

Bay Village Historic District Commission
Public Hearing Minutes
Boston City Hall, Room 709
Boston, Massachusetts, 02201

August 13, 2019

Commissioners Present: Stephen Dunwell, Thomas Hotaling, Ruth Knopf and Kathleen McDermott

Commissioners Absent: Anne Kilguss and Richard Yeager.

Staff Present: Joseph Cornish

4:00 PM Commissioner McDermott called the public hearing to order.

Design Review

20.108 BV

67-69 Church Street

Proposed Work: Amend Application 19.1160 BV to adjust the approved design of the first-story by restoring the brick piers in a symmetric manner and in alignment with the existing brick areas of the second-story.

Representative: Anthony Piermarini

Mr. Piermarini presented photos of existing conditions, plans for the previously approved work, and plans for proposed work. He explained that the proposed changes are to the Shawmut Avenue first floor only and will allow for the re-use of portions of the existing structural steel and concrete, and will consolidate entry areas making for a more symmetrical and balanced façade in relationship to the existing building.

The Commission discussed the symmetry of the building and agreed that the proposed changes are sympathetic to the building. The Commission questioned the choice of materials for the windows and doors, and ask for clarification on the detail of the panels below the first-story windows.

There was no public comment.

In conclusion the Commission voted to approve the application with provisos citing that the proposed work honors the original design of the building and re-uses existing building material. However, the Commission stipulated that the base of the first-story windows be designed to have recessed lower panels with details remanded to staff for review.

Commissioner McDermott initiated the motion and Commissioner Knopf seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

Review and Ratification of 6/11/2019 Public Hearing Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented. S. Dunwell initiated the motion and R. Knopf seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (SD, TH, RK, KM)

Staff Updates

Staff reported that Bay Village Neighborhood Association has requested more time to complete its review of the proposed changes to the Bay Village Historic District Commission Regulatory Standards.

4:31 PM Commissioner McDermott adjourned the public hearing.