



FORT POINT CHANNEL LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Held virtually via Zoom

APRIL 9, 2020

Commissioners Present: David Berarducci, John Karoff, Lynn Smiledge Susan Goganian
Staff Present: Gabriela Amore, Preservation Assistant; Mary Cirbus, Preservation Planner;
Joseph Cornish, Director of Design Review

6:02 PM D. Berarducci called the public hearing to order.

I. VIOLATION/DESIGN/ADVISORY

APP #20.889 FPC

311 SUMMER STREET

Applicant: Suite Six Medical Aesthetics

Proposed Work: At the Summer Street façade second level install a blade sign

Frank Maroney and Gabriela Varoudakis were the project representatives. They explained the scope of work, which includes the installation of a non-illuminated blade sign at the second level. The sign will be vinyl lettering on an aluminum box. There is also thick dimensional cut aluminum painted lettering, which will be proud of the surface. The applicants cited the Log Me In sign across the street as precedent.

L. Smiledge noted that there is a discrepancy between the rendering and the dimensions provided. A discussion about the dimensions followed. J. Karoff asked for additional context regarding the scale of the sign to the window. There was also discussion of the location, because the business does not occupy the second floor. The Commissioners asked about putting signage at the sign band.

The Commissioner talked further about reducing the size of the proposed sign and offered additional suggestions.

The discussion moved back to the signband. The Commissioners agreed that the signage will have to be confined to the flat portion of the signband only.

Steve Hollinger offered public comment, noting that this building has historic precedent for signage at the signband. The signage did not extend beyond the flat portion of the signband. He offered to send historic documentation to staff.

Staff added that the Standards & Criteria support signage at the signband as an appropriate location.

D. Berarducci motioned to deny the application without prejudice, encouraging the applicants to reduce the size of the blade sign to 20" x 60", adjust its



positioning so that it balances with the window and does not extend beyond the lintel, and to reexamine using the signband to display signage in lieu of a blade sign. S. Goganian seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (DB, SG, JK, LS).

APP #20.856 FPC

26, 30, 36 THOMSON PLACE

Previously reviewed at the March 12, 2020 FPCLDC Public Hearing

Applicant: Fort Point Channel Investors LLC

Proposed Work: At the 30 Thomson Place façade remove a storefront system and install an entry; and replace two (2) overhead doors with new doors and infill

Paul Connolly and Nate Turner were the project representatives. They showed photographs of the existing conditions and inspiration photographs. They explained the existing and proposed conditions and noted that the vertical lines align with the windows above and horizontal bands were reduced to four.

D. Berarducci noted that there appears to be an AABAA division on the façade and wondered if the door could emulate this same configuration.

The Commissioners expressed that the proposed loading door looks a bit too suburban asked that the top two horizontal rows be glazed.

During public comment, Sara McCammond expressed concern over the changes on Thomson Place and asked if the changes are proposed for tenant needs. She asked that if there is a garage door with smaller panes, that there not be any decals.

The applicants further added that the doors will be metal with a painted enamel finish. The panels will contain trim so as not to appear monolithic.

L. Smiledge motioned to approve the application as submitted, with the provisos that the vertical lines on the glass door be adjusted to an AABAA configuration to match the vertical lines of the façade, and that top two horizontal rows of panels on the adjacent garage door are glazed, with two horizontal rows of opaque panels below. G. Goganian seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (DB, SG, JK, LS).

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/ APPROVAL

APP # 20.939 FPC 321 SUMMER STREET: At the roof level, replace a cooling tower, associated piping, and wiring in kind.

D. Berarducci motioned to approve the application as submitted; J. Karoff seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (DB, SG, JK, LS).



III. Ratification of Meeting Minutes from 2/13/2020 and 3/12/2020 FPCLDC Public Hearings

S. Goganian motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. L. Smiledge seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (DB, JK, SG, LS).

IV. Staff Updates

V. Adjourn – 6:56 PM

L. Smiledge motioned to adjourn the hearing. S. Goganian seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (DB, SG, JK, LS).