FORT POINT CHANNEL LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Held virtually via Zoom

September 9, 2021

Commissioners Present: David Berarducci, Susan Goganian, Lynn Smiledge, and Thomas Rodde
Commissioners Absent: John Karoff
Staff Present: Joseph Cornish, Director of Design Review; and Gabriela Amore, Preservation Planner

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

There were no members of the press present.

6:00 PM: Chair 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 via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. He also briefly explained how to participate in this online hearing. He then called the design review hearing to order.

I. DESIGN REVIEW HEARING

APP # 22.0113 FPC
ADDRESS: 22 THOMPSON PLACE
(Continued from the 8/12/2021 Hearing)
Applicant: Jason Parillo
Proposed Work: Install new signage at main entrance on existing sign band.

Project Representative: Jason Parillo.

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the material of the signed and asked if it will be illuminated.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.
S. Goganian motioned to approve the application as submitted. T. Rodde seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, SG, LS, TR) (N: None) (ABS: None).

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APP # 22.0072 FPC
ADDRESS: 300 A STREET
(Continued from the 8/12/2021 Hearing)
Applicant: Dyer Brown & Associates
Proposed Work: At the main roof, demolish one (1) RTU and install three (3) new RTUs.

Project Representatives: Gabriel Zava and Dan Brown.

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners were pleased that the equipment will not be located on the loading dock roof and agreed that the proposed location is appropriate.

Public Comment: Sara McCammond ask if vibrations from the equipment will negatively impact the stability of the existing chimney stack.

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

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APP # 22.0125 FPC
ADDRESS: 12 FARNSWORTH STREET
Continued from the 8/12/2021 Hearing
Applicant: Philip Marcotty
Proposed Work: Replace existing loading dock and stairs at rear of building. At roof, repair two (2) brick head houses, install mechanical equipment, and expand existing mechanical penthouse.

Project Representatives: Kyle Dupell, Erin Doherty and Michael Boone.

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the details of the proposed mechanical screen and its visibility.

Public Comment: Sara McCammond asked if residents on Sleeper Street will be impacted by this project, and expressed concern about vibrations from the mechanical
T. Rodde motioned to approve the application as submitted. L. Smiledge seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, SG, LS, TR) (N: None) (ABS: None).

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APP # 22.0271 FPC
ADDRESS: 308 CONGRESS STREET
Applicant: Amy Auerbach
Proposed work: Install 2 new graphics at roof garden.

Project Representatives: Amy Auerbach, Dave Friedman and Scott Winkler.

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the visibility of the sign, its material and the size of the logo. They suggested that the sign should look like it is painted onto the brick.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

S. Goganian motioned to approve the application with provisos. T. Rodde seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, SG, LS, TR) (N: None) (ABS: None).

• The sign should look like it was painted onto the brick and not look like a decal.

APP # 22.0255 FPC
ADDRESS: 268 SUMMER STREET
Applicant: Hazel Hopkins
Proposed work: Install new blade sign and vinyl door graphics.

Project Representative: Heather Dudko

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners commented that the bracket must be installed into mortar joints, and they asked if there is an existing electrical conduit.
Public Comment: Joshua Johnson commented that the previous sign was illuminated.

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

- The existing conduit must be reused to illuminate the sign with final details remanded to staff for review. And approval.

APP # 22.0211 FPC
ADDRESS: 22 BOSTON WHARF ROAD
Applicant: Andreas Romero
Proposed work: Relocate existing entry door, install new metal clad canopy with non-illuminated signage.

Project Representative: Andreas Romero.

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners clarified that the relocation of the door was approved by the Commission at the 5-13-2021 public hearing. They were in agreement that the proposed canopy is appropriate; however, they questioned the appropriateness of the proposed window signage. They also asked if the light fixtures in the renderings were previously approved by the Commission.

Public Comment: Joshua Johnson asked if any large banners are proposed.

T. Rodde motioned to approve the application with provisos. L. Smiledge seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, SG, LS, TR) (N: None) (ABS: None).

- There is to be no window signage; changes to the light fixtures must be submitted to the Commission for review; and any changes in the signage graphics is remanded to staff for final review and approval.

II. RATIFICATION OF 8/12/2021 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

S. Goganian motioned to approve the minutes. T. Rodde seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, SG, LS, TR) (N: None) (ABS: None).
III. ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 PM

L. Smiledge motioned to adjourn the hearing. T. Rodde seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, SG, LS, TR) (N: None) (ABS: None).