



St. Botolph Architectural Conservation District Public Hearing Minutes

*Boston City Hall, Seventh Floor, Room 709
Boston, Massachusetts, 02201*

October 17, 2018

Design Review Hearing

Commissioners Present: Barbara Wennerholm, Francoise Elise, Richard Henderson

Staff Present: Nicholas Armata; Preservation Planner

5:00 PM Commissioner Elise called the public hearing to order.

Design Review

19.029 SB 230-232 West Newton Street, Unit G

Proposed Work: Alter fenestration at rear dormer by installing three ganged 1/1 aluminum-clad windows.

Representative: Stephen P. Griffin

The representative presented the details to the alteration of the project, including the visibility from public ways throughout the district, the need for the adjustments and the existing condition.

The Commission saw no issues with the project considering there were significant alterations to the structure in the past.

In conclusion the commission voted to approve the application as submitted. B. Wennerholm made the motion, R. Henderson seconded the motion. The vote was (3-0 FE, BW, RH)

19.416 SB 69 St. Botolph Street

Proposed Work: Replace front door and repair door frame due to rot and damaged wood.

Representative: Laura van Rooyen

The representative discussed the details of the proposal, including the door condition and the proposed door that would replace the existing door.

The Commission discussed whether the proposed door is detailed enough to replace the existing door which was thought to be original. The Commission also decided that the applicant did not provide sufficient evidence that the door unrepairable.

In conclusion the commission voted to approve the application with provisos where the applicant would need to obtain two references from professionals stating that the door was not in fact selvedgeable. If it is not then the door will need to reflect the details of the original door better than the proposal currently shows. If the door is salvageable, then quotes will be needed to reflect cost.

R.Henderson made the motion, B. Wennerholm seconded the motion. The vote was (3-0 FE, BW, RH)

19.533 SB 175 St. Botolph Street

Proposed Work: Rooftop addition to existing 3 story building. At front façade install scupper and downspout.

Representative: William Finnerty Architect LLC

The applicant mentioned that they were previously approved by landmarks, but the Certificate has since expired hence the need for a new approval. The applicant provided details to the proposal which includes constructing a penthouse and installing a gutter to accommodate new water runoff flow to the front of the structure. The applicant discussed setback and visibility from public ways, materials used for the siding and the reasoning why the flow of water runoff should run to the front of the building with a new scupper/downspout.

The Commission discussed the location of the penthouse and felt that the visibility of the structure from a public way was acceptable. The Commission also did not find issue with the new downspout provided that the hole in the parapet wall was below the decorative brick, and that the downspout was black non-reflective metal positioned behind the fire escape.

In conclusion the Commission voted to approve your application, citing that the new downspout should be installed below the decorative brick cornice and behind the metal fire escape in the front of the structure. The downspout should be positioned so that it is as least intrusive as possible and constructed of a black non-reflective metal.

B. Wennerholm made the motion, F. Elise seconded the motion. The vote was (3-0 FE, BW, RH)

19.538 SB 6-12 Blackwood Street

Continued (3-0 FE, RH, BW)

Proposed Work: At rear of the structure repoint brick in kind and install 6 decks in 2 existing light wells (3 stacked in each).

Representative: Katherine Cipriana; GTI Properties

The application was not voted on due to missing/conflicting information. The application was to be carried over to the next hearing.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL

PROJECTS COMPLIANT WITH DISTRICT STANDARDS & CRITERIA

All Approved as Submitted (3-0 FE, RH, BW)

19.117 SB 23 Cumberland Street: Repair and repaint front door and side lights to match existing.

19.432 SB 30 Cumberland Street: At front elevation, replace deteriorating brownstone and repoint brick in kind.

III. REVIEW and RATIFICATION OF July 18, 2018 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Approved as Submitted (3-0 FE, RH, BW)