

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

June 13, 2019

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

Staff Present: Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review

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

DESIGN REVIEW

57-59 Leamington Road (19.1007 AB): At front yard remove and replace stone retaining wall, concrete steps and concrete sidewalk.

Representative Present: Chu Guey Soo Hoo

Mr. Soo Hoo presented photos of existing conditions and plans for the proposed work. The Commission discussed the intent of the guidelines to preserve retaining walls such this one, which are a distinctive element of the district constructed of natural materials that respond to the site. The commission also discussed the appropriateness of replacing the concrete steps with granite steps, and agreed that granite would be more durable; however, it was unclear how the proposed granite steps would interface with the existing concrete curb.

There was no public comment.

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

L. Parcell initiated the motion and K. Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (SC, KH, LP, HP).

- *The concrete sidewalk may be replaced with granite pavers.*
- *The concrete steps must be repaired in-kind.*
- *The retaining wall must be rebuilt in-kind.*
- *Any proposed changes including replacing the concrete steps and curb will require a new application and review by the Commission.*

210 Chestnut Hill Avenue (19.1214 AB): At front façade install entrance canopy.

Representative: Brian Hausmann

Mr. Hausmann presented photos of existing conditions and plans for the proposed work. The Commission discussed the durability of the canopy and its method of attachment to the sidewalk and building.

There was no public comment.

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

L. Parcell initiated the motion and K. Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (SC, KH, LP, HP).

- *Staff must review and approve the canopy's attachment to the building.*

1916B Beacon Street (19.1252 AB): Installation of wall sign and blade sign at front façade.

Representative: Ricky Zen

Mr. Zen presented photos of existing conditions and plans for the proposed work. The Commission discussed the existing signage at this property, and the appropriateness of the proposed blade sign. The Commission expressed concern about the proposed blade sign's close proximity to the existing blade sign on the neighboring building, and the fact that other storefronts in this building do not have blade signs.

There was no public comment.

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

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

- *No blade sign is installed.*
- *The wall sign must match the dimensions of the Santander Bank Sign at the opposite storefront.*

1608-1610 Commonwealth Avenue (19.1251 AB): At front façade and side elevations replace existing wall signs and install awnings; and at roof reface existing billboard.

Representative: Michael Brewster

Mr. Brewster presented photos of existing conditions and plans for the proposed work. The Commission agreed that the proposed awnings are consistent with the commission's guidelines,

and that the proposed signage is appropriate for this commercial building and completes a design concept for this business. The Commission discussed the fact that the billboard pre-dates the district, and recommended that it be removed.

There was no public comment.

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

L. Parcell initiated the motion and K. Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (SC, KH, LP, HP).

- *The awning and signage is approved as submitted; however, the applicant must submit a new application with detailed plans to reface the billboard.*

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

19.1182 AB 5 Braemore Road; 1868-1874 & 1880 Commonwealth Avenue; and 324 Chestnut Hill Avenue: At front façade caulk and paint wood trim around all windows and doors, and re-paint cornice and soffit to match existing colors; and at rear elevation repoint masonry, caulk and paint wood trim around windows and repaint metal decking to match existing colors.

In conclusion the application was approved as submitted. L. Parcel initiated the motion and K. Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (SC, KH, LP, HP)

REVIEW AND RATIFICATION OF APRIL 11, 2019 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

The minutes were approved as presented. L. Parcel initiated the motion and K. Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (SC, KH, LP, HP).

4:57pm L. Parcell adjourned the public hearing.