



ABERDEEN ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION

Public Hearing Minutes

Boston City Hall, Piemonte Room
Boston, MA, 02201

June 11, 2020

Commissioners Present: Nakeeda Burns, John Bligh, Helen Pillsbury, Kirsten Hoffman, Sharon Cayley

Staff Present: Nicholas Armata, Senior Preservation Planner, Joseph Cornish Director of Design Review.

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

I. DESIGN

APP # 19.1403 AB 24 Selkirk Road

Applicant: Travis Blake; Souza Designs

Proposed Work: At Front and side elevations replace wood sidewall shingles in kind, construct a 2 ½ floor addition at rear of structure.

The applicant returned to the Commission with a new application with several significant changes to the proposal. This project was previously reviewed and denied by the Commission last year. The applicant has since made several changes to the property that include a change in the color and type of siding on the addition, a reduction in size, the elimination of a patio/porch area, and an expansion of the green space at the rear of the property. Additionally, the applicant made several changes to the landscaping and made a commitment to preserving all of the old growth trees on the property currently. The applicant also demonstrated how very little of the rear of the historic home on the property will be altered for the addition. The only element that will be removed is the 1970s rear door addition. The remaining elements of the rear will be maintained and/or restored.

The Commission reviewed the project and discussed whether the changes were enough to make the project approvable. Commissioner Pillsbury expressed grave



concern about the integrity of the property and the loss of green space on site, which is an important characteristic of the district. Additionally, there were some concerns over the visibility of the property from Selkirk Road. Other Commissioners discussed the project and felt that the original design had come a long way from the original request. The Commissioners did feel that additional work needed to be worked out regarding the privacy fence and the walkway pavement materials.

During the public comment period, several members of the public expressed their support for the project, including the direct abutters. Additionally, the applicant provided numerous letters of support from other members of the Community; staff submitted the comments for the record.

In conclusion, the application was approved with the provisos that the walkway and the fence details were remanded to staff for final approval.

J. Bligh motioned to approve the application, N. Burns seconded the motion. The vote was 3-1-1 (Yea; NB, JB, KH Nay; HP; AB; SC).

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL: *In order to expedite the review process, the commission has delegated the approval of certain work items, such as those involving ordinary maintenance and repair, restoration or replacement, or which otherwise have a minimal impact on a building's appearance, to commission staff pending ratification at its monthly public hearing. **Having been identified as meeting these eligibility criteria and all applicable guidelines, the following applications will be approved at this hearing:***

► Applicants whose projects are listed under this heading **NEED NOT APPEAR** at the hearing. Following the hearing, you will be issued a Determination Sheet to present at the Inspectional Services Department (1010 Massachusetts Avenue) as proof of project approval when applying for permits. ISD personnel will send an electronic copy of your building-permit application to the commission staff for review. (To avoid potential confusion, the text of your building-permit application should be consistent with the project description given below.) Commission staff will accordingly authorize the execution of the work, attaching any applicable provisos, reflecting the relevant guidelines and precedents.

APP # 20.1052 AB 258 Chestnut Hill Avenue: Replace asphalt shingle roof in kind.



N. Burns motioned to approve the application, S. Cayley seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0-0 (Yea; NB, JB, KH, HP, SC).

III. RATIFICATION OF 5/14/2020 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

J. Bligh motioned to approve the application, N. Burns seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0-0 (Yea; NB, JB, KH, HP, SC).

IV. COMMISSION BUSINESS: VOTE FOR NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The annual vote was held to appoint a new chair and vice chair. N. Burns nominated herself as the chair, S. Cayley nominated herself as Vice Chair. Staff distributed a survey for a secret ballot vote, as required in the regulations.

After the hearing, staff tallied the votes and recorded that N. Burns has been appointed to the Chair position and S. Cayley has been appointed as the Vice Chair. This appointment will expire in May of 2021.

V. STAFF UPDATES

Staff indicated that there are no updates

V. ADJOURN

The Commission voted to adjourn the hearing at 5:27 P.M.

N. Burns motioned to approve the application, S. Cayley seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0-0 (Yea; NB, JB, KH, HP, SC).