



**ABERDEEN AREA ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Boston City Hall Boston, MA, 02201
(held virtually via Zoom)

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Nakeeda Burns, Sharon Cayley, Kirsten Hoffman, Helen Pillsbury

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Nicholas A. Armata, AICP Senior Preservation Planner

A full recording of the hearing is available at [Boston.gov/landmarks](https://www.boston.gov/landmarks)

4:03PM: Commissioner Burns called the public hearing to order. She 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. She also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. There were no members of the press present.

Following this brief introduction she called the first design review application.

I. DESIGN REVIEW

APP # 23.0546 AB

TIME: 4:04 PM

ADDRESS: 1954 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

Applicant: Matthew Walko; Smith Duggan Buell & Rufo LLP

Proposed Work: Renew approval for project to move existing Mission Style house forward on the property and construct a six story residential tower at the rear of the property.

Project Representatives: Matthew Walko

Documents Presented: Existing conditions photographs, project renderings.

Discussion Topics (brief): The current state of the property, the timeline for the project, changes to the project (no exterior changes) landscape plan, facade colors, repairs to historic structure.

Public Comment: Eva Webster (resident) had concerns about historically appropriate changes and documentations to the existing structure on the property. Hillary Ross (Resident) had concerns of the condition of the historic structure, and the grounds of the property. Rebecca Wassell (Resident) also had concerns about the state of the property and feared they would demolish it by neglect.



COMMISSIONER BURNS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER HOFFMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0-1 (Y: NB, SC, KH) (N: NONE) (ABSENT/ABSTAIN: HP).

IV. RATIFICATION OF JANUARY 12, 2022 HEARING MINUTES

The minutes were not available at the time of the hearing. They will be voted upon at the next hearing.

II. STAFF UPDATES

Staff gave a friendly reminder to the Commission that projects should not be discussed with other commissioners outside of a public hearing.

III. ADJOURN – 4:48

COMMISSIONER CAYLEY MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING. COMMISSIONER BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (Y: NB, SC, KH, HP) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: NONE).