sudden; and the applicant noted that the other stores in the area are all going through a new brand design and color scheme. The Commission also noted that this particular building does not have any historic architectural features that they typically look to protect and that the new signage seemed to meet the guidelines. It was also noted that the updated design is preferred as the panel and hidden inserts for the illumination are best for this structure as the raceway on the previous submittal would be removed, however; a solid panel would not be appropriate if it would obscure architectural features of the building.

- **In conclusion the application was approved as presented. L. Parcell initiated the motion and H. Pillsbury seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (LP, KH, HP, SC).**

1616 Commonwealth Avenue (18.836 AB): Install new 4'-0" x 14'-0" sign above entry; remove awning.

Representative: Ricky Zeng

The Applicant presented the existing conditions and renderings of the proposed signage. The Commission addressed concerns over the materials proposed as they had not seen vinyl plank flooring used as an exterior material in the past. Staff showed the applicant and Commissioners the product specifications which stated the material was not for exterior use and it was to be installed in a climate-controlled environment. The applicant noted that a sign which was installed at a restaurant in 2017 is already up at 173 Massachusetts Avenue and that staff could visit the site and take photos if deemed necessary. The Commission noted that they had no concerns over the appropriateness of the design, just on the materials proposed.

In conclusion the application was approved with the proviso that staff verifies the material proposed in an exterior application and has a site visit to 172 Massachusetts Avenue to look at the similar sign for appropriateness. If staff feels uncomfortable approving, then the applicant would re-apply with a new material. K. Hoffman initiated the motion and L. Parcell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (LP, KH, HP, SC).

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVALS

4 Chiswick Road (18.834 AB): Replace eight windows on third floor with double-hung, aluminum-clad, 6/1 simulated divided lite windows.

- **In conclusion the application was approved as submitted. L. Parcell initiated the motion and S. Cayley seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (KH, LP, HP, SC).**

Ratification of the December 14, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes

- **Approved with the proviso that an applicant's name is updated. L. Parcell initiated the motion and K. Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (KH, LP, HP, SC).**

STAFF UPDATES

Staff reported that Preservation Month would be taking place in May and asked the Commissioners if they had any contacts, organizations or ideas for events/tours/talks to highlight Brighton, Allston or specific areas in those neighborhoods.

4:42 PM L. Parcell adjourned the public hearing.