

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

June 9, 2020

A public hearing of the Bay Village Historic District Commission was held virtually through [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/82800959597](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82800959597)

Commissioners Present: Thomas Hotaling, Anne Kilguss, Ruth Knopf and Kathleen McDermott

Commissioners Absent: Stephen Dunwell,

Staff Present: Joseph Cornish

4:00 PM Commissioner McDermott called the public hearing to order at 4:05pm. Lauren Bennett of the *Boston Sun* introduced herself as a member of the press.

I. DESIGN REVIEW:

APPLICATION 20.984 BV - 132 ARLINGTON STREET - CONSTRUCTION OF NINE ROWHOUSES ON EXISTING PARKING LOT.

Members of the development team including David Goldman, Jonathan Garland, Tim McGovern, Marc Savatsky, and Dennis Kanin were introduced. Jonathan Garland presented images of existing conditions, neighborhood context and plans for the proposed project. He explained that the project is consistent with zoning and discussed changes made since the May Advisory Review including options for the front façade cornice. The commission asked about the color of the fiber cement and metal cladding, and if they would be consistent at the front façade and rear elevation. The Commission discussed the cornice and the parapet, and if it would be broken at the front façade and rear elevation. They also discussed maintenance and whether or not the property will be a condominium.

During public comment Tom Perkins asked what would be constructed at the Arlington Street parking lot. Jas Bhogal, Armando Hernandez, and Steve Cohen all spoke in favor of the project.

In conclusion the application was approved with provisos finding that the project is consistent with the guidelines. Commissioner Kilguss initiated the motion and Commissioner Knopf seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (TH, AK, RK, KM).

- Staff must review and approve exterior building materials.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL

APPLICATION 20.1050 BV – 19 PIEDMONT STREET

Staff reported that this application was approved as an emergency repair; however, there may be members of the public present wanting to make a comment. During public comment Jas Bhogal who lives at 21 Piedmont Street raised concern that repairs have been made that were not approved and are not in-kind. He requested that the same materials approved by the Commission when the building was constructed be used. Commissioners discussed approving the application with the proviso that the work be in-kind. The Commission also discussed whether or not there is a violation. A motion was made by Commissioner McDermott and seconded by Commissioner Kilguss to continue the application to next month when the owner can present the project to the Commission. Prior to voting the Commissioners discussed the water entry at the building. The motion was withdrawn.

In conclusion the application was approved with provisos. Commissioner McDermott initiated the motion and Commissioner Hotaling seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (TH, AK, RK, KM).

- The work must be in-kind using in-kind building materials.

III. REVIEW AND RATIFICATION OF 5/12/2020 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

The minutes were approved as presented. Commissioner Knopf initiated the motion and Commissioner Kilguss seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (TH, AK, RK, KM).

4:52 PM Commissioner McDermott adjourned the public hearing.