

**Aberdeen Architectural Conservation District Commission**  
**Public Hearing Minutes**  
Boston City Hall, Room 801  
Boston, MA, 02201

**April 12, 2018**

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

**Commissioners Not Present:** Molly Kentala

**Staff Present:** Eric Hill, Preservation Planner

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**4:00 PM** L. Parcell called the public hearing to order.

**DESIGN REVIEW**

**Public Sidewalk – 198 Strathmore Road (18.1030 AB):** Replace existing light pole with DAS light pole with enclosed base and antenna at sidewalk.

*Representative: Michael S. Giaimo*

The Applicant presented photos of existing conditions, an explanation of why the proposed site was selected, and a photo simulation of the new light pole with base cabinet and antenna. The Commission discussed the fact that Boston Street Lighting requires the in-kind replacement of poles when they are converted into DAS nodes, and that if in the future the city decides to upgrade the light poles in the area that the DAS nodes will be required to be upgraded in the same style of the new replacement poles.

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

**Public Sidewalk – 2025 Commonwealth Avenue (18.1031 AB):** Replace existing light pole with DAS light pole with enclosed base and antenna at sidewalk.

*Representative: Michael S. Giaimo*

The Applicant presented photos of existing conditions, an explanation of why the proposed site was selected, and a photo simulation of the new light pole with base cabinet and antenna.

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

**ADVISORY REVIEW**

**38 Englewood Avenue:** Move existing detached home toward street; construct four story addition in rear yard.

*Representative: Dartagnan Brown, Embarc Studio*

Mr. Brown presented photographs of the existing conditions and presented the general scope of proposed work explaining how the house will be moved and that once it is moved it will be restored and an addition will be added to the rear.

The Commissioners agreed that the proposed project is in direct conflict with the guidelines and the intent of the District. The Commissioners agreed that this project would create a precedent for future projects in the district, that the landscape is an important feature, and that the proposed addition overwhelms the house. The Commissioners also expressed concerns that the house would be damaged during the move.

Commissioner Parcell read public testimony against the project that was submitted by the Homeowners Union of Allston Brighton, and the following owners at 42 Englewood Avenue: Andrew Inglis; Ryan Earls; Joanna Schwenke Earls; Daniel Saniefard; Shabnam Saniefard; and Benedict Jacobellis III.

During public testimony Philip Tackel explained spoke against the project expressing concern about damage to the house by moving it and the precedent that this project would create. He also pointed out that 38 Englewood has the same level of standing and significance as other buildings in the District. Ben Jacobellis lives at 42 Englewood Avenue and expressed concern about the current state of neglect that 38 Englewood is in. He opposes the proposed plans but is an advocate for its future rehabilitation. Eva Webster spoke against the project and warned the neighbors to be cautious of supporting work at 38 Englewood that conflicts with the Commission's guidelines. She expressed concern about the cost of moving the house and the damage that the house might sustain during a move. Beatrix Kasick, Leland Webster and Andy Inglis also spoke in opposition of the project echoing concerns expressed by the Commission.

In closing the Commission explained that it cannot projects that do not comply with the guidelines or that risk losing the character of the district.

**Ratification of the March 8, 2018 Public Hearing Minutes**

- **Approved. L. Parcell initiated the motion and H. Pillsbury seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (SC, KH, LP, HP).**

**4:53 PM** L. Parcell adjourned the public hearing.