

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

March 14, 2019

Commissioners Present: Sharon Cayley, Kirsten Hoffman and Helen Pillsbury

Commissioners Absent: Lisa Keegan Parcell

Staff Present: Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review

4:00 PM H. Pillsbury called the public hearing to order.

VIOLATIONS

354A Chestnut Hill Avenue (19.756 AB): Installation of unapproved window signage at front façade.

Representative: Jonathan Lau

Staff presented photos of previous and current conditions, showing that Mr. Gao has removed some of the signage. The Commission discussed removing additional window signage and agreed that the decal at the lower portion of the door be removed, and the decal referring to social media at the right window be removed.

There was no public comment.

In conclusion the Commission **approved the application with provisos.**

- **H. Pillsbury initiated the motion and K. Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (SC, KH, HP).**

The decal at the lower portion of the door be removed, and the decal referring to social media at the right window be removed.

DESIGN REVIEW

1916 Beacon Street (19.784 AB): Installation of blade sign at front façade.

Representative: Anna Haiuch

Ms. Haiuch presented photos of existing conditions and plans for the proposed work. The Commission discussed the existing signage at this property, and attaching the blade sign to the building at the mortar joints to avoid damage to the masonry.

There was no public comment.

In conclusion the Commission **approved the application with provisos.**

- **S. Cayley initiated the motion and K. Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (SC, KH, HP).**

The sign be attached to the building at the mortar joints.

1799 Commonwealth Avenue (19.797 AB): Replace two existing awnings with wall signs, and recover two existing awnings with Sunbrella fabric and signage.

Representatives: Grant Gao

Mr. Gao showed photos of existing conditions and plans for the proposed signage change. The Commission discussed the appearance of flat signs vs. awnings, and agreed that removing some of the awnings will improve the visibility of the building's architectural features. The Commission discussed the removal of the existing gooseneck lighting and repairing the masonry following removal.

There was no public comment.

In conclusion the Commission **approved the application with provisos.**

- **H. Pillsbury initiated the motion and S. Cayley seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (SC, KH, HP).**

Repair of the masonry following removal of the gooseneck lighting was remanded to staff to confirm the patching material and color are appropriate.

42 Englewood Avenue (19.833 AB): Install forty-two inch (42") tall black vinyl-coated fence at side of property.

Representatives: Ben Jacobellis

Mr. Jacobellis showed photos of existing conditions and the proposed fence. The commission discussed the issue of a common driveway, the fence's visibility from the street, and installing a planter or decorative post for hanging plants at the beginning of the fence to improve its

appearance from the street. The Commissioners agreed that if the fence should not extend past the front façade of the house.

There was no public comment.

In conclusion the Commission **approved the application with provisos.**

- **H. Pillsbury initiated the motion and S. Cayley seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (SC, KH, HP).**

The fence does not extend beyond the front façade of the house and a planter or decorative post for hanging plants at the beginning of the fence was remanded to staff for review and approval.

4:48 pm H. Pillsbury adjourned the public hearing.

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