FORT POINT CHANNEL LANDMARK DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Held virtually via Zoom
FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Commissioners Present: David Berarducci, John Karoff, Susan Goganian, Lynn Smiledge
Commissioners Absent: Thomas Rodde
Staff Present: Mary Cirbus, Preservation Planner

A full recording of the hearing is available at https://www.boston.gov/historic-district/fort-point-channel-landmark-district.

6:05 PM: D. Berarducci called the public hearing to order. He explained that, pursuant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, that the public hearing was being conducted virtually via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. He also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. There were no members of the press present.

Following this brief introduction he called the first Design Review application.

I. DESIGN REVIEW

APP # 21.0610 SE
ADDRESS: 22 Boston Wharf Road
Applicant: T-Mobile Northeast LLC d/b/a T-Mobile
Proposed Work: At the roof level, install telecommunications equipment and cabinets/ false chimneys.

Project Representatives: David Bass and Scott Adams were the project representatives.

Documents Presented: The Commissioners reviewed a presentation consisting of photographs, mechanical drawings, roof plans, and renderings.

Discussion Topics: The Commissioners discussed the components of the installation (all equipment confined in cabinets) and visibility of the cabinets from public ways both inside and outside the district. They also noted that the installation of any additional equipment will require Commission review.

Public Comment: Sara McCammond offered public comment and asked about the
arrangement of the cabinets compared to a proposed roof deck at the premises.

S. Goganian motioned to approve the application as submitted. L. Smiledge seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, JK, SG, LS) (N: None) (Absent: TR).

I. ADVISORY REVIEW

ADDRESS: 5 Channel Center Street  
TIME: 23:46 – 45:35 on Recording

Proposed work: At the roof level, install new visible mechanical equipment. At the Medallion Avenue elevation, replace a garage door with louvers in the existing masonry opening.

Project Representatives: Erin Doherty, Kyle Dupell, and Michael Boone were the project representatives.

Documents Presented: The Commission reviewed a presentation consisting of existing conditions photographs, site line drawings, and renderings of the existing and proposed conditions.

The Commissioners requested that a mockup be constructed for the rooftop equipment.

IV. RATIFICATION OF HEARING MINUTES

S. Goganian motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. L. Smiledge seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, JK, SG, LS) (N: None) (Absent: TR).

II. Staff Updates

Staff M. Cirbus shared that BLC staff is working to get online applications completed. She also shared the new meeting minutes template. There was also a brief discussion regarding Commissioner appointments.

III. Adjourn – 6:55 PM

L. Smiledge motioned to adjourn the hearing. S. Goganian seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, JK, SG, LS) (N: None) (Absent: TR)